

**PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)**

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Office of State 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:		DHHS - Office for Family Independence		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Shawn Belanger		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		OFI-25-008		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 966,198.05	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 202410160000OFI25008
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	10/1/2024	Proposed End Date:	9/30/2026
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:		Goodwill NNE Gorham, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		SNAP Employment and Training Services		

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 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 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.

Maine SNAP is required by federal guidelines to provide Employment and Training Services for SNAP recipients to assist them in finding sustainable employment. This provider delivers SNAP E&T services in Augusta, Bangor/Belfast, Lewiston/Auburn, and Portland/York County. The Provider will deliver remote services statewide for SNAP E&T participants enrolled at community colleges and other post-secondary institutions and will reimburse approved tuition for SNAP E&T participants. The Provider will serve approximately 200 participants per year through these SNAP E&T services and will deliver federally allowable support services including but not limited to transportation costs, books, tools and equipment, and childcare.

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

This provider has the necessary qualifications and expertise for delivery of this service. Goodwill NNE is already established and has provided this service for the last ten years with positive results.

Community agencies, post-secondary educational institutions, employers, and other entities with Maine locations that have expertise in providing employment and training services may request to be assessed as a Qualified Vendor of SNAP E&T services with the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Potential vendors must be approved by both the Department and by USDA-Food and Nutrition Services. SNAP E&T providers will be required to have an accessible space available to serve the public and sufficient staff resources to provide services to its target population. The Department intends to contract with SNAP E&T Providers that deliver high quality employment and training services leading to increased employment opportunities for SNAP recipients focused on employer recognized credentials and career pathways.

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

The Department reviewed the budgets presented by the Provider and finds them reasonable and necessary to support the training needs of its SNAP recipients who are seeking employment training. The budgets are consistent with prior years. The services will be funded and/or matched by the United States Department of Agriculture- Food and Nutrition Services.

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

The Department will continue to enroll other willing and qualified employment and training providers, dependent upon federal approval and availability of federal funding. The Department does not intend to RFP this service.

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

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

☐ Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

☐ Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.

☒ No – If No, proceed to Part V.

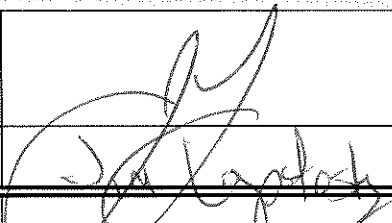
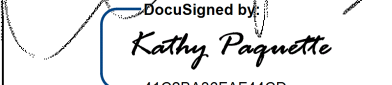
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS Title 5, §18 and §18-A, in harmony with MRS Title 17, §3104.

☒ The requesting department signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	John Lapointe	Date:	23-Sep-24
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	10/25/2024