

## 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 Department of Education		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Emily Poland		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 17,875	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT20210811*0317	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/1/2021	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2022
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:		Prevent Blindness 225 West Wacker Drive, Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60606		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Vision screening training and development of evidence-based guidelines		

### 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
<b>X</b>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<b>X</b>	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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Per, [Maine Statute 20-A, §6451](#), the Department of Education shall provide training to Maine schools for the purpose of completing vision and hearing screening of school age children. Department of Education staff does not have the capacity to have an ongoing training system for all school nurses within the state that will be conducting these screenings.

Without training, children and students participate in vision screening with different tools and procedures depending on where they reside, which schools they attend, or even just the experience of staff in the school. This leads to potential under-referrals and inconsistencies that can drive inequalities in children's vision, eye care, and eye health in the state of Maine.

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

Prevent Blindness is the only organization to offer a national training and certification program in children's vision screening and screening program implementation. All Prevent Blindness screening programs are based on: medically accepted and scientifically tested screening techniques and technologies; standardized training, testing and reporting; and continual program evaluation.

To ensure our vision screening program is well designed, Prevent Blindness engages the guidance of its Scientific Advisors who are members of the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health Advisory Committee. The committee and its sub-committees are leading experts in child health and vision care from across the country, including ophthalmologists, optometrists, pediatricians, public health strategists, family representatives, vision and eye health researchers, and others.

To ensure our protocol is properly administered, Prevent Blindness sponsors a unique national certification program for children's vision screening and vision screening training. This certification is the central element to the Prevent Blindness program offerings and, as such, the designated minimum protocols must be strictly followed in order to maintain certification.

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

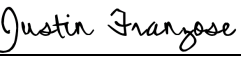
The normal cost for this 3-year national certification for an individual is \$125. The cost has been negotiated to be lower due to the volume of people that will be completing it.

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

If another nationally recognized vision screening training program for school staff becomes available, we will investigate using an alternate program.

### PART IV: APPROVALS

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<b>Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):</b>	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	Daniel A. Chuhta, Deputy Commissioner	<b>Date:</b>	8/24/2021
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
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<b>Printed Name:</b>	Justin Franzose	<b>Date:</b>	8/30/2021