

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.

DHHS/DCM Contract Administrator:	Chris Moiles	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	DHHS, MeCDC, OPS, PHEP
Est. Contract Amount:	\$ 62,787.30	Contract or ROS Number:	RQS 10A 2019110400000000592
		Purchasing Maine ID:	
		DHHS Agreement Number:	CD0-19-1320
Proposed Start Date:	05/20/2019	Proposed End Date:	06/30/2019
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	VeriCor LLC 703 Western Avenue Wisconsin, IL		
Short Description of Good or Service:	The Maine CDC, Public Health Emergency Preparedness program has an identified gap in their operational readiness, to deploy medical countermeasures requiring cold chain management. This gap was identified in a formal Readiness review conducted by US CDC in February 2018. The Cool Cube product provided by VeriCor, LLC, meets and exceeds all CDC cold chain requirements.		
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 Procurement Services website: From: <u>11/6/2019</u> To: <u>11/12/2019</u>	
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:		NOI# 1120191834	
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:
X	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;		
	D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;		
	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: (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; (2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;		

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	<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>	
	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;	
	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.	
	If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:	

Please note that the following four points below (#2 through 5) all require a response.

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.

The Maine CDC, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program needs to update our cold chain management supplies. The Medical Countermeasures Program within the PHEP program is responsible for receiving, staging, storing, and dispensing of emergency caches of medications that require the protection and efficiency of temperature sensitive medications such as vaccines and frozen blood products. Packaging and temperature monitoring are critical facets of cold chain logistics. Not having adequate cold chain management will degrade medication efficacy.

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 Department and other government entities do not have the staff, resources and expertise to provide this service.

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**.

VeriCor is providing a 10% discount on the retail costs, since the PHEP Program is a government agency. The cost is fair and reasonable due to the discount provided by the vendor.

5. Future Competition

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

VeriCor is the only vendor to supply commodities, such as those requested. As such, Program is requesting these products from VeriCor.

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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.

A Cool Cube™ at Refrigerated Temperatures is not an ordinary transport cooler (vaccine and medicine carrier). It is an easy-to-carry, qualified container and pack-out system that keeps temperature sensitive product (fresh vaccine, medicine) chilled between 2° and 8°C for over 2.5 days – without using ice or electricity. This cooler is ideal for transport, but also excels at protecting valuable product during off-site use and power outages, regardless of hot or freezing conditions. The VeriCor Cool Cube technology is state-of-the-art and approved and certified by the US CDC’s Vaccines for Children Program for the storage and transport of medication requiring temperature control. The simplified, validated, patented technology is the best compact thermal protection product available to maintain the cold chain.

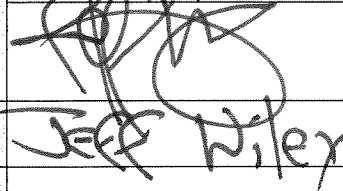
7. Timeframe (Complete only if B. is the Statutory Justification marked on Page 1)

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.

N/A

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:

Jeff Wiley

Date:

5 JUN 2019