

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Office of the Attorney General			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Mark Toulouse/Lindsey Chasteen			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:					
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 409,754.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT26A20200806*0414	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	09/01/2020	Proposed End Date:	08/31/2021	
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:		University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine 5717 Corbett Hall, Room 408, Orono, Maine 04469-5717			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Data Collection/Research Project – Federal Grant			

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.**

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The purpose of the project is to enhance state and federal surveillance of unintentional fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses, in close partnership with Maine CDC and the Office of Attorney General (OAG) and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). The project has been funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, in the form of a cooperative agreement with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

Marcella H. Sorg, Research Professor, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, is the PI of this contract at the University; she is named in the State's proposal as the co-PI of the State's project. Jamie A. Wren, Research Associate, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center is named as co-PI of the contract at the University; he is named as the PD of the State project. Sorg and Wren lead the implementation of enhanced surveillance-related data collection, analysis, and results dissemination related to fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses, in collaboration with PI Sara Robinson at the Maine CDC.

The project will carry out activities related to mortality and Statewide Unintentional Drug Overdoses Reporting System (SUDORS), including the rapid identification of potential overdose deaths. Additionally, the University of Maine contractor will be in charge of coordinating prescriber notification for opioid-involved overdose deaths. The project will take place primarily at the Maine Center for Disease Control and the Maine Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

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

Maine currently has no position or office to conduct this type of data collection or research. This is very specific information and has been funded by a federal grant because of the uniqueness and lack of available resources. No private agencies or other organizations are in any capacity to manage this type of project. The lack of state, federal, local, private, nonprofit resources in this area of data collection is one of the factors creating the award for this grant project.

The previously-named project director has completed several epidemiological studies with the Maine Office of Chief Medical Examiner and has had several years of experience with the NVDRS and ESOOS (precursor to OD2A) projects.

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

Cost is the same as a similar grant with University of Maine.

Unobligated funds in the budget for each project year will not be available beyond the end of the project, 8/31/22.

The Project Period is specified on the federal Notice of Award from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022. Budget periods end on August 31 each year, with continuation to following year dependent on CDC approval each year. The notice of award from the federal sponsor has already been received by the State.

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

This federal grant program was a competitive process and open to any and all eligible candidates to apply. This grant was awarded on an impartial and fair basis. All purchasing of goods and services are on accordance with Maine purchasing guidelines and Federal Government grant requirements.

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>		
	<i>Mark A. Toulouse</i>		
Printed Name:	Mark A. Toulouse, Administrative Services Division Chief	Date:	8/26/2020
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<i>Sue H. Garcia</i>		

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Printed Name:	Sue H. Garcia	Date:	8/31/2020
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