

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.

Requesting Department's Contract Administrator:	Pola A. Buckley	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	Office of the State Auditor
Est. Contract Amount:	\$ 11,000.00	Contract or RQS Number:	CT27A20190429000000003196
Proposed Start Date:	April 29, 2019	Proposed End Date:	November 30, 2019
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers 449 Lewis Hargett Circle, Suite 290 Lexington, KY 40503-3590		
Short Description of Good or Service:	Perform the NSAA Peer Review		
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>05/30/2019</u> To: <u>06/05/2019</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 0520190778	
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		

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	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) <u>all</u> 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.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Government Auditing Standards require that an external peer review be conducted by reviewers independent of the audit organization being reviewed once every three years. The most recent review was performed in 2016. This year's peer review is due by November 30, 2019.b. Peer reviews must be conducted by a team of governmental auditors currently employed in the practice of governmental auditing.	
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. National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) performs peer reviews for most States. Delay could result in substandard review for the State of Maine or noncompliance with Government Auditing Standards.	
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 terms of this contract are the same as they were during the 2016 Peer Review except the maximum fee has increased by 10% from \$10,000 to \$11,000.	

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5. Future Competition

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

n/a

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.

National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) has developed a system of peer reviews specific to State agencies and performs peer reviews for most States. They are uniquely qualified to perform State peer reviews. Another organization would need to develop manuals, policies and procedures, training, etc. necessary to conduct an external peer review, which would result in unnecessary costs to the State.

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.

Pola A. Buckley

Printed Name:

Pola A. Buckley, State Auditor

Date:

5/15/19