

# 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.

<b>Requesting Department's Contract Administrator:</b>	Matt Ruel (Amy Gower)	<b>Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:</b>	Office of Public Safety – Maine State Police
<b>Est. Contract Amount:</b>	\$ 9,600.00	<b>Contract or RQS Number:</b>	RQS-16A-20190624*1372
<b>Proposed Start Date:</b>	7/1/2019	<b>Proposed End Date:</b>	6/30/2020
<b>Vendor/Provider Name, City, State</b>	Nlets Phoenix, AZ		
<b>Short Description of Good or Service:</b>	Virtualized Hosting		
<p>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.</p>		<p><b>To be completed by the Division of Procurement Services</b> Posting dates on Division of <b>Procurement Services</b> website: From: <u>07/01/19</u> To: <u>07/07/19</u></p>	
<b>Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:</b>		NOI# 0720191143	
<p><b>1. Statutory Justification</b> 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.</p>			
	<p>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;</p>		
	<p>B. The Director of the Bureau of General Services is authorized by the Governor, or the Governor's designee, to make Procurement Services 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;</p>		
	<p><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></p>	<p><i>By signing below, I signify as the Governor's designee there is an emergency that necessitates this non-competitive procurement.</i></p> <p><b>Signature:</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Printed Name:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____</p>	
	<p>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;</p>		
	<p>D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;</p>		
	<p>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:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;</p> <p><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: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/purchases/info/forms/govcoop.doc">http://www.maine.gov/purchases/info/forms/govcoop.doc</a>.</i></p>		
	<p>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;</p>		
<b>X</b>	<p>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.</p>		
	<p>If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:</p>		

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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 State Police need to renew the additional server for the Data Broker Development System. The need generated because the current servers we use are the Data Broker Prod and Test. These are no longer scalable.**

## 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.

OIT is encouraging the use of cloud hosting and has approved this vendor and product. Have been running a Beta test for 3 months. We have configured and installed software on the NLETS Server for this past year.

## 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**.

Original quoted cost is \$1000 a month. Negotiated this 3<sup>rd</sup> year contract at \$800 per month. No increase from last year.

## 5. Future Competition

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

There are no current plans to take the Data Broker to NLETS Hosting at this time. It could be a consideration when the current hardware or needs change if this development environment goes well. If this happens we will move to a contract and written bids will be requested.

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.

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The NLETS environment is a Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) environment that is not the normal hosting environment. A CJIS environment is required by the FBI for this type of criminal data.

This vendor, NLETS allows the State Police to manage their own CJIS environment. Other cloud providers do not allow the State Police to manage this environment.

The FBI CJIS polices provide the rules and processes, Maine must us to manage technical hardware, software, encryption, and the requirements of the support staff that supports this environment. Background checks and CJIS certification is required if you touch or even walk into a CJIS Environment per FBI policy.

The FBI has Cloud computing requirements State Police must meet. State Police are audited for how well they meet the CJIS environment.

**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.*



**Printed Name:**

Michael J. Sauschuck, Commissioner

**Date:**

6-24-19