

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:		Board of Licensure in Medicine			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Dennis E. Smith, Esq.			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:					
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 36,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:		
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	10/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	06/30/2021	
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:		Maine Medical Association 30 Association Drive PO Box 190 Manchester, ME 04351			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Training and Education on Chronic Pain Management & Safe Opioid Prescribing, Alzheimer's, Duty to Warn, & Death with Dignity			

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.**

Controlled substance abuse and overdoses have become very serious public health problems in the United States and Maine. The number of drug-induced deaths in 2017 was 418.

Recognizing the need for creative and bold solutions, the Maine Medical Association and Quality

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Counts (QC now doing business as Connecticut Peer Review Organization, Inc.) launched "Caring for ME" in 2016, a collaborative effort that brings together a wide set of partners to promote shared messages, educational resources, practical tools for health care providers, and developing a set of activities to provide Maine physicians with practical education, peer support, tools, and resources to effectively manage chronic pain and improve the safety of opioid prescribing. The specific program to be funded is:

Maintenance of Online Educational Modules: QC developed a set of 12 online educational modules with BOLIM funding to address chronic pain management, new prescribing limits, safe & compassionate tapering approaches, and appropriately diagnosing addiction that help physicians meet CME requirements of Chapter 488. In addition, QC has created 3 additional educational modules regarding Alzheimer's Disease, Death with Dignity and the new "Duty to Warn" law. QC needs ongoing support to be able to offer CME and update modules. This includes renewing the authority to grant CME for two of the modules which are set to expire in July 2021.

QC also agreed to create 3 additional Online Educational Modules utilizing the systems and methods that made the past 15 modules successful. These will be organized as a series of 3 one-hour modules that can be completed by health care professionals on their own schedule.

QC will be ceasing all business functions as of 10/1/2020. They have provided no charges against the contract CT2020061100000003867 which was approved for FY21. Maine Medical Association has agreed to employ QC staff and maintain projects created by QC that benefit physicians and physician assistants in Maine.

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

No other local, state, or federal government agencies would be able to address the identified need more effectively than the vendor, Maine Medical Association. While general resources are available on the internet, there is no other organization in the State that is able to provide this type of service that is specifically designed around Maine's issues and the impact of Maine's new laws. As indicated above, staff from the previous vendor will be transferred to the Maine Medical Association and they will house and maintain all of the modules previously created.

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

The Board requested that the previous vendor prepare a menu of potential outreach and education efforts for medical professionals concerning opioid prescribing in Maine, together with an estimated cost for those services. The previous vendor provided an estimate of those costs, which are reproduced below, which the Board concludes is fair and reasonable:

- 3 Online Educational Modules: Total costs: \$22,500
- Maintenance of Online Educational Modules: Total costs \$10,000
- Renewal of CME: \$3,500

The new vendor, Maine Medical Association has agreed to the same terms.

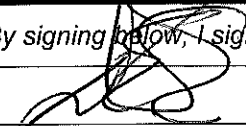

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4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

There is no other program of this nature available in the State, and the board is unable to describe any potential opportunities to foster competition for these goods or services in the future.

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:	DENNIS E. SMITH	Date:	9/21/20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	<small>1DFA565D481F42E...</small> Debbie Jacques	Date:	10/5/2020