

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

DHHS/DCM Contract Administrator:	Chris Moiles/ Valerie Andreasen Fredericks	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	DHHS/OCFS Lisa Salger
Est. Contract Amount:	Amend Amount: \$1,998,386 Revised Total: \$12,984,506	Contract or RQS Number:	CT 10A 20180330*2885
		DHHS Agreement Number:	CFS-19-8750B
Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2018	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2021
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State:	Jobs for Maine's Graduates, Inc. Augusta Maine		
Short Description of Good or Service:	Youth Transition Services-Opportunity Passport (financial literacy), LEAP, and services of core programs and drop-out recovery centers for economically disadvantaged youth, Postsecondary Success Navigation Program		
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.		<i>To be completed by the Division of Procurement Services</i> Posting dates on Division of <i>Procurement Services</i> website: From: <u>2/20/2020</u> To: <u>2/26/2020</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:	NOI# 0220200140		
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.			
	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;		
	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:
	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;		
	D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;		
	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>		
	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;		

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	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.	
X	If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:	Unique - State Directed

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.

In 1993, Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) was established by the Maine Legislature with a mandate to provide Maine's at-risk school population with a comprehensive dropout prevention and school-to-work transition system. (Title 20-A; Part 3: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION; Chapter 226: JOB FOR MAINE'S GRADUATES HEADING: PL §6901)

This Agreement will provide necessary life skills development to youth in foster care by providing expert financial literacy training to these youth as well as provide on-going coaching and work readiness skills training. This Agreement will also provide JMG core programs to increase educational and employment options to youth in foster care.

This Agreement will improve educational outcomes for youth who are deemed economically disadvantaged by providing core programs, drop-out recovery centers, and the Postsecondary Success Navigation Program.

This amendment will fund additional school sites allowing for more children to receive these valuable services. It also adds an additional year of services to allow for the new programs to have time to begin.

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.

There is no current government service that can meet the need for the services Jobs for Maine's Graduates provides.

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 cost of the Agreement was based on the minimal amount needed to serve a designated number of youth who are or were in foster care and who are economically disadvantaged, while minimizing a waitlist for youth to receive these essential services.

5. Future Competition

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

Jobs for Maine's Graduates was legislatively established in 1993 as having jurisdiction over education and labor and skills training matters. (Title 20-A; Part 3: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION; Chapter 226: JOB FOR MAINE'S GRADUATES HEADING: PL §6910).

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.

Jobs for Maine's Graduates was established in 1993 under Title 20 and has legislative jurisdiction over education and labor and skills training matters to extend necessary dropout prevention and school-to-work transition services to schools and students throughout the State. JMG is directed to carry out its purposes in coordination with the education and job training activities of the private sector, community and regional agencies and State Government. (Title 20-A; Part 3: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION; Chapter 226: JOB FOR MAINE'S GRADUATES HEADING: PL §6901)

JMG delivers the Opportunity Passport™ to youth in Maine who are between the ages fourteen and twenty-six (14-26); presently or formerly in the foster care system of the State of Maine or Maine's tribal communities; and in the process of transitioning to independent living. The Opportunity Passport™ includes a savings/checking account, and door openers, which are resources and opportunities for youth in the communities in which they live. Jobs for Maine's Graduates, Inc. (JMG) has served as a partner with the Maine Youth Transition Collaborative (MYTC). JMG is a cornerstone of this sustainability plan, both by the services they offer youth in foster care and their commitment to fundraising.

JMG delivers the JMG core program to increase educational and employment opportunities for youth in foster care. Through this program, JMG teaches 81 core competencies comprised of six skill sets: personal skills, leadership skills, communication skills, job attainment skills, job success skills, and career development skills.

JMG also provides core level programming and drop-out recovery center services to youth at risk of disengaging from education due to being economically disadvantaged.

Jobs for Maine's Graduates is the only source in Maine serving this function across the State of Maine.

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.

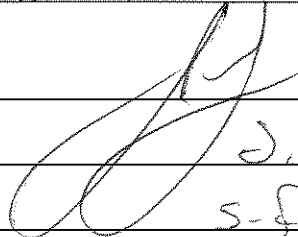
N/A

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:

Date:


Jim Coughlin
5-Feb 20