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 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 ____8/29/2011_____.

Requisition Number: BCF12050 Department/Agency: DHHR/BCF

Detailed Description of Project: The proposed work is based on the progress made under the previous purchase order (BCF11026) between WVDHHR/BCF and Action for Child Protection, to provide training, consultation and technical assistance to support the States' ongoing efforts referred to as West Virginia Safety Assessment and Management Systems (SAMS) for the continuing need of the Department and the Bureau and the results from the pilot program and plan that has been operating between the Department/Bureau and Action.

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 practices.