

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

Form Instructions: Please provide the requested information in the white boxes below. This form is to precede all contract requests that are not the direct result of a competitive bid process.

Requesting Department's Contract Administrator:	Ann Wood	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	Department of Public Safety – Bureau of Highway Safety				
Est. Contract Amount:	\$80,000.00	Contract or RQS Number:	CT16A20200107*2013				
Proposed Start Date:	10/01/2019	Proposed End Date:	09/30/2020				
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State:		AAA Northern New England 68 Marginal Way Portland, ME 04104					
Short Description of Good or Service:		Convene, Organize and Implement 2020 Young Driver Education and Expo, Impaired Driving Summit and Judicial Training					
Please note, for transparency purposes, Waivers of Competitive Bidding will be publicly posted. Public postings are placed on the Division of Procurement Services website for a period of seven consecutive calendar days.		To be completed by the Division of Procurement Services Posting dates on Division of <i>Procurement Services</i> website: From: <u>1/28/2020</u> To: <u>2/3/2020</u>					
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 0120200084					
1. Statutory Justification State of Maine statute (5 M.R.S. §1825-B(2)) allows waivers of competitive bidding only for the specific reasons listed below. Please mark the appropriate box (X) next to the justification which applies to this specific request.							
<input type="checkbox"/> A. The procurement of goods or services by the State for county commissioners pursuant to Title 30-A, section 124, involves the expenditure of \$2,500 or less, and the interests of the State would best be served;							
<input type="checkbox"/> B. The Director of the Bureau of General Services is authorized by the Governor, or the Governor's designee, to make purchases without competitive bidding because, in the opinion of the Governor or the Governor's designee, an emergency exists that requires the immediate procurement of goods or services;							
<i>If citing the above justification for this Waiver of Competitive Bidding request, please have the requesting Department's Commissioner or Chief Executive (as the Governor's "designee") sign and date on the right.</i>		By signing below, I signify as the Governor's designee there is an emergency that necessitates this non-competitive procurement. Signature: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Printed Name:</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Date:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none; height: 40px;"></td> <td style="border: none; height: 40px;"></td> </tr> </table>		Printed Name:	Date:		
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	<p>C. After reasonable investigation by the Director of the Bureau of General Services, it appears that any required unit or item of supply, or brand of that unit or item, is procurable by the State from only one source;</p>	
	<p>D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;</p>	
	<p>E. The purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy, or a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited institution of higher education with a main campus in this State involving:</p> <p>(1) An activity assisting a state agency and enhancing the ability of the university system, community college system, Maine Maritime Academy, or a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited institution of higher education with a main campus in this State to fulfill its mission of teaching, research, and public service;</p> <p>(2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;</p>	
	<p><i>If citing the above justification for this sole source request, please note that the specific approval of the Governor's Office is required, in accordance with Executive Order 26 FY 11/12, "An Order to Enhance Competitive Bidding". The approval must be documented on DAFS/BGS/Division of Procurement Services "GOVCOOP" form, found here: http://www.maine.gov/purchases/info/forms/govcoop.doc.</i></p>	
	<p>F. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$10,000 or less, in which case the Director of the Bureau of General Services may accept oral proposals or bids;</p>	
	<p>G. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$10,000 or less, and procurement from a single source is the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.</p>	
X	<p>If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:</p>	<p>AAA is identified in the FFY2020 MeBHS Highway Safety Plan for the Young Driver Education and Expo, Impaired Driving Summit and Judicial Training.</p>

Please note that the following four points below (#2 through 5) all require a response.

2. Description of Specific Need

Please identify, and fully describe, the specific problem, requirement, or need the resulting non-competitive contract would address and which makes the goods or services necessary. Explain how the requesting Department determined that the goods or services are critical and/or essential to agency responsibilities or operations.

AAA Northern New England was identified in the FFY2020 Maine Highway Safety Plan as the approved subgrantee for the FFY 2020 Young Driver Education and Expo, Impaired Driving Summit and Judicial Training. The highway Safety plan is a federal application for funding to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The highway safety plan serves as the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety's federal application for funding. As a condition of receiving the funds for the identified projects AAA must be the subgrantee as they were identified and approved in the plan as the organization to administer these projects.

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3. Availability of other Public Resources

Please explain how the requesting Department concluded that sufficient staffing, resources, or expertise is not available within the State of Maine's government, or other governmental entities (local, other state, or federal agencies) external to the requesting Department, which would be able to address the identified need more efficiently and effectively than the identified vendor.

AAA had conducted an Impaired Driving Summits in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont, and we partnered with them in order to conduct our own Impaired Driving Summit and Young Driver Education and Expo in Maine for several years.
Our Bureau does not have sufficient staff to coordinate events of this magnitude and AAA possess the staff and expertise to conduct events given their experience coordinating such events in our state as well as other New England States.

4. Cost

Since a waiver of competitive bidding is being requested for this procurement, please explain how the requesting Department concluded the negotiated costs, fees, or rates are **fair and reasonable**.

The reimbursement cost is for things such as food at each event, rental of the event space and travel reimbursement for the speakers at the events. AAA provides back up documentation with all grant reimbursement requests.

Cost are fair considering we are only reimbursing for travel, rental, event space and food. We are not reimbursing for any AAA staff hours devoted to the events.

Estimated Cost: \$80,000.00

5. Future Competition

Please describe potential opportunities which may be available to foster competition for these goods or services in the future.

N/A see uniqueness description below.

Please note that only one of the two points below ("Uniqueness" or "Timeframe") requires a response. Requesting Departments are not required to respond to both points.

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6. Uniqueness

Please explain if the goods or services required are unique to a specific vendor. Describe the unique qualifications, abilities, and/or expertise of the vendor and how those particular unique factors address the specific need identified above. If the vendor has unique equipment, facilities, or proprietary data, also explain the necessity of these particular unique assets.

AAA was identified in the FFY2020 Highway Safety Plan which is the Highway Safety Office's official application for funding to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Impaired Driving Summit, Young Driver Education and Expo and Judicial Training are projects identified in the HSP and was approved August 2019 therefore making the need for a sole source contract with AAA Northern New England.

7. Timeframe (Complete only if B. is the Statutory Justification marked on Page 1)

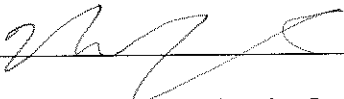
Please explain if time is of the essence and an emergency exists which requires the immediate procurement of goods or services. Describe the nature of this emergency, provide the date by which the goods or services must be delivered, and explain how that date was determined and its significance (i.e. impact if delayed beyond this date). Also, provide information as to how it was determined this vendor is the best option to address this time-sensitive procurement.

N/A

**Signature of requesting Department's
Commissioner or Chief Executive
(or designee within the
Commissioner's Office):**

*By signing below, I signify that my Department requests,
and I approve of, this Waiver of Competitive Bidding.*

Printed Name:


Michael J. Sauschuck, Commissioner

Date:

1-23-2020