

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:		DHHS/Maine CDC		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Matt Galletta Chris Moiles		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CD0-21-1382		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 2,000,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20210430*2996	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	05/01/2021	Proposed End Date:	08/31/2021
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:		Ginkgo Bioworks, Inc. dba Concentric by Ginkgo Boston, MA		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		The Provider shall provide COVID-19 testing services to authorized schools.		

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
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
X	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project	X	L. Other Authorization: COVID-19

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.**

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Maine is actively working to expand testing in school settings, particularly through a new pooled PCR testing program. Expanded testing options, including pooled testing, will be put into place this spring with a plan to continue through summer school programming. This contract is a priority due to how quickly the program needs to be put in place, per the grant guidelines, as well as desire to provide additional support to schools so that they can increase in-person learning this school year. Maine surveyed the field of qualified vendors and selected one to run this Pooled PCR testing service. The testing service provider needs to be able to provide end-to-end services to schools, including training, education, supplies, shipping/courier services, technical support, and on-site support.

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

Maine surveyed the field of qualified vendors in a proximate geographic area and selected one to manage the Pooled PCR testing service for schools. The decision to move forward with Gingko by Concentric was based on their experience working with schools in rural settings, their level of customer service, and the belief that they would be able to meet the needs of Maine, particularly as it related to their capacity to manage program growth.

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

DHHS compared the pricing between both vendors and concluded that the rates comparable for the same level of service.

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

This is four-month contract to support COVID-19 testing for schools through the end of this academic year and covering summer school. The Department is exploring options for the 2021-2022 school year.

PART IV: APPROVALS

**Signature of requesting
Department's Commissioner
(or designee):**

By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.

DocuSigned by:

Benjamin Mann

Printed Name:

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Benjamin Mann

Date:

May-06-2021

**Signature of DAFS
Procurement Official:**

DocuSigned by:

Jaime Schorr

Printed Name:

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Jaime Schorr

Date:

5/6/2021