

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.

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/OCFS		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles/Ryan Roberts		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		OVP-22-2210		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$12,741,804.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-10A-20210902*0578	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	10/1/2021	Proposed End Date:	9/30/2023
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 Coalition Against Sexual Assault Augusta, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Sexual Assault Coalition		

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.
<p>The purpose of this Agreement is to deliver a statewide service of intervention and prevention programming in response to Sexual Violence and Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation, to address the emergent needs of Victims and to engage communities and institutions in Systemic Change. The Provider shall ensure: 1) Management and oversight of the Sexual Assault Support Centers (SASCs) and the Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) for the terms set forth in this Agreement as well as 2) The provision of quality intervention and prevention services by the statewide network of SASCs and CACs.</p>

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

22 M.R.S.A § 1663. Rules, recognizes the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA) as the state subject matter expert regarding sexual assault and rape.

The Department relies on MECASA to provide services and training that keep field staff up to date and proficient in issues and trends in the field, changes to the criminal code, and other statutory requirements. MECASA also provides training, monitoring and written review of specific quality assurance standards for all sexual assault centers in Maine.

The expansion of the Child Advocacy Centers statewide was a significant initiative for the Department, and it was based on priorities set by the Department and the Governor's Office. MECASA has been the lead partner in the CAC initiative in Maine. It provides all training and technical assistance to each CAC and manages the standards of accreditation for CACs, which has led to two centers being accredited in the last eighteen months. MECASA will also serve as a pass-through for federal VOCA funds to the Child Advocacy Centers and other services.

Working with MECASA is also the most coordinated, efficient, and effective way to manage standards and quality across the State for services for victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, stalking and human sex trafficking.

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

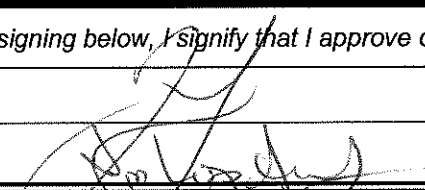

The costs for these services are comparable to costs allocated to providers of similar services within the State and New England.

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

The Department does not intend to seek competitive bids for this service as MECASA is the State's only sexual assault coalition.

The Department is in the process of conducting a victim services needs assessment and the outcome will inform the strategic funding plan for the violence prevention services procured by the Department for a 10/01/2023 contract start date.

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:	26-Sep-21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	6D6437754DD0459... Jaime Schorr	Date:	10/8/2021