

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:	Sandra Weeks	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	DAFS/BGS/Property Management Division
Est. Contract Amount:	\$9,800.00	Contract or RQS Number:	18A 20190627000000003979
Proposed Start Date:	07/01/2019	Proposed End Date:	06/30/2020
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State:	Residuals Management International, LLC West Poland, Maine 04274		
Short Description of Good or Service:	2019 Office Paper and Corrugated Cardboard Recycling		
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.	<i>To be completed by the Division of Procurement Services</i> Posting dates on Division of Procurement Services website: From: <u>07/08/2019</u> To: <u>07/14/2019</u>		
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:	NOI# 0720191164		
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.		

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<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.

The State of Maine is required by statute to implement and administer a recycling program. Until recently, this has been a zero-cost program, however, the current market for recyclables has declined such that it is no longer a viable option for the current contractor to offer this zero-cost option. Attributing to the issue is that much of the state's top-grade paper product is now being shredded and removed, not recycled. As the current contract expires on June 30, 2019 and the quote provided involves expenditures of less than \$10,000, and the State of Maine must continue to participate in a recycling program, awarding a contract to the current contractor seems to be the best option.

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.

The State of Maine does not employ personnel or have the equipment necessary to collect and redeem recyclables.

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 State of Maine put this requirement out to bid in 2014 and received two responses, this contractor at \$0.00 and the other at \$40,000.

5. Future Competition

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

The State of Maine will be developing an RFP for the services beginning in FY 21.

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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.

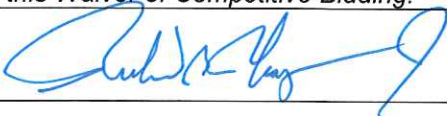
6. Uniqueness

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.

The current contractor has collection bins set up in State of Maine buildings, knows where pick-ups are to be made, and the schedule for pick-ups. He has agreements with recycling centers for the items he collects. As the timeframe under which we needed to make an award was very tight, we needed a contractor who was already set up to service our buildings and could continue service without a break effective July 1, 2019.

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):	<i>By signing below, I signify that my Department requests, and I approve of, this Waiver of Competitive Bidding.</i>
	
Printed Name:	Richard B. Thompson, Deputy Commissioner
Date:	6/26/19