

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below.

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:	MECDC/Infectious Disease/State Epidemiologist			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Chris Moiles/Patti Wall			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	CD0-21-3102A			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Orig: \$409,200 Amd: \$6,936 Revised: \$416,136	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20200925*1063	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	10/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	9/30/2022
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:	
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Stephen D. Sears, MD Belgrade, Maine			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Medical Epidemiology on call coverage and consultation, and for COVID-19			

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project	X	L. Other Authorization – COVID-19

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Please respond to ALL of the following:
1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.
The purpose of this amendment is to add time and funds for TB services to meet the current need of an average of three hours per month.
The State Epidemiologist is required to be on call 24/7 to respond to matters that are urgent in nature and require medical guidance. The Deputy State Epidemiologist shared this responsibility in the past. Maine CDC no longer has a Deputy State Epidemiology Position and would like to contract for back-up medical epidemiology coverage to provide two weeks of weekday, evening coverage and weekend coverage per month

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

for 10 months and coverage for four full weeks of vacation for the State Epidemiologist.

Clinical medical consultation services are needed due to recent changes in the Department that have resulted in the absence of staff who can provide clinical feedback and input to the State Epidemiologist including Clinical Advisor to services to Maine CDC's COVID-19 Emergency Response. Title 22, Chapter 250 identifies the mandates of the Division and the services needing medical expertise. Due to the 24/7 specialized nature of the work and the need for a license to practice medicine in Maine, it is not possible to provide adequate coverage with existing staff. Sufficient staffing, resources, or expertise is not available within State of Maine government, or any other governmental entity. In the event that additional Medical Epidemiology on call coverage and consultation services are needed throughout the duration of this Governor Mill's Civil State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, this PJF will apply.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

The contractor is a former Maine State Epidemiologist with over four years of prior experience in that role. As a former State Epidemiologist, the contractor is currently the most qualified physician in the State of Maine to perform these services to meet the Department's needs. No training is necessary. The contractor is an infectious disease specialist with extensive experience with and knowledge of Notifiable Conditions in Maine as well as the rules for the control of notifiable disease and conditions in the state of Maine. The contractor has experience working with the staff within the Division of Disease Control and has full knowledge of program infectious disease protocols.

3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

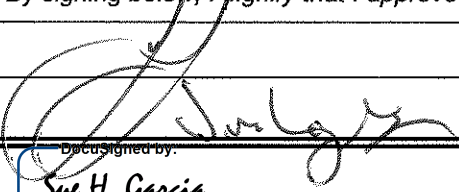
The fee was arrived at based on a prior contract (CDC-17-3110 Intermed PA) for a similar type of service. This vendor has prior experience as the Maine State Epidemiologist. This vendor could efficiently and effectively provide this service without any training making this a cost-effective option.

The Department looked at available companies to provide these items; this individual was the only one that could support the Department's need. As such, the Department reviewed the pricing, which was deemed acceptable in light of the Governor's Civil State of Emergency.

4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

The Department does not intend to RFP these services.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
Printed Name:		Date:	3-Feb-21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>Digitally signed by:</small> <i>Sue H. Garcia</i>		
Printed Name:	<small>E5DB92AC0F8D490...</small> Sue H. Garcia	Date:	3/4/2021