



PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

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 intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:		Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Montagna	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$50,000	Advantage CT / RQS #: 20220928*0916
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date: Click or tap to enter a date.
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	10/1/2022	Effective Date: 10/1/2023
	Previous End Date:	12/31/2023	New End Date: 12/31/2023
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Living Innovations Support Services 273 Locust Street 2c Dover NH 03820	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		CRP employment Services (Trial work experience, Situational assessments, job development/placement, job coaching and long-term supports)	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Competitive Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Grant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J. Willing and Qualified

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization

Please respond to ALL of the questions in the following sections.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

In January of 2019 the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) issued an RFP (# 201810200) for employment services for individuals served by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI). Bidders were instructed to submit separate bids for each BRS region (1-5). As a result of that RFP contracts were awarded in BRS regions 1, 2 and 3. No contracts were awarded for regions 4 and 5. Contracts to provide community employment services in regions 4 and 5 are currently awarded to any willing and qualified agency.

Living Innovations Support Services is one of several agencies (referred to as CRPs or Community Rehabilitation Providers) who provide community employment services in regions 4 and 5 to clients referred by Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors (VRCs). VRCs authorize job assessment, job development/placement, and/or job coaching services monthly as needed for clients they refer to the CRP. Clients choose a CRP from among those available in their geographic area. Agencies can apply to become a CRP in regions 4 and 5 at any time. When an agency applies to become a CRP, they are required to go through a review process to assure their services comply with the standards set forth in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Quality Indicators for Community Rehabilitation Providers. **Living Innovations Support Services** meets all applicable standards and staff qualifications; and has been fully approved as a CRP through **December 31, 2023**.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

In July 2023, BRS issued a new RFP (#202305120) for employment services for individuals served by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI). Bidders were instructed to submit separate bids for each BRS region (1-5). As a result of that RFP, contracts have been award in BRS regions 1-5.

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

All CRPs are reimbursed at standard hourly rates, based on the service being provided. Employment services are authorized monthly by Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors depending on individual client needs. As of 7/1/2022, BRS increased rates \$5 dollars per hour to \$40 - \$50 depending on the service.

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

RFP #202305120 has been completed and contracts have been awarded in regions 1-5, which will utilize the model of services currently utilized in region 1, 2 and 3.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)

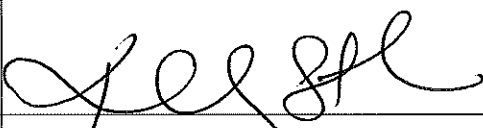
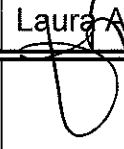
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Laura A. Fortman	Date:	10/5/2023
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i> <small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small> </div>		
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	10/10/2023