

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/OCFS		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles / Lora Blackwell		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CBH-20-3015		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 50,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 2020041500000002870	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	5/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2021
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:		National Early Childhood Systems LLC Elizabeth Bicio Terryville Ct.		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Consultation/Support Services for Early Childhood Consultation Program		

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
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

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.
<p>This service is a result of State of Maine LD 997: An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development for Young Children. This legislation states that the Department shall develop, establish, and implement an Early Childhood Consultation Program. The LD requires the Department to provide support, guidance and training to improve the abilities and skills of early care and education to teachers and providers. The goal of the Program is to prevent/reduce the risk of infants and children under the age of eight (8) of developing learning difficulties and removal from early care and education settings due to challenging behaviors.</p>

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The Provider will provide consultation/support services through the Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP) Model for both the Department's Early Childhood Consultation Program and the State's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) Program team. These services are the direct training and education of staff to be able to implement Statewide services after the initial five (5) sites are implemented.

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

Elizabeth Bicio was the founder and developer of the Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP) model, as well as the ECCP Information System. Ms. Bicio is the only expert in the field who can provide Maine guidance and support to ensure that the ECCP Model is successfully implemented, and fidelity measures are in place.

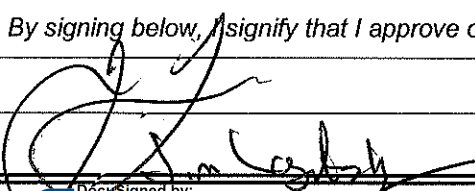

3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The rate of \$215.00/hour was negotiated by the Department and the Provider. This rate is considered fair and reasonable based on other contracts providing similar services such as CFS-19-903 (Trisha Mosher charges \$260.00/hour) and OVP-20-1504 (Carole Martin charges \$150.00/hour).

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

This Department anticipate this to be a one-time service to implement the requirement of LD 997.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
Printed Name:		Date:	7 - May - 20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	<small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small> Kathy Paquette	Date:	6/3/2020