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 frank.m.whittaker@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 07/27/2012.

Requisition Number: PHB120027 **Department/Agency**: West Virginia

Board of Pharmacy

Detailed Description of Project: Peer-to-peer intervention and referral services for substance abuse or mental health issues, pursuant to West Virginia Code §§ 30-5-7b and 7c, provided by Pharmacists, Pharmacist Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians licensed and registered by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, to Pharmacists, Pharmacist Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians licensed and registered by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: West Virginia Pharmacy Recovery Network

Specific Eligibility Criteria: The PRN is the only peer-to-peer pharmacist recovery network in existence which is made up solely of West Virginia pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, and was created specifically for the purposes set forth in West Virginia Code §§ 30-5-7b and 7c. Therefore, this is the only source, and the service provided is of a unique and special nature.

Specific Qualification Criteria: The PRN is the only entity of its type specifically comprised of West Virginia licensed pharmacists and specializing in the coordination of intervention and treatment of West Virginia pharmacy personnel. Other substance abuse and mental health pharmacy recovery networks exist in other states to deal with substance abuse and mental health issues for licensees of those states, they serve only the pharmacy personnel licensed there, and are not designed to do so specifically for the licensees of this State like the PRN. Therefore, the Board does not believe there are any other providers of these peer-to-peer services, and that this is not an appropriate contract for open bidding.