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 shelly.l.murray@wv.gov with a copy to w.michael.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 1:30 PM on 07/19/2011.

Requisition Number: AUD123605

Department/Agency: WV State Auditor's Office

Detailed Description of Project: Establish a new purchase order for 10 MB and 100 MB Ethernet connections between the Capitol Complex and five off-site locations (Kanawha Mall site is coming on-line September/October 2011)

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Fibernet

Specific Eligibility Criteria:
1.   Because the lines/switches presently exist for all connections, there would not be an interruption in service required in changing vendors
2.   It would not be necessary to incur any costs for new lines/switches for new service connections
3.   It would not be necessary to incur the extensive evening/overnight/weekend time costs to test and transition to a new provider

Specific Qualification Criteria:
Our 100 MB line to Clarksburg (our Agency DR Site) carries "real time" data and stores it on our duplicated DR equipment that is located there. The GOT currently has located equipment in our DR center and utilizes Verizon/Frontier for their Ethernet. We will utilize the GOT's second Verizon/Frontier Ethernet 100 MB line for DR redundancy purposes. Consequently, we need a different Ethernet provider for our 10 & 100 MB primary connections than the GOT uses.