

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	DHHS/OADS/Research Craig Patterson / Lori Harding		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Nancy Tan / Patricia Wall		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	ADS-22-4722		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$132,494.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20210505*3086
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	07/01/2021	Proposed End Date: 06/30/2022
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:	Mobius, Inc. Damariscotta, Maine		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Stateside Non-Traditional Communication Consultation		

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>Adults with Intellectual Disability (ID) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who receive services through the Department may be deaf, hard of hearing, or rely on non-traditional communication such as visual gestural communication to communicate with others. Improving communication with consumers increases their ability to access and benefit from quality services and supports delivered in community settings.</p> <p>Assessments conducted by consultants specializing in non-traditional communication and visual gestural communication are used during development of Person-Centered Plans to ensure that the communication preferences and challenges of consumers are addressed. These consultants also provide training to support staff, community members, and caregivers on communication techniques specific to consumers.</p> <p>Services provided through this Agreement in support of ID/ASD consumers receiving services through the Department are intended to ensure continued compliance for effective communication accommodations under 34-B M.R.S.A. § 1218 and the Federal Adults with Disabilities Act (ADA), as defined in 28 CFR, Ch. 1, §36.303(c).</p>

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

This vendor has provided consistently high-quality non-traditional communication and visual gestural communication services and training under previous agreements with the Department. The vendor has developed and now maintains a dynamic and effective Statewide Non-Traditional Communication Consultation program.

The main purpose of the Provider's Statewide Non-Traditional Communication Consultation program is to assess the current communication skills of individuals and to provide training to enrich the communication abilities of individuals and the environments in which they live. Other components of the program include outreach and consultation to other professionals for enhancing their skill level regarding non-traditional communication. Since the program's inception in 2001, over 1,000 adults and children have been assessed and/or provided consultation.

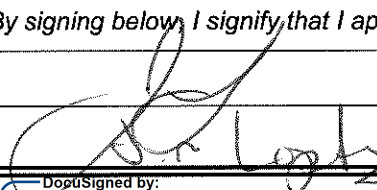
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The budget for this Agreement was negotiated by the Department and the Provider to determine fair and reasonable costs for the services provided against similar services. The budget will be subject to the requirements of the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices for Community Agencies (MAAP).

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

The Department will develop an RFP for these services for a follow-on agreement to start on July 1, 2022, after the conclusion of this agreement term.

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:	14-11-21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	Signed by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	41C2BA36FAF44CD... Kathy Paquette	Date:	7/22/2021