

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:		Maine CDC / Infectious Disease and Epidemiology/Lauren Gauthier		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles/Matt Galletta		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		Multiple See Table Below		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Multiple, See Table Below	Advantage CT / RQS #:		
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	5/1/2021	Proposed End Date:	8/31/2022
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:		City of Portland, Portland, ME 04101		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Hepatitis testing and linkage to care.		

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
	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	X	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.
This agreement is to expand the number of tests for Hepatitis C and to link patients who test positive to medical care. The target population for this testing will be people who inject drugs, people who are incarcerated, people who are incarcerated and soon to reenter their communities, people without health insurance or Medicaid coverage, and people living 200% below Federal Poverty Guidelines.
Maine CDC, is responsible for protecting public health from blood borne diseases such as Hepatitis C. Maine

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CDC accomplishes this in part through conducting Hepatitis surveillance, which provides Maine CDC with information necessary to determine where the highest burden areas in the State are and what the highest risk factors for transmission are. In recent years, Maine has seen a sharp increase in Hepatitis B and C cases, especially among persons who inject drugs and those who are incarcerated. In order to address the increase in Hepatitis C, Maine CDC has obtained federal grant funding from SAMHSA to increase Hepatitis C testing and to link patients who test positive to medical care. The Maine CDC will use this federal funding to conduct Hepatitis C testing and linkage to care in high burden counties in the State, Penobscot, Washington, Aroostook, and Cumberland Counties.

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

Municipal Public Health facilities and Healthcare facilities that are Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) are mandated to provide services to these individuals and therefore, have greater access to these high-risk individuals than other health care facilities.

City of Portland – Portland Public Health is a Municipal Public Health facility that operates in Cumberland County (one of the highest burdens of Hepatitis C in the state), and has an addiction treatment program and Medication-Assisted Treatment program for people who use drugs, as well as, an ongoing relationship with an incarceration facility to provide healthcare to individuals as they reenter their communities. Furthermore, City of Portland, Portland Public Health already has a Hepatitis C testing program in place that allows them to identify individuals at highest risk for Hepatitis C. Portland Public Health is the only medical organization allowed to test in the Cumberland County Jail.

Regional Medical Center at Lubec (RMCL) is an FQHC that operates in Washington County. RMCL has an ongoing relationship with many medication assisted treatment facilities in Washington County. They also have formed relationships with the local jails and overdose prevention coalitions. Furthermore, RMCL already had a Hepatitis C program in place that allowed them to identify individuals at highest risk for Hepatitis C.

Penobscot Community Health Center (PCHC) is an FQHC that operates in Penobscot County (one of the highest burdens of Hepatitis C in the state), and in other counties. PCHC has an addiction treatment program and Medication-Assisted Treatment program for people who use drugs, as well as, an ongoing relationship with three incarceration facilities and reentry centers to provide healthcare to individuals as they reenter their communities. Furthermore, Penobscot Community Health Center already had a Hepatitis C program in place that allowed them to identify individuals at highest risk for Hepatitis C.

The providers meet the Department's qualifications for providing this service and are willing to conduct services of this agreement.

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

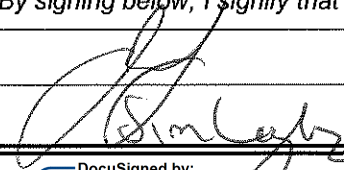
Maine CDC determined that the costs will be fair and reasonable for confirmatory hepatitis B & C testing based on the rates of the laboratories throughout the State.

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

The Department does not intend to competitively procure these services, as they are awarded on a willing and qualified basis.

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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:	30-Jun-21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	<small>41C2BA36FAF44CD</small> kathy Paquette	Date:	8/18/2021

DHHS Office: Maine CDC
Service: HEP C Testing
Services Dates: 5/1/2021 – 8/31/2022

Vendor/Provider Name, City & State	Contract (CT 10A) Number	DHHS Agreement #	Total Contract Amount
City of Portland, Portland, ME	20210608000000003645	CD2-21-5185	\$32,340
Penobscot Community Health Center, Bangor, ME	20210608000000003642	CD6-21-5180	\$40,000
Regional Medical Center at Lubec, Lubec, ME	20210608000000003644	CD7-21-5150	\$20,000
		Total:	\$92,340