

State of Maine Waiver of Competitive Bidding Request Form

DHHS/DCM Contract Administrator:	Nancy Tan / Kristen King	Office/Division/Program of Contract Administrator:	DHHS/SAMHS/Other Residential Supports/Kathy LaVallee		
Est. Contract Amount:	\$134,719.00	Contract or RQS Number:	10A 20190709*0110		
		Purchasing Maine ID:			
		DHHS Agreement Number:	MH2-20-544 A		
Proposed Start Date:	7/10/2019	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2020		
Vendor/Provider Name, City, State	Mount St. Joseph Waterville, ME 04901				
Short Description of Good or Service:	1) Other Residential Supports (Single Room Access and Skilled Nursing) & 2) Community Residential Beds for Persons with Mental Illness				
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.	<p style="text-align: center;">To be completed by the Division of Procurement Services</p> Posting dates on Division of Procurement Services website: From: <u>11/23/2019</u> To: <u>11/29/2019</u>				
Notice of Intent to Waive Competitive Bidding Number:	NOI# 1120191922				
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.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	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;				
<input type="checkbox"/>	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: <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Printed Name:</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Date:</td> </tr> </table>		Printed Name:	Date:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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;				
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. It appears to be in the best interest of the State to negotiate for the procurement of petroleum products;				
<input type="checkbox"/>	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;				
	<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>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	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;				
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	If a different authorization specifically allows for this non-competitive procurement, please provide that reference here:				

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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.

Paragraph 93 of the Bates Consent Decree states that DHHS "shall fund, develop, recruit and support a variety of housing options, which can accommodate varying levels of supportive assistance to clients, according to client need. Some class members will live independently". The Decree also states that "others will need to live out of home in more restrictive environments which are fully staff supported". Finally, paragraph 32 of the Decree states that "Non-Class Members shall not be deprived services solely upon the basis they are not members of the plaintiff's class".

The purpose of this amendment is to add **Specialized Residential Unit with Community Residential Beds** to re-establish payments for the admission and care of PNMI residents who have extensive medical needs, along with a diagnosis of severe mental illness.

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 does not have the 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**.

Other Residential Supports (Skilled Nursing) :The cost per day, is based on the MaineCare rates. This client requires a single room, so DHHS needs to provide reimbursement for the difference between the cost of a single room and double room occupancy. The additional cost for single occupancy is \$17.50 per day.

Specialized Residential Unit: The cost per day was established in a previous contract with Mount St. Joseph's, which ended on 6/30/2018. SAMHS would like to re-establish these payments to support and have control over placement of individuals with complex needs.

5. Future Competition

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

Specialized Residential Unit: Mount St. Joseph's is a unique PNMI facility, which serves clients with complex medical, social, and behavioral needs. Should other facilities be created with similar programming, DHHS will consider engaging in the RFP process.

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.

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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.

Other Residential Supports/Skilled Nursing: Over thirty (30) other vendors were called and this was the only provider, who could provide wound care in a skilled nursing facility. The agency employs RN and LPNs. These credentials are beneficial when considering the amount of wound care that is required and the consequences should the wound not be properly observed.

Specialized Residential Unit: At the Department's request, this provider established the facility and services necessary to move other patients from the former AMHI required a somewhat lower level of residential care below nursing level but none-the-less needed a high degree of nursing care. Furthermore, these residents meet the mental health criteria for placement on these units; they must have a serious and prolonged mental illness that, in addition, has multiple medical needs requiring this intense level of care. Lastly, these units are designed to meet the needs of people with dysfunctional and/or maladaptive behaviors that have not been successfully managed in traditional nursing home units.

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

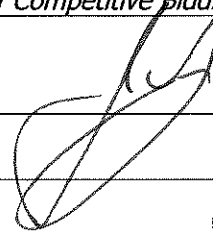
Please explain if time is of the essence and an emergency exists which requires the immediate procurement of goods or services. Describe the nature of this emergency, provide the date by which the goods or services must be delivered, and explain how that date was determined and its significance (i.e. 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.

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:

Date:


 Jim Costello
 18 - Nov - 19