

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.

DHHS/DCM Contract Administrator:	Elizabeth Heath Shawn Belanger	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	MECD/CP/Infectious Disease Surv/Immunization
Est. Contract Amount:	Amend Amount: \$275,347 Revised Amount: \$1,601,179.00	Contract or RQS Number:	CT 10A 20180405*3009
		Purchasing Maine ID:	
		DHHS Agreement Number:	OIT-19-100A
Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2018	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2020
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	DXC Technology Services LLC Atlanta, GA		
Short Description of Good or Service:	ImmPact System Hosting, Support, and Maintenance		
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>5/15/2019</u> To: <u>5/21/2019</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 0520190643	
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>		

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

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.

Maine Immunization Program - Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, eXchange (AFIX) online tool

This work was part of the original RFP and included at the start of the contract. These services are critical to the agency as it is a grant requirement outlined within the Immunization Program Operations Manual under Unit B – Assessing Program/Provider Performance. The objective expects the program to measure VFC provider immunization quality improvement as well as providing feedback, strategies and ongoing support to reduce missed opportunities with the intentions of increasing the overall child and adolescent immunization rates within the jurisdiction.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit – Blood Lead Testing Mandates Performance Report Cards

Despite a statutory mandate that all children covered by MaineCare be tested for blood lead at age one and two years (22 MRS § 1317-D), current testing rates fall very short (2017 data: 54% for 1-yo’s; 36% for 2-yo’s). Medical providers have been slow to fully implement blood lead testing recommendations to confirm elevated blood lead screening (capillary) tests with a venous blood test (2017 data: only about 40% of elevated capillary results of 5-9 ug/dL are confirmed). Maine CDC does not provide inspection services to find and remove the source(s) of a child’s lead exposure until we have a confirmed blood lead test result of 5 ug/dL or higher, thus it is imperative that we improve both confirmation rates and testing rates among health care providers. Currently Maine CDC has no way of assessing or reporting provider blood lead testing performance. However, the Blood Lead Module in the immunization registry (ImmPact) supported under the existing contract will allow the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit to assess provider practice performance and develop report cards. This amendment fulfills a federal grant (Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning in Maine, 6 NUE2EH001363-03) deliverable to make modifications and enhancements to existing reports in the Blood Lead Module to compile measures for testing mandates and confirmation rates and automate the production of practice-level report cards. By making these report cards readily available to practices, Maine CDC staff, and the Office of MaineCare Services, we hope to motivate practices to improve their performance and enable Maine CDC to target outreach efforts to improve blood lead testing to identified poor performers. Furthermore, increasing blood lead testing and confirmation rates will result in more children being identified as lead poisoned, resulting in more inspections of buildings (including all units in multi-family dwellings) and more orders to abate identified lead hazards, resulting in more buildings made lead safe. Ultimately, more lead safe buildings will result in fewer lead-poisoned children.

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.

Sufficient staffing, resources, or expertise is not available within the State of Maine’s government.

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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**.

We conducted a RFP with our IIS vendor initially and the AFIX tool was included in the RFP and initial contract. The AFIX product that was built specifically to support a WIR application. The cost is straight forward with the initial product license and initial integration and ongoing maintenance. The SOW includes ongoing maintenance and support which will include approximately 2-4 releases per year, annual road map of product back log items to be included in upcoming year, updates to align with any changes to CDC AFIX requirements, bug fixes and support/troubleshooting within the AFIX product. Additional funds to this agreement for AFIX is \$175,000.

Costs for the blood lead testing report card project include deliverable-based costs and time and materials both of which are based on costs included in the existing contract which was awarded through a competitive RFP process. Additional funds to this agreement for blood lead testing report card is \$100,347.

5. Future Competition

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

This amendment is in the first renewal period of the awarded RFP. These services will be up for RFP in 2022.

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.

We are currently contracted with the IIS Vendor, DXC technologies. DXC supports and maintains our entire web application including hosting, ongoing maintenance and enhancements. The AFIX product license is specific to our WIR application and meets all Phase 1 AFIX requirements and will continue to provide ongoing maintenance of the product to support future changes that may be required in our upcoming grant.

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.

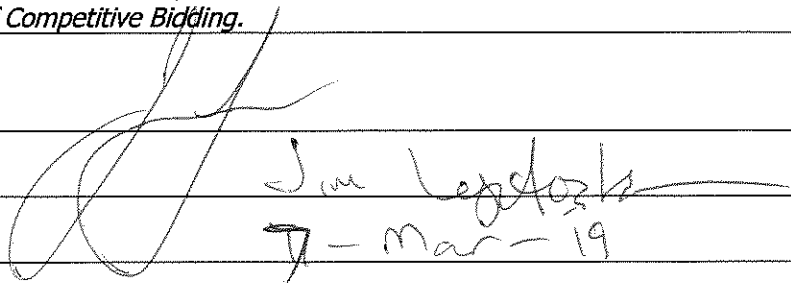
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Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner or Chief Executive (or designee within the Commissioner's Office):

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

Printed Name:

Date:



Jane Leggett
7-Mar-19