

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

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 #:	CD2-19-5185B			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Current: \$27,056.00 Amendment: \$26,164.00 Revised: \$53,220.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20190509*3346	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	5/1/2019	Effective Date:	4/30/2020
	Previous End Date:	10/31/2020	New End Date:	4/30/2021
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
X	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.
<p>This amendment is to extend current agreement and 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.</p> <p>Maine CDC, is responsible for protecting public health from blood borne diseases such as Hepatitis C. Maine 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</p>

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Hepatitis C, Maine CDC has obtained grant funding from the federal CDC 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 the two highest burden counties in the State, Penobscot and Cumberland Counties.

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

Municipal Public Health facilities 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. The provider meets the Department's qualifications for providing this service and is willing to conduct services of this agreement.

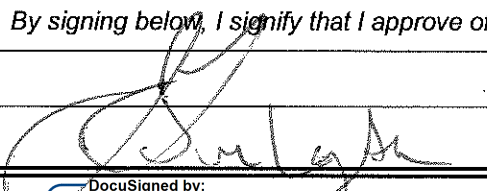
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

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.

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:	7-21-20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	41C2BA36FAE44CD Kathy Paquette	Date:	9/18/2020