

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	Maine CDC / Infectious Disease and Epidemiology/Lauren Gauthier		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Chris Moiles / Patti Wall		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	CD6-19-5180D		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Orig: \$39,522 Amd: \$29,902 Revised: \$69,424	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20180716*0147
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	Proposed End Date:	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	Effective Date:	4/30/2020
	Previous End Date:	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:	Penobscot Community Health Center Bangor, ME		
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.
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 Hepatitis C, Maine CDC has obtained grant funding from the federal CDC to increase Hepatitis C testing and to

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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.

This purpose of this Amendment is to 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.

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

Healthcare facilities that are Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) are mandated to provide services to these individuals and therefore, have greater access to these high-risk individuals than other health care facilities. Penobscot Community Health Center (PCHC) is an FQHC that operates in Penobscot County (one of the highest burdens of Hepatitis C in the state), and in other counties. PCHC has an addiction treatment program and Medication-Assisted Treatment program for people who use drugs, as well as, an ongoing relationship with three incarceration facilities and reentry centers to provide healthcare to individuals as they reenter their communities. Furthermore, Penobscot Community Health Center already had a Hepatitis C program in place that allowed them to identify individuals at highest risk for Hepatitis C. The provider meets the Department's qualifications for providing this service and is willing to conduct services of this agreement.

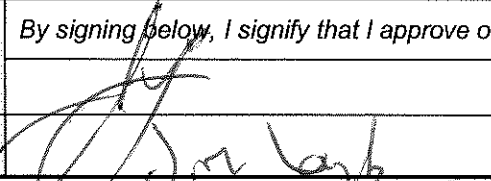
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

Maine CDC determined that the costs will be fair and reasonable for this project. One of the costs that will be reimbursed to the vendor will be staff time, which will be paid at the participating staff persons' current rate. Travel will be reimbursed at 40 cents per mile, which is lower than the State of Maine's reimbursement rate. The purchase of Hepatitis C test kits will be reimbursed at the standard commercial cost of the manufacturer (there is only one manufacturer of the rapid Hepatitis C test).

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

The Department does not intend to competitively procure these services, as the contracts 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:	1-5-20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	41C2BA36FAF44CD... Kathy Paquette	Date:	10/1/2020