



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:		Office of the Attorney General		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Mark Toulouse/Lindsey Chasteen		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$44,744.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 26A 20210930*903	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	09/01/2021	Proposed End Date:	08/31/2022
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:		National Medical Services Labs, Inc., 3701 Welsh Road, Willow Grove, PA, 19090		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Toxicology Testing for OD2A Federal Program/Grant		

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

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.

The purpose of this Contract is to procure forensic toxicology testing services for the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program. The Overdose 2 Action (OD2A) program will use these funds to improve the timeliness of reporting toxicology data for fatal opioid-involved overdoses. Investigations of suspected unintentional opioid-involved overdoses are done by Maine's statewide, centralized, Chief Medical Examiner (CME) system. All suspected poisoning deaths receive comprehensive toxicology testing (presumptive screens and confirmatory quantitative levels). Initial toxicology testing, for general and designer opioids, can take weeks. This testing will speed case completion and expand the number of cases receiving full testing.

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

This initiative provides funds for toxicology screenings, which are increasing due to an increase in the number of autopsies and the sudden surge in suspected and confirmed drug overdose cases. Both a greater number of tests as well as a more sophisticated level of testing are needed due to the types of drugs, including new "designer drugs", being misused on the streets.

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

RENEWAL PERIOD #3 (9/1/21-12/31/2021)		
CASE TYPE	PER CASE COST	
Full toxicology screen (8052B/U/SP)	\$194	
Full toxicology screen (8052TI)	\$328	
Full toxicology screen (8052FL)	\$328	
Basic toxicology screen (8051B/U/SP)	\$157	
Basic toxicology screen (8051TI)	\$270	
Basic toxicology screen (8051FL)	\$270	
Blood Alcohol Concentration (0170B)	\$73	
Blood Alcohol Screen (0171B)	\$52	
Carbon Monoxide (1002B)	\$63	
Vitreous Fluid testing (1919FL)	\$68	
Designer Opioid testing (1480B)	\$249	
Synthetic Cannabinoids Screen, Blood (9560B)	\$169	
Return	\$0	
RENEWAL PERIOD #4 (1/1/22-12/31/2022)		
CASE TYPE	PER CASE COST	
Full toxicology screen (8052B/U/SP)	\$196	
Full toxicology screen (8052TI)	\$332	
Full toxicology screen (8052FL)	\$332	
Basic toxicology screen (8051B/U/SP)	\$159	
Basic toxicology screen (8051TI)	\$273	
Basic toxicology screen (8051FL)	\$273	
Blood Alcohol Concentration (0170B)	\$74	
Blood Alcohol Screen (0171B)	\$53	
Carbon Monoxide (1002B)	\$64	
Vitreous Fluid testing (1919FL)	\$69	
Designer Opioid testing (1480B)	\$251	
Synthetic Cannabinoids Screen, Blood (9560B)	\$171	
Return	\$0	

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

NMS Labs provides comprehensive, expert testing and analysis for the broadest range of biological and non-biological samples to support coroners, government and law enforcement agencies, medical examiners and others in corporate and legal industries.

- Postmortem toxicology
- Integrated Forensic Services (IFS)
- Novel psychoactive substances (NPS)
- Forensic biology (including DNA testing and body fluid identification)
- Forensic chemistry (including illicit and pharmaceutical drug identification)
- DUI/DUID Toxicology
- General unknownsForensic

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 VI

PART V: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
	<i>Mark A. Toulouse</i>		
Printed Name:	Mark A. Toulouse	Date:	11/9/2021
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Sue H. Garcia</i>		
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Printed Name:	Sue H. Garcia	Date:	11/22/2021