

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

Form Instructions: Please provide the requested information in the white boxes below. This form is to precede all contract requests that are not the direct result of a competitive bid process.

Requesting Department's Contract Administrator:	Thomas Bull	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	SOS/BMV
Est. Contract Amount:	\$ 49,000.00	Contract or RQS Number:	29B 20191017000000000478
Proposed Start Date:	11/12/19	Proposed End Date:	11/15/19
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State:	SCS Vasselboro, ME		
Short Description of Good or Service:	New wiring and patch panels in BMV server room		
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>10/25/19</u> To: <u>10/31/19</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:	NOI# 1020191777		
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.			
	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;		
	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:

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X	<p>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;</p>
	<p>D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;</p>
	<p>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:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;</p> <p><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></p>
	<p>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;</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:</p>
<p>Please note that the following four points below (#2 through 5) <u>all</u> require a response.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>The server room at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles houses most of the servers for the Secretary of State office; BMV, Corporations Elections and Commissions, and Maine State Archives. Critical SOS applications needing network connectivity are due for an upgrade to ensure that the essential information that is stored there remains protected and accessible. The project would also ensure that SOS is fully compatible to the ongoing OIT modernization work and would allow optimum benefit from the state modernization project.</p>	
<p>SCS is familiar with the BMV headquarters and has completed numerous important projects on-time and without missteps for a number of years, and is likewise under contract with OIT and other state agencies. SCS has an established and trusted relationship with the state, and they understand the nuances and complexities of working with governmental agencies. It is important that SOS be able to be a part of this contract with OIT so as to guarantee continuity of service. In addition, there are Non-</p>	

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Disclosure statements on file for SCS and its employees; there will not be a need to verify the backgrounds of any new contractors.

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 scope and complexity of the project cannot be handled by government entities due to staffing constraints as well as specific job knowledge needed for the work.

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**.

SCS is a trusted vendor and their quote was in line with other work they have done for the department.

5. Future Competition

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

None foreseen.

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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.


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.

Due to a long-standing professional relationship with the state, SCS has unique knowledge of the intricacies of working on state government contracts and in state facilities; in particular computer and server rooms. SCS has a proven track record of reliability, excellence and knowledge that is essential for this project. The project is expensive and critical to the working of SOS; all driving records and other important information is stored on the servers; it is essential that the work is going to be done well and done right the first time and that there is no risk of disruption to the applications that are relied upon to do the critical work of the department.

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):	By signing below, I signify that my Department requests, and I approve of, this Waiver of Competitive Bidding.
Printed Name:	
Date:	David Lachance 10-18-19