

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 01/03/2012.

Requisition Number: EDD369135

Department/Agency: WVDE

Detailed Description of Project:

- A comprehensive and adaptive online world language proficiency assessment that measures the four language skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Technical support and training to aid with the implementation of the assessment.
- Proficiency assessment is normalized against national standards and allows for national comparisons.
- Proficiency assessment spans elementary to high school levels and provides opportunity to show student progress over the different programmatic levels.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: AVANT Assessment

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

- Assessment provider will provide world language proficiency assessment that will be used as part of a state model school initiative.
- Assessment will be used to track student proficiency growth over the articulated sequence of language study that begins in elementary and ends at high school.
- The comprehensive online proficiency assessment will measure the four language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking and will be adaptive to the student's ability during the assessment.
- Scoring will be inclusive of the delivery system and will not require teachers administering the assessment to score.
- The assessment provider will include technical support and professional development to assist with the administering of the assessment.

- The assessment data collected through the assessment will be made available for state reporting and will include an opportunity to compare results using national data collected through the provider.

Specific Qualification Criteria:

- The assessment provider has developed the only world language proficiency assessment that measures all four language skills in a single comprehensive online assessment that is adaptive to the learner.
- The single assessment spans the three different programmatic levels (elementary, middle and high) that will be affected by the model articulation project.
- The assessment provider offers comprehensive technical support and professional development to assist with the implementation of the assessment.
- The teacher administering the test is not required to be trained in order to score the assessment. The assessment scoring is inclusive of the online implementation.
- The assessment provider is able to provide national results and reports that assist with comparing state results to national norms.