

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

AGENCY: Florida Department of Corrections (FDC)

TITLE: Paxen Publishing, LLC.

Short description of the commodity or service desired: The FDC is seeking to purchase Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Tutor 11/12 Test Preparation books, Steck-Vaughn Fundamental Skills, Steck-Vaughn PreGED Test Preparation, and Steck-Vaughn GED Test Preparation for FDC Academic Education Programs.

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Internal tracking number, if any: FDC SS-21-056

Date posted: June 15, 2021 Last day for receipt of information: June 24, 2021

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):

Three (3) Year Term (36 months)

Direct delivery within 30 days from receipt of Purchase Orders (PO).

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

Office of Programs and Re-Entry

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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):

In accordance with FDC's Procedure 501.102, section (1) under Specific Procedures, every inmate new to the Department will be administered the TABE 11 Auto Locator and Assessment

as part of the reception process. The TABE assessment is an integral part of the FDC process. The Department will utilize the scores earned on this assessment to determine the individual's needs, eligibility, and placement in specific programs and institutional assignments. 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. The TABE Tutor 11/12 Test Preparation books are designed to certify the academic skills commonly acquired by completing a typical high school program of study.

Steck-Vaughn Fundamental Skills consists of content area workbooks for Reading, Writing, and Math. The content is age-appropriate for adult learners in Adult Basic Education. The Steck-Vaughn PreGED/GED Test Preparation is designed to help inmates develop the foundation needed to pass the GED Tests. In addition to ensuring that students understand basic concepts and skills as they continue their preparation for taking the GED Tests.

The TABE 11/12 Tutor and Steck-Vaughn Fundamental Skills are the only supplemental materials that the FDC can use to achieve our educational goals. The supplemental materials have been previously utilized in the FDC's Academic Education Programs and are part of the Department's standardized curriculum. Continued use of these materials allows the FDC to maintain consistency from site to site where the same books are needed, expand education to other sites, and replace worn copies.

The Department will purchase TABE Tutor 11/12 Test Preparation books, Steck-Vaughn Fundamental Skills, Steck-Vaughn PreGED Test Preparation, and Steck-Vaughn GED Test Preparation.

Intended Single Source:

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

Estimated Dollar Amount:

\$567,000.00 for a three (3) year term

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):

Paxen Publishing, LLC. products provide step-by-step instructions in an easy-to-follow format and targeted practice questions to build reading, language, and mathematics skills. The printed preparation books are necessary and are part of the FDC standardized academic curriculum. Paxen Publishing, LLC. meets the Florida Department of Education's curriculum framework used by the FDC to assess inmate's academic skills and academic progress at reception, and those enrolled in education programs.

Paxen Publishing, LLC. does not resell its publications and the Department can only purchase the printed preparation book solely from this vendor. Paxen Publishing, LLC. is the only publisher and distributor of the TABE Tutor 11/12 Test Preparation books, Steck-Vaughn Fundamental Skills, Steck-Vaughn PreGED Test Preparation, and Steck-Vaughn GED Test Preparation in print format 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):

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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 Section 120.57(3), F.S.