

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 7/19/2010.

Requisition Number: LBS11010

Department/Agency: WVDHHR, Office of Laboratory Services

Detailed Description of Project: To purchase products and reagents to determine the presence or absence of total Coliform Bacteria and E. coli in water samples.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: IDEXX Distribution, Inc.
One Idexx Drive
Westbrook, ME 04092

Specific Eligibility Criteria: IDEXX Laboratories is the sole source for the products required according to USEPA requirements set forth in the USEPA's "Microbial Laboratory Guidance Manual for the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2 Rule)" and the USEPA's "Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water, 5th Edition (January 2005)".

Specific Qualification Criteria: These are the only USEPA approved enzyme substrate test that offers a "multi-well" procedure for enumerating total coliforms in drinking water under the Total Coliform Rule (TCR) and surface water under the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). Also, Colilert is the only "multi-well" method for monitoring E. coli that is listed in the USEPA's Microbial Laboratory Guidance Manual for the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LTR2 Rule). According to § 64-3-13, Certified Drinking Water Laboratories must comply with the requirements set forth in the USEPA's "Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water, 5th Edition (January 2005)". The USEPA has **only** certified the Office of Laboratory Services to perform quantitative analysis using the Colilert/Colilert-18 Method. The equipment currently owned by the OLS is specific to these products.