

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/OCFS	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles / Stacy Martin	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CFS-21-913	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 55,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20200501000000003059
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2020	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2021
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:		Dr. Susan Righthand Rockland, ME	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Consulting	

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.

The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) requires a Clinical and Consulting Psychologist who is an expert in the area of investigating reports of child abuse and/or neglect, including allegations of sexual abuse and problem sexual behavior, as well as research in evidence-based practices related to Child Welfare and Children's Behavioral Health. Consultation from a highly-qualified, licensed Psychologist is critical to ensuring that the Department advocates, contracts, and obtains assessment and treatment services that meet the best practice standards. These services are specific to the field of Forensic Psychology, work that combines psychology and the legal system, and must be conducted by a Licensed Psychologist with expertise, training, and education in Clinical Psychology, Criminal Justice, and Sociology.

In order to move forward with the OCFS Strategic Planning objective of increasing access to evidence-based Children's Behavioral Health Services, expert consultation is needed to:

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Facilitate and offer training to workgroups that have been formulated to develop and incorporate treatment enhancement practices into the review process for residential treatment programs.
2. Offer input, guidance and research as it relates to further development of The Children's Behavioral Health System of Care.

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

Dr. Righthand is a Clinical and Consulting Psychologist, Associate Research Professor at the University of Maine, and a nationally-recognized researcher and expert in child maltreatment, assessment and treatment of adults, youth and children with sexual behavior problems/offending. She presents at national conferences and provides training to state agencies and correction departments throughout the country. She was the University lead in an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant that provided expert training and assistance to DHHS-licensed residential treatment programs and assisted in the development of a web-based application on assessment and treatment for community providers. She has co-authored numerous research articles and publications including the following:

- Assessing Risk of Sexually Abusive Behavior among Youth in a Child Welfare Sample (2010)
- Assessment and Treatment of Sex Offenders, A Handbook (2009)
- Sexual Abuse, a Journal of Research and Treatment (2005)
- Child Maltreatment Clinical Evaluation Guide (2003)

In addition, she developed and is doing ongoing research on the Juvenile Sex Offender Protocol-II, and the Treatment Needs & Progress Report – instruments utilized by the Department of Corrections and by community and residential treatment programs delivering services licensed by DHHS.

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

The consultation and assessments delivered under this Agreement are calculated at a rate paid to Dr. Righthand by other Department Agreements. At a rate of \$100.00 per hour, this is a reasonable, considering Dr. Righthand's level of expertise in research, assessment and treatment and her national reputation. The usual market rate for services by a similarly-qualified mental health professional is \$150.00 per hour.

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

The Department does not intend to RFP these services due to the specific knowledge and national expertise Dr. Righthand has around the treatment and assessment of problem sexual behaviors. Her ongoing participation in national research projects and other data collection efforts make her uniquely qualified to provide this type of consultation to OCFS. Her long-term work with child welfare, CBHS and juvenile corrections population in the state of Maine allows for relationship-building throughout the system of care. She also maintains a highly competitive rate in her contracts with the State.

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:	10-16-20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	41C2BA36FAF44CD... Kathy Paquette	Date:	9/30/2020