

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 03/11/2012.

Requisition Number: EDD370267 **Department/Agency:** Education

Detailed Description of Project:

An independent and external linkage/alignment study must be conducted to determine the linkage of the current state content standards to the extended standards, and the alignment of the alternate achievement descriptors to the alternate assessment items specifically. The state must meet this obligation in order to proceed to obtain a full approval status, which is required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Public Law 107-10 Peer Review Process under the No Child Left Behind Act 2001, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE).

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Edvantia

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

1. Due to the time constraints of this work, the vendor must have working knowledge of the system, and must provide an electronic external study.
2. The study must be conducted using external, expert reviewers.
3. The vendor must be an independent and external evaluator with Alternate Assessment historical knowledge and national expertise in the area of alternate achievement standards development for students with significant disabilities.
4. West Virginia educators cannot be involved who are working within the WV educational system.
5. The vendor must have successfully conducted both linkage and alignment studies.
6. The vendor must have experience and credentials that are recognized by the USDE for both types of studies.

7. The vendor must be able to provide technical support to the WVDE for follow-up with the USDE regarding recommendations based upon the external and independent study.
8. The vendor must be able to provide technical adequacy and methodology that supports an external study with reliability and validity, using technology platforms that ensure the technical requirements required by USDE.
9. The vendor must have previous experience as a national peer reviewer.

Specific Qualification Criteria:

Edvantia, as per federal requirements, can provide an alignment study of the current Alternate Academic Achievement Standards and the West Virginia 21st Century Content Standards and Objectives with the WV Alternate Performance Task Assessment (APTA) in all three content areas. Edvantia will conduct an external alignment study and deliver a report of the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the alignment and linkage between the extended standards and the general education content standards, between the extended standards and the Alternate Academic alignment of the descriptors to the items. Based on a thorough internal on-line review of possible vendors, Edvantia is the only vendor that met all 8 requirements of the West Virginia Department of Education, Office of Assessment and Accountability. Edvantia is the only vendor with previous experience as a national peer reviewer.