

NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Date: July 8, 2009

Vendor/Contractor: **Thomson Brooks/Cole Learning AP
Environmental Science Textbook**

Contract Amount: \$76,195.81

Description of Services: AP Environmental Science Textbook

Sole Source Determination: Copyrighted materials purchased from the
publisher.

Date of Award: TBD

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VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Office of Secondary Instructional Services*

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Christine W. Caskey, Assistant Superintendent *CW*

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Office of Secondary Instructional Services

**SUBJECT: SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION – THOMSON BROOKS/COLE
LEARNING**

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The Advanced Placement Environmental Science Textbook Adoption Committee reviewed publishers' catalogs and identified seven textbooks for consideration. Three of the identified textbooks selected for review were found to correlate to the College Board course description for Advanced Placement Environmental Science and the Virginia Beach City Public Schools' objectives for Advanced Placement Environmental Science. The textbooks were reviewed by the Advanced Placement Environmental Science teachers and the public during March to May 2008.

The textbook adoption committee reconvened to review teacher and public comments. Based on this information, the Advanced Placement Environmental Science textbook, *Living in the Environment*, was selected, and recommended to the School Board for approval.

This memorandum is to certify that Thomson Brooks/Cole is the sole provider of the book, *Living in the Environment*, and the lab manual, *Living in the Environment – Lab Manual*. Virginia Beach City Public Schools has selected this book, as it correlates with The College Board and Virginia Beach objectives for Advanced Placement Environmental Science and emphasizes critical thinking, problem solving and 21st century applications for student learning.

This supports Strategic Plan Objective #1 by engaging every student in meaningful, authentic and rigorous work through the use of innovative instructional practices and

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supportive technologies that will motivate students to be self-directed and inquisitive learners.

The total purchase price of this book for the district is \$76,195.81.

Memorandum to be attached to Requisition # TEXT-10-0102559.

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Approved: J. Ken Beardsley 7/8/09
Kevin J. Beardsley, Director Date
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