

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. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:	Maine CDC / HETL			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Chris Moiles Shawn Belanger			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	OIT-21-B23			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 219,499.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 10A 20201229000000000609	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	11/13/20	Proposed End Date:	11/12/21
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:	Abbott Informatics Chicago, IL			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	STARLIMS Upgrade to PH12.1			

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
X	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

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.
This purchase is for an application upgrade to the Starlims Laboratory Information Management System for Department's Health and Environment Testing Lab. This upgrade is essential for improved functionality and security as well as keeping the installed software current. The enhanced functionality will also increase the labs ability to provide bidirectional communication with external facilities which will in turn enhance support for COVID-19 response as well as for normal sampling efforts.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

The Provider listed is uniquely qualified to perform the tasks necessary because they were the creators of the software in use and they have the knowledge base necessary to modify the proprietary software that comprises this system. The proprietary nature of this software is how the server side of the software was built but the unique characteristics and customizable nature of the application is part of what makes this an asset to the Department's Health and Environment Testing Lab. The software is proprietary and requires a level of skill, knowledge, and access not available to state employees. The State does not have access or rights to the application source code.

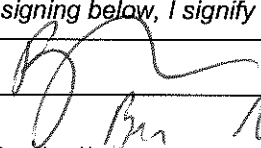
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The quote amount (\$219,499) is a fair and reasonable amount when compared to similar costs for other systems and when compared to similar upgrades.

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

Due to the proprietary software and nature of this service this will not go out to RFP. If the current vendor's price structure ceases to be industry competitive, an RFP will seek an open source vendor to allow open and competitive bidding for upgrades and special projects.

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:	Ben Murray	Date:	1/6/21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<i>Jaime Schorr</i>		
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Printed Name:	Jaime Schorr	Date:	1/15/2021