



West Virginia Purchasing Division

**DIRECT AWARD POSTING:
Agency Request and Public Notice Form**

Public Notice Instructions

Statutory Authority: Pursuant to *West Virginia Code* §5A-3-10c, a state agency may request, and the Director of Purchasing may award, a contract directly to a vendor without competitive bidding if certain requirements are met. Those requirements include providing the Purchasing Division with justification to support the Direct Award, along with providing certain information to the vendor community for a period of no less than 10 business days.

Agency Request: The agency identified below has requested that the Purchasing Division make a Direct Award to the vendor identified below to provide the commodity or service identified below. The support for the Direct Award, and any additional documentation has been included in this form or as an attachment.

Vendor Interest: Any vendor interested and able to provide the commodity or service in question must make their interest known, prior to the deadline published in *wvOASIS*, by expressing such interest in writing to the Purchasing Division Buyer identified as the appropriate contact in *wvOASIS*. If interest is expressed and deemed to be valid by the Purchasing Division, this Direct Award will be converted to a competitive bid.

Direct Award Information

Agency / Department: WV Department of Homeland Security

Procurement Officer: Melinda Harkins

Date of Request: June 1, 2020

1. **Provide description of commodity or service** (Include a copy of any proposed contract documents):
WV Department of Homeland Security is seeking one (1) year subscription with Whooster, Inc. for access to an on-line investigative system. The on-line investigative system connects to multiple open source databases and deliver results to platforms utilized by the Agency.

If requesting software as a sole source, is this software as a service?

Yes No

2. **Justification showing that the direct award is in the best interest of the state:**
Whooster, Inc is a sole source for access to this online investigative system. The online investigative system uses algorithms that uniquely sort, match, and link open-source databases to deliver results to all of the Agency's various platforms. Whooster maintains the copyright and provides support for the data and delivery platform.

3. **Basis for Direct Award:** Please select one of the following and provide details and documentation sufficient to confirm the basis.

Competition is not available from any other source: (If this item is selected answer the question below)

A. **The agency attempted to identify other sources by:**

See attached page

No other source would be willing or able to replace the existing source without a detrimental effect on the spending unit (Please describe the detrimental effect in detail):

4. **Other Information Required for Direct Award Posting:**

A. A time-period by which delivery must be made or performance must occur:

One year from the date of award of purchase order. Must be delivered within ten (10) days after receipt of order.

B. The price that will be paid for the commodity or service (include vendor quote):

\$5,600 annually

C. Any limitations that a competing vendor would need to satisfy:

A competing Vendor must provide an on-line investigative system with an equal interface and access that seamlessly integrates with the Agency's existing platforms at a price point equal or better than the above subscription price.

Melinda Harkins
Agency Procurement Officer Signature
Douglas W. Melley, Finance Manager

6/2/20
Date:

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Request to Advertise Direct Award Denied

Request to Advertise Direct Award Approved

Purchasing Director / Designee Signature

Date:

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Competition is not available from any other source: (If this item is selected answer the question below)

A. The agency attempted to identify other sources by:

An internet search was performed, it has been determined that while other vendors can provide the access to law enforcement and government related databases they do not deliver the results to all of the platforms utilized by Agency.



Whooster Inc.
112 Cimarron Park Loop, Suite C
Buda, TX 78610
512-419-4200

QUOTE

Quote Number: 1322895000041822131

Bill To:

West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd, E,
Charleston, WV, 25305

Valid Until Jun 30, 2020
Sales Contact Zach Artz
Amount \$ 5,600.00

Product Details	Qty	List Price	Discount	Total
LE DaaS - Web Annual LEDWA	7	\$ 479.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,353.00
LE Subscription Credit - Annual LESCA	-1253	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -1,253.00
LE DaaS Web Search Credits LEDWSC	3500	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,500.00
Sub Total				\$ 5,600.00
Tax				\$ 0.00
Adjustment				\$ 0.00
Grand Total				\$ 5,600.00

Terms & Conditions

Upon acceptance by authorized representative of Customer - Agency listed above this Quote shall become a part of and governed by the Account Application - Whooster Terms and Conditions of Service.

Notes



Sole Source Letter

January 30, 2020

To whom it may concern,

This Sole Source Letter confirms that Whooster™, a product of Whooster, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Whooster”) investigative databases, is hereby classified as a Sole Source Product. The database and delivery system are compiled, sold and distributed exclusively by Whooster.

Whooster maintains all copyright privileges for their products and these products must be purchased directly from the company.

Whooster software and algorithms uniquely sort, match and link multiple open-source databases to deliver the most comprehensive results available. Whooster supports a variety of data delivery platforms; including Web, API, and SMS/MMS, Bulk Data Delivery. Whooster leverages the SMS/MMS (Text Messaging) network as a User Interface.

The Whooster User Interface platforms provide unique data features including...

- Identification of Local Routing Numbers (LRN's).
- Phone Number query which provides additional Telco Names historically associated with a number.
- Current Telco Data appends in Real-Time to Historical Identity Information.
- Phone Number query which provides <https://www.craigslist.org> current and historical results if available; including a summary of activity and the ability to view and download specific ads.
- Phone Number query which provides historical <https://www.backpage.com> results; this includes a summary of activity and the ability to view and download specific ads.
- API access to multiple law enforcement and government specific investigative applications. This includes multiple third-party applications which are integrated with the Whooster platform. For an updated and complete list of these integrated third-party applications please contact Whooster directly.
- International Data Sets - For an updated and complete list of these databases please contact Whooster directly.

Whooster warrants that no other products are available for purchase that would serve the same purpose or function.

If you require any additional information please contact Robert Dugan, Vice President of Sales, at 512-419-4204 or by email at rdugan@whooster.com.

Sincerely,

Richard Spradley
Chief Executive Officer
Whooster, Inc.