

## State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany ALL contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:		Maine Health Data Organization	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Document Amount:	\$3,357,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20180518*3681
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	5/1/2018	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	11/30/2022	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
ALL OTHER	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) Cambridge, MA	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		MHDO Data Vendor	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request.			
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
X	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Please respond to ALL of the following:
<b>1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.</b>
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of several new MHDO reporting mandates affecting hospitals and nursing homes for example, have been delayed until 2023. MHDO and its data vendor HSRI have completed project plans and building out the new infrastructure that will be needed to support these new reporting mandates that will go into effect in 2023 (assuming no continued delays due to pandemic), however, the various training webinars with the reporting entities will occur in the summer/fall of 2022 in order to go live in 2023. It is not cost effective nor efficient to not leverage the work that has been done to implement these

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requirements. Additionally, Section 115 of the No Surprises Act (federal legislation), enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 creates a federal grant program to support states advancing and or developing an all-payer claim database (APCD). The \$2.5 million dollar grant will significantly help support several enhancements to MHDO's APCD that we have been discussing with our data vendor, HSRI for several years now. With the appropriate funding we are prepared to move quickly with HSRI to leverage both the funding resources and HSRI's intimate understanding and experience with MHDO, including our mandates, structure, data submitters and data users. Any disruption to our processes at this time will negatively impact our ability to maximize the funding opportunity and to minimize any disruption in submitting and or accessing/using MHDO data. Here is a link to our public postings that describe how our broad group of data users are using MHDO data to help inform health care policy and research,

<https://mhdo.maine.gov/datarequest.aspx>

For these key reasons we are requesting that our contract with HSRI be extended for a two-year period to implement mandated reporting requirements and maximize federal funding most efficiently and effectively.

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

HSRI is MHDO's contracted data vendor and is responsible for maintaining MHDO's healthcare database which includes over 1 billion health care records from payers, hospitals, prescription drug manufacturers, wholesale distributors and pharmacy benefit managers. HSRI works with and supports MHDO on all aspects of data collection, validation, processing, and data release. This includes developing the infrastructure, including data submission portals, training manuals and data submission guides so that reporting entities can submit their data to MHDO via our secure portals. Additionally, HSRI assists MHDO with fulfilling its own reporting mandates as required in Title 22, Chapter 1683; as well as ad-hoc health care reporting requests from sister state agencies.

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

The fees associated with this amendment are consistent with the fee structure associated with MHDO's existing contract with HSRI and reflect the additional data streams and legislative requirements of MHDO.

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

MHDO will release an RFP in the first quarter of 2024 for a Data Vendor. The deliverables will be consistent with the deliverables and requirements in our current data vendor contract.

### PART IV: APPROVALS

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

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

*Karynlee Harrington*

**Printed Name:**

Karynlee Harrington

**Date:**

5/3/2022

**Signature of DAFS  
Procurement Official:**

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*Jaime Schorr*

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<b>Printed Name:</b>	Jaime Schorr	<b>Date:</b>	5/26/2022
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