

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

Requesting Department's Contract Administrator:	Christine Robinson	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
Est. Contract Amount:	Increase of +24,000.00 to total \$304,000.00	Contract or RQS Number:	CT 12A 20161229*2018
Proposed Start Date:	January 16, 2017	Proposed End Date:	August 31, 2019
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	Living Innovations Support Services, Inc. Bangor, ME 04401(Physical address) Dover, NH 03820 (Payment address)		
Short Description of Good or Service:	CRP / Employment Services (Trial work experience, Situational assessments, job development/placement, job coaching and long-term supports)		
Please note, for transparency purposes, Waivers of Competitive Bidding will be publicly posted. Public postings are placed on the Division of Purchases' website for a period of seven consecutive calendar days.		To be completed by the Division of Purchases Posting dates on Division of Purchases' website: From: <u>5/6/2019</u> To: <u>5/12/2019</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 0520190559	
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 Purchases "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;		
	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:	Client choice of provider/Fee for Service Services	

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.

Living Innovations Support Services Inc. is one of several agencies (referred to as CRPs or Community Rehabilitation Providers) who provide community employment services to clients referred by Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors. V.R. Counselors will authorize community-based employment services (see Type of Service above) as needed, for clients they refer to the contractor. Clients choose a CRP from among those available in their geographic area. Agencies can apply to become a CRP at any time. Having a variety of CRPs available is critical to consumers' choice.

When an agency applies to become a CRP, they are required to go through an accreditation process to assure their services comply with the standards set forth in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and to assure all staff providing services receive proper training and education. Living Innovations Support Services Inc. meets all applicable standards and staff qualifications; and has been provisionally approved as a CRP for a period of one year, through January 15, 2018.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the funds to enable services to be provided for the remainder of the contract period. Due to the Provider being new at the time of initiating the contract, the amount needed was hard to determine. This Provider has exceeded providing services beyond what was anticipated and will be providing more throughout the contract period.

Amend - This amendment in funds is needed to continue providing CRP services for the remaining time of the contract and while the RFP process is ongoing.

Amend - This amendment is to extend the contract for an additional four months to 4/30/2019 and increase funds by an additional \$30,000.00 to continue providing CRP services while the RFP process is ongoing.

Amend - This amendment is to extend the contract for an additional four months to 8/31/2019 and increase funds by an additional \$24,000.00 to continue providing CRP services while the RFP process is ongoing.

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.

N/A

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**.

All CRP's are reimbursed at a standard rate (see Standard Fee Schedule included with Rider A) or visit <http://www.maine.gov/rehab/crp/index.shtml>.

All employment services are authorized by Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors depending on individual client needs.

The addition of funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 is determined by an average of what they have already used and the amount of time still on the contract.

Amendment- The addition of funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 is determined by an average of what they have already used and what will be needed for the amount of time we are adding on to the contract to.

This amendment is to extend the contract for an additional four months to 8/31/2019 and increase funds by an additional \$24,000.00 to continue providing CRP services while the RFP process is ongoing.

5. Future Competition

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

N/A

An RFP is in the process now.

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.

Agencies or individuals can apply at any time to become a Community Rehabilitation Provider or CRP, but must demonstrate compliance with applicable laws and standards required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Our federal funding authority, the Rehabilitation Services Administration mandates that consumers have a choice of service providers. This is the provider that the client(s) has chosen. Therefore, rather than contract with a single provider (CRP), BRS needs to maintain a list of approved or accredited providers from which consumers may choose.

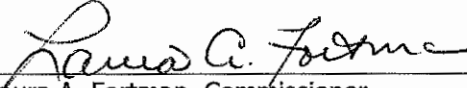
7. Timeframe

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:

Laura A. Fortman, Commissioner

Date:

4/29/19