

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

DHHS/DCM Contract Administrator:	Nancy Tan/Kristen King	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	DHHS/SAMHS/Cameron Bailey/ Suzanne Boras
Est. Contract Amount:	\$39,525.00	Contract or RQS Number:	10A 20191212*1841
		Purchasing Maine ID:	
		DHHS Agreement Number:	MH2-20-3011
Proposed Start Date:	1/1/20	Proposed End Date:	6/30/20
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	Sweetser 50 Moody St. Saco, ME 04072		
Short Description of Good or Service:	Peer ED		
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 Procurement Services website: From: <u>1/31/2020</u> To: <u>2/6/2020</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 0120200096	
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>	<i>By signing below, I signify as the Governor's designee there is an emergency that necessitates this non-competitive procurement.</i> Signature:	
		Printed Name:	Date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	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: (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; (2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;		
	<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>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	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;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:		

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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.

The Department provides supportive, preventive, protective, and public health and intervention services to preserve public health and assist individuals and families in meeting their needs. The Department strives to provide these programs and services, while respecting the rights and preferences of individuals and families. The Department's Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services is responsible for ensuring the safety, permanency, and well-being of individuals suffering from mental illness and substance abuse.

EDs can be a stressful environment for any patient, however if an individual is experiencing a Behavioral Health Crisis, the ED environment can be detrimental and can potentially escalate symptoms. Individuals who are experiencing Behavioral Health Crises can greatly benefit from the use of a multidisciplinary approach in which Peer Support Specialists play a distinctive non-medical role in addressing individuals' self-expressed needs around Recovery. Through an empathetic approach, Peer Support Specialists can help individuals become empowered by creating stronger linkages to community resources and reducing inpatient hospital stays.

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.

The Department does not have the resources to provide this service.

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**.

Cost was negotiated and determined based on services provided and average number of clients served in the ED per month. Costs also reflect services provided in similar environments for previous fiscal and contract years.

5. Future Competition

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

The Department issued RFP 201907132 Peer Support in the Emergency Departments. Due to the need to re-evaluate these particular services, the Department cancelled the RFP and made no award. The Department intends to re-issue a new RFP for a contract start date of 7/1/2020.

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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.

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.

The provider is experienced in managing the broadest array of peer services in the state with staff that understands their role in providing both Warm Line and Peers in Emergency Department services. They have the experience and support to receive calls from consumers who are all over the state to provide a venue for consumers to strengthen recovery plans, fend off isolation and develop natural supports of their own. Peers in Emergency Departments are trained to meet with consumers in crisis to help work through the crisis and avoid hospitalizations. This service is specific to the hospital in Brunswick and is complementary to what is directed in the AMHI Consent Decree.

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

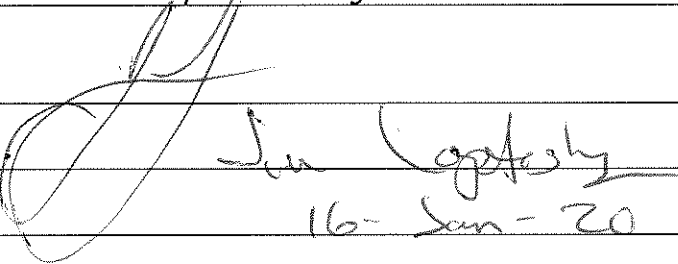
Please explain if time is of the essence and an emergency exists which requires the immediate procurement of goods or services. Describe the nature of this emergency, provide the date by which the goods or services must be delivered, and explain how that date was determined and its significance (i.e. 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.

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:

Date:



Jim Lapinsky
16- Jan - 20