

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY: Florida Department of Corrections (Department)

TITLE: Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks

Short description of the commodity or service desired: TABE 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks

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This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.057(3), Florida Statutes and will remain posted for a period of at least 7 business days.

Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):

55101509 Educational or Vocational Textbooks

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):

Direct delivery within 30 days from receipt of Purchase Orders (PO) to 64 locations throughout the State of Florida. The Department anticipates issuing multiple POs to the awarded Vendor.

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Office of Programs and Re-Entry

Performance and/or Design Requirements (e.g. intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, etc., as appropriate):

Paxen Publishing, LLC is the publisher and distributor of the TABE 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks. The TABE exams are a set of tests covering the areas of reading, math, and language. The TABE is designed to certify the academic skills normally acquired by completing a typical high school program of study. The TABE 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks provide step-by-step instructions in an easy-to-follow format, and targeted practice questions to build reading, language, and math skills.

The TABE assessment is a requirement for inmates seeking a General Education Diploma (GED). The Department requires targeted material covering remedial instruction for specific areas of the TABE 11/12 assessment. Currently, Paxen Publishing, LLC is the only publisher and distributor of the TABE 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks in paper format.

Inmates receiving a GED increase the chances of rehabilitation, ability to support themselves, and obtain gainful employment once released from the Department's custody.

The Department will be purchasing the following titles of TABE 11/12 materials:

- TABE Tutor Mathematics Level A
- TABE Tutor Mathematics Level D
- TABE Tutor Reading Level A
- TABE Tutor Reading Level D
- TABE Tutor Language Level A
- TABE Tutor Language Level D

Intended Single Source:

Paxen Publishing, LLC
2194 Highway A1A
Suite 208
Indian Harbour Beach, Florida 32937

Estimated Dollar Amount:

\$56,554.88

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

Currently, Paxen Publishing, LLC is the only publisher and distributor of the TABE 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks in paper print. TABE 11/12 GED Preparation Workbooks are new to the market and are not available commercially for remedial use, in print, from other publishers.

Paxen Publishing, LLC is the only Publisher of the targeted study material.

It has been determined that Paxen Publishing, LLC is the only Vendor that can meet the Department's needs at this time.

Approved by (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Anna Schubarth, Academic Program Administrator, Bureau of Education
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Prospective vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual services described. If it is determined in writing by the agency, after reviewing any information received from prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual services are available only from a single source, the agency shall: provide notice of its intended decision to enter a single-source purchase contract in the manner specified in s.120.57(3), FS.