



# VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## CHARTING THE COURSE

OFFICE OF PURCHASING SERVICES  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

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| Date:                      | August 1, 2019  |
| Vendor/Contractor:         | CTECS: WRS  |
| Contract Amount:           | \$85,000.00   |
| Description of Services:   | Workplace Readiness Skills Assessment   |
| Sole Source Determination: | Only product approved by Virginia Board of Education to meet new requirements for a standard diploma. |
| Date of Award:             | TBD   |

**J. Kevin Beardsley**  
Director of Purchasing  
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*Department of Teaching and Learning*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** J. Kevin Beardsley, Director, Purchasing Services

**FROM:** Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer   
Danielle E. Colucci, Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning  
Sara L. Lockett, Ed.D., Director of Technical and Career Education

**SUBJECT:** **Sole Source Justification for CTECS: Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Assessment (CTECS: WRS) Vouchers**

**DATE:** July 16, 2019

**REQUISITION #:** TCED-20-0344754

**TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT:** \$85,000.00

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE:**

In 2011, the Board of Education approved the CTECS: Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Assessment (CTECS: WRS), as a component of all Technical and Career Education courses for the City of Virginia Beach. This stand-alone assessment, which counts towards a student-selected verified credit is required to be taken by all TCE students and is provided only by the Career and Technical Education Consortium of States (CTECS).

For students undertaking the standard diploma, the CTECS: WRS also meets the graduation requirements as stated in HB 1062 and SB 489. The 2012 Virginia General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed into law, HB 1061 and SB 489, to strengthen postsecondary education and workplace readiness opportunities for all students. This legislation says, in part:

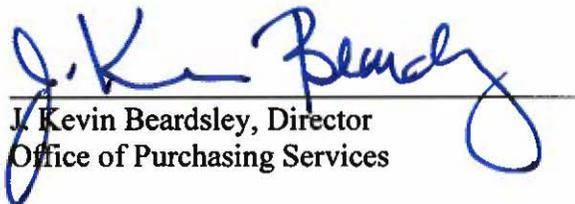
*"Beginning with first-time ninth grade students in the 2013-2014 school year, requirements for the standard diploma shall include a requirement to earn a career and technical education credential that has been approved by the Board, that could include, but not be limited to, the successful completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or the Virginia workplace readiness skills assessment."*

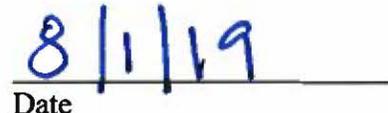
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Attachments

ec: Aaron C. Spence, Ed.D., Superintendent

Approved:

  
J. Kevin Beardsley, Director  
Office of Purchasing Services

  
Date