

NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Date: May 19, 2017

Vendor/Contractor: Council for Aid to Education

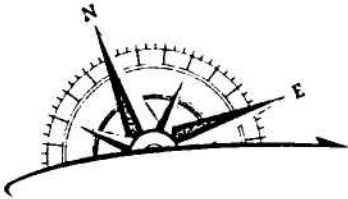
Contract Amount: \$148,000.00

Description of Services: Assessment Testing

Sole Source Determination: Sole source of on-line college and work readiness testing and scoring.

Date of Award: TBD

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VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Department of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability

MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Kevin Beardsley, Director
Office of Purchasing Services

FROM: Donald E. Robertson, Jr., Ph.D., Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer 
Department of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability

SUBJECT: Sole Source Request—College and Work Readiness Assessment 2017-2018

DATE: May 18, 2017

NAME OF COMPANY: The Council for Aid to Education

ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$148,800 (Dependent on 2017-2018 student enrollment in grade 12 English courses)

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE:

This is to certify that the Council for Aid to Education (CAE) is the sole vendor that provides the College and Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA+) as an online assessment. The CAE also provides exclusive scoring services for this assessment.

It was determined in 2008 that the division needed a measure of critical 21st century skills to ensure our students are prepared for the future. Based on field testing and work through the Action Team Strategic Objective 2 (SO2) of *Compass to 2015*, it has been decided and supported by the Strategic Planning Implementation Steering Committee that Virginia Beach Schools continue to use the CWRA, now the CWRA+. Data from the CWRA+ are used to measure the following *Compass to 2015* outcomes for student success: effective communication, critical thinking, and problem solving. The CWRA+ supports the division application of balanced assessment and aligns with the division-created Integrated Performance Task administered at elementary and middle schools.

The CWRA+ will be administered to students in all grade 12 English classes. This will be the division's eighth year of full implementation of the CWRA/CWRA+. We will be using the services of CAE throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year for testing and scoring. The cost will not exceed \$148,800 during the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 263-1109.

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 5/19/17
Signature Date