

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

DHHS/DCM Contract Administrator:	Patti Wall Shawn Belanger	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	DHHS/SAMH/Jessica Gerrish
Est. Contract Amount:	\$303,020	Contract or RQS Number:	CT 10A 20190903*0703
		Purchasing Maine ID:	
		DHHS Agreement Number:	OSA-20-371
Proposed Start Date:	9/1/2019	Proposed End Date:	8/31/2020
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	Schmidt Institute dba Penobscot County Health Center Bangor, ME		
Short Description of Good or Service:	Prescription Monitoring Program Policy		
Please note, for transparency purposes, Waivers of Competitive Bidding will be publicly posted. Public postings are placed on the Division of Procurement Services website for a period of seven consecutive calendar days.		To be completed by the Division of Procurement Services Posting dates on Division of <i>Procurement Services</i> website: From: <u>10/10/2019</u> To: <u>10/16/2019</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 1020191703	
1. Statutory Justification State of Maine statute (5 M.R.S. §1825-B(2)) allows waivers of competitive bidding only for the specific reasons listed below. Please mark the appropriate box (X) next to the justification which applies to this specific request.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. The procurement of goods or services by the State for county commissioners pursuant to Title 30-A, section 124, involves the expenditure of \$2,500 or less, and the interests of the State would best be served;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. The Director of the Bureau of General Services is authorized by the Governor, or the Governor's designee, to make purchases without competitive bidding because, in the opinion of the Governor or the Governor's designee, an emergency exists that requires the immediate procurement of goods or services;		
	<i>If citing the above justification for this Waiver of Competitive Bidding request, please have the requesting Department's Commissioner or Chief Executive (as the Governor's "designee") sign and date on the right.</i>	<i>By signing below, I signify as the Governor's designee there is an emergency that necessitates this non-competitive procurement.</i> Signature:	
		Printed Name:	Date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. After reasonable investigation by the Director of the Bureau of General Services, it appears that any required unit or item of supply, or brand of that unit or item, is procurable by the State from only one source;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. The purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy, or a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited institution of higher education with a main campus in this State involving: (1) An activity assisting a state agency and enhancing the ability of the university system, community college system, Maine Maritime Academy, or a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited institution of higher education with a main campus in this State to fulfill its mission of teaching, research, and public service; (2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;		
	<i>If citing the above justification for this sole source request, please note that the specific approval of the Governor's Office is required, in accordance with Executive Order 26 FY 11/12, "An Order to Enhance Competitive Bidding". The approval must be documented on DAFS/BGS/Division of Procurement Services "GOVCOOP" form, found here: http://www.maine.gov/purchases/info/forms/govcoop.doc.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$10,000 or less, in which case the Director of the Bureau of General Services may accept oral proposals or bids;		
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$10,000 or less, and procurement from a single source is the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:		

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Please note that the following four points below (#2 through 5) all require a response.

2. Description of Specific Need

Please identify, and fully describe, the specific problem, requirement, or need the resulting non-competitive contract would address and which makes the goods or services necessary. Explain how the requesting Department determined that the goods or services are critical and/or essential to agency responsibilities or operations.

The Department is prioritizing the support of providers that prescribe opiates and other addictive pharmaceuticals. With the goal of improving prescribing practices and supporting the providers/prescribers to adhere to evidence-based practice, the Department seeks to implement a model for multi-disciplinary teams to provide case reviews of patients that are prescribed Opioids and Benzodiazepines. The state is working to improve the system of care for those with Substance Use Disorder (SUD), but also recognizes the importance of provider support to reduce the potential for addiction due to prescribing habits, increase patient engagement and empowerment, shared decision-making around alternative approaches to pain management, etc.

3. Availability of other Public Resources

Please explain how the requesting Department concluded that sufficient staffing, resources, or expertise is not available within the State of Maine's government, or other governmental entities (local, other state, or federal agencies) external to the requesting Department, which would be able to address the identified need more efficiently and effectively than the identified vendor.

The Department does not have the expertise to provide these services.

4. Cost

Since a waiver of competitive bidding is being requested for this procurement, please explain how the requesting Department concluded the negotiated costs, fees, or rates are **fair and reasonable**.

In this technical assistance model, the fees for Case Reviews of prescribing habits that are evaluated by licensed medical professionals are determined by the department to be fair and reasonable based on their level of expertise.

5. Future Competition

Please describe potential opportunities which may be available to foster competition for these goods or services in the future.

The Department does not intend to RFP this service as this is a pilot project.

Please note that only one of the two points below ("Uniqueness" or "Timeframe") requires a response. Requesting Departments are not required to respond to both points.

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6. Uniqueness

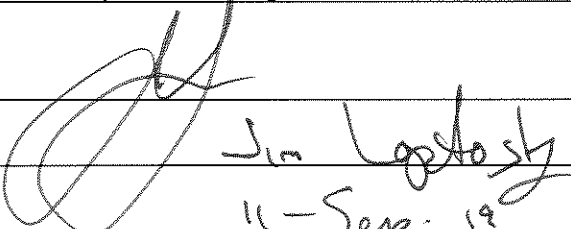
Please explain if the goods or services required are unique to a specific vendor. Describe the unique qualifications, abilities, and/or expertise of the vendor and how those particular unique factors address the specific need identified above. If the vendor has unique equipment, facilities, or proprietary data, also explain the necessity of these particular unique assets.

The Department has identified Penobscot Community Health Center's (PCHC) Schmidt Institute as the entity most properly positioned to accomplish to provide peer-to-peer support for other providers in Maine. Their Controlled Substance Stewardship (CSS) model started in 2013 and has positively impacted prescribing practices in Penobscot and Waldo counties. This model develops an interdisciplinary team that includes family medicine, pharmacy, psychiatry, addiction specialists, social services, etc. that meet weekly to provide case reviews for patient that are prescribed opioids or benzodiazepines. They coordinate care with the prescriber and identify any deviations from evidence-based practice and provide guidance to the prescriber to correct course. The Department intends to contract with the Schmidt Institute to implement this CSS model in other areas of the State.

PCHC is an FQHC and has participated in many of the Value-based initiatives that the Department has promoted. They are a leader in transforming healthcare and are the entity best able to meet the needs.

7. Timeframe (Complete only if B. is the Statutory Justification marked on Page 1)

Please explain if time is of the essence and an emergency exists which requires the immediate procurement of goods or services. Describe the nature of this emergency, provide the date by which the goods or services must be delivered, and explain how that date was determined and its significance (i.e. impact if delayed beyond this date). Also, provide information as to how it was determined this vendor is the best option to address this time-sensitive procurement.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner or Chief Executive (or designee within the Commissioner's Office):	<i>By signing below, I signify that my Department requests, and I approve of, this Waiver of Competitive Bidding.</i>
Printed Name:	
Date:	11 - Sep - 19