

SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION

The Purchasing Division has been requested to approve a sole source purchase for the commodity or service described below. Pursuant to West Virginia Code 5A-3-10c, the Purchasing Division is attempting to determine whether the commodity or service is a sole source procurement. If you believe your company meets the required experience and qualification criteria stated below, please e-mail the Purchasing Division Buyer at Roberta.A.Wagner@wv.gov with a copy to Michael.W.Sheets@wv.gov to express your interest in the project. Please forward any and all information that will support your company's compliance with required qualification and eligibility criteria along with any other pertinent information relative to this project to the Purchasing Division no later than 8/9/2010.

Requisition Number: BCF11026

Department/Agency: DHHR/BCF

Detailed Description of Project: Assist the Department through the initiation of the pilot period for the front end implementation of the WV Safety Assessment and Management System (SAMS). Full specification included in vendor quotation.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: ACTION for Child Protection, Inc.

Specific Eligibility Criteria: SAMS is a proprietary product developed by Action. SAMS has been made available to WV through the National Resource Center on Child Protective Services which is operated by Action. As the creator and owner of the SAMS model, Action is the sole source of consultation, technical assistance and training on this model. There is no other agency, group or company in the United States that is designing a safety assessment model for use in Child Protective Services that address the safety issues related to child abuse and neglect in the unique and comprehensive manner of the SAMS.

Specific Qualification Criteria: ACTION for Child Protection, Inc. is a private non-profit organization providing consultation and education services nationally for public child welfare agencies. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, ACTION maintains executive offices in Albuquerque, NM and satellite offices in Aurora, Colorado and Madison, Wisconsin. ACTION draws upon the unique talents of its staff and specific experience in collaborating with States and designing and implementing state-of-the-art programs in Child Protective Services (CPS). For 25 years, ACTION has assisted child welfare agencies in their understanding of and compliance with Federal and State requirements; has engineered work processes that produced decision-making and practice

models and guides; has published practical books, articles, and resource material that empowers professionals and agencies to master the program and practice challenges they encounter; has produced extensive training curricula and unique approaches to professional development; and has provided training in classrooms throughout the country.

ACTION also serves as the National Resource Center on Child Protective Services (NRCCPS). The US Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau awarded a grant to ACTION to become the resource center more than a decade ago. The NRCCPS provides States with expert technical assistance and consultation on improving Child Protective Services programs.

Action developed the concept of a Safety Assessment as a part of the Child at Risk Field (CARF) decision making model for Child Protective Services. The WV DHHR adopted the CARF decision making model for its Child Protective Services program in 1992.

Action has continued to research the components of the decision making process since the introduction of the CARF. This research has led to a revision of the decision making process to more fully concentrate on the issues surrounding the safety of children reported to be abused and/or neglected. This has led to the development of SAMS which is a direct descendent of the CARF decision making model. This refinement is in keeping with the federal outcomes for child welfare programs which are safety, permanency and well being.

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WV is now in the process of a redesign of the CPS practice model. The redesign will incorporate improvements that have been made in the field of CPS practice since 1992 into the new model. The redesign is partially completed and implementation will begin later this year. The redesign of WVCPSS, which will become known as WVSAMS, is based upon a practice model which is being developed and implemented in Alabama. It is funded by a federal demonstration grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services. ACTION is a partner with Alabama in the development and implementation of the project. WV is participating in the project as a "shadow state" and benefits from the work being done in Alabama, so that it can be applied to WVSAMS.