

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/OCFS			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles/Debbie Weston			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CFS-21-8402			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 161,608.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20200615000000003907		
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2020	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:		State of Kansas DBA University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas 66045			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Software Implementation- ROM reports			

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 Department's OCFS Child Welfare Division requires a tracking tool specifically tailored to measure the Department's ability to meet the requirements of the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) measures and to provide accurate, timely management oversight of those measures.

In compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) 2016 Final Rule for a next generation of state child welfare systems called Comprehensive Child Welfare Information Systems (CCWIS), OCFS is deploying a new data system to replace its existing Statewide and Tribal Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (S/TACWIS), referenced as MACWIS.

In early 2000, the Department spent over \$100,000 producing a digital dashboard in the MACWIS system which

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allowed a similar view of the then-current Federal Outcome measures. In 2005, the federal government revised the required outcome measures and the previous work done by the Department programming to track these measures in MACWIS became obsolete. This third-party solution protects the Department from investing significant funding into reporting that the federal government often changes.

The Results Oriented Management (ROM) service gathers the data provided by the Department and the system interprets that data set into federal outcome measures which allows the Department to view the data via a web-based application. This service is also essential to providing the outcome measures to meet the requirements of the federal program improvement plan (thus securing Federal funding) as well as other current supervisory initiatives.

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

The University of Kansas Center of Research (UKCR) is the only vendor in the country which provides the Results Oriented Management (ROM) service, which is a proprietary software service. Access requires contracting with this provider and payment of an annual service fee.

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

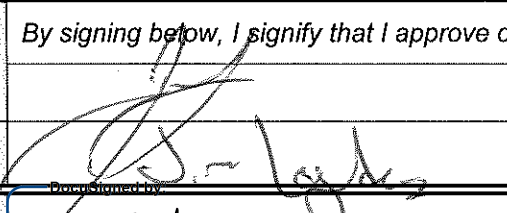

This is a one-of-a-kind proprietary product and there is no direct comparison that the Department is aware of. However, other Universities provide similar services which evaluate state data sets for management information purpose, where an annual fee is charged. Some states use Safe Measures, a private company, where there is an annual charge of \$125,000 for its service. The Chapin Hall Center at the University of Chicago charges \$25,000 per year to access their data archive system. Though neither of these is an exact comparison, they do represent they costs of other Child Welfare Data services available.

While the CFSR measurements could be programmed to be included in the states SACWIS system, the use of this third-party solution is significantly less expensive than the estimated \$300,000 necessary to produce it within SACWIS. There would be significant ongoing web server and OIT administrative services annually as well.

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

The current timeline for deploying the new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) for OCFS began on April 1, 2020. The current workplan is based on an eighteen (18)-month configuration period and a one (1)-month pilot, resulting in an anticipated full implementation in October 2021. The new system will be able to accurately and appropriately manage the CFSR measures which UKCR's ROM service currently performs. OCFS previously expected CCWIS to be deployed and have the required capabilities by the time the current contract expired. However, due to unexpected delays experienced with the CCWIS RFP, OCFS requires to continue procuring the data service capabilities from this outside source. The Department will revisit the status of the CCWIS implementation and resulting ability to manage the CFSR measures prior to the end of the agreement, June 30, 2022, to determine if services can be processed internally.

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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:	11-Sept-20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 <small>Permitted by</small>		
Printed Name:	Laurie Andre	Date:	9/28/2020