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SOLICITATION WAIVER JUSTIFICATION AND REQUEST FORM

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED – INCOMPLETE REQUESTS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE AGENCY

1a	Agency Contact Information - Note: Approved copy will be sent to only the contact(s) listed below:		
	State Agency: Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)		
	<i>Contact Name and Title</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
	Dennis Perea Deputy Director	(702)486-7923	daperea@nvdetr.org

Vendor Information:	
Identify Vendor:	Hope for Prisoners
Contact Name:	Jon D. Ponder
Address:	3430 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 350, Las Vegas, NV 89121
Telephone Number:	(702)586-1371
Email Address:	jonp@hopeforprisoners.com

1c	Type of Waiver Requested – Check the appropriate type:	
	Sole or Single Source:	
	Professional Service Exemption:	X

Contract Information:				
1d	Is this a new Contract?	Yes	X	No
	Amendment:	#		
	CETS:	#		

1e	Term:			
	One (1) Time Purchase:			
	Contract:	Start Date:	Upon Approval	End Date: 09/01/2017

1f	Funding:	
	State Appropriated:	Career Enhancement Program (CEP)
	Federal Funds:	
	Grant Funds:	
Other (Explain):		

1g	Total Estimated Value of this Service Contract, Amendment or Purchase: \$ 49,999.00
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	Provide a description of work/services to be performed or commodity/good to be purchased:
	The Hope for Prisoners program will provide workforce training for formerly incarcerated individuals, which facilitates reentry and reintegration services to men, women and young adults who are exiting various segments of the judicial/prison systems.
2	The Hope for Prisoners program targets this specific hard-to-serve population and provides critical skills, specifically workforce services, for which limited providers offer and/or are available to provide. The Hope for Prisoners program will provide these services within the constrained time period, which will provide the requisite services for these populations that are in need of workforce training services so that they are able to obtain employment in high demand occupations and become self-sufficient.

	What are the unique features/qualifications required for this service or good that are not available from any other vendor:
3	The Hope for Prisoners program targets and provides workforce training services to specific populations, as defined above under #2. There are limited providers who offer comparable, but not specific, services and/or are able to provide said services within the constrained time frame and to these specific populations.

	Explain why this service or good cannot be competitively bid and why this purchase is economically only available from a single source:
4	<p>This program currently provides these specific workforce training services to these particular, hard-to-serve populations. The Hope for Prisoners program is an established recipient of public funding from other entities (e.g., the local workforce development board, Workforce Connections; not DETR) via the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) funding. Supplementing program funding with CEP funding from DETR will allow the provider to serve additional formerly incarcerated individuals who are in need of these services to become self-sufficient. This funding would <u>extend</u> programmatic services that this vendor is already providing. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that there are other similar providers in Nevada could provide this service to this particular hard-to-serve population at this competitive price and within the constrained time period. No such other provider could be identified by DETR.</p> <p>It is DETR's intention of providing additional program funding through available CEP funds to supplement this program and provide these services to additional participants who are in need.</p>

	Were alternative services or commodities evaluated? Check One.	Yes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	a. <i>If yes, what were they and why were they unacceptable? Please be specific with regard to features, characteristics, requirements, capabilities and compatibility.</i>				
5	The limited number of service providers that were initially identified are unable to provide workforce training services within a reasonable cost to this hard-to-serve population, that would lead to employment in high demand occupations, and within the constrained time period, thus limiting successful outcomes of these populations.				
	b. <i>If not, why were alternatives not evaluated?</i>				

6	Has the agency purchased this service or commodity in the past? Check One. Note: If your previous purchase(s) was made via solicitation waiver(s), a copy or copies of <u>ALL</u> previous waivers <u>MUST</u> accompany this request.	Yes:	<input type="checkbox"/>	No:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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a.	<i>If yes, starting with the most recent contract and working backward, for the entire relationship with this vendor, or any other vendor for this service or commodity, please provide the following information:</i>			
	<i>Term Start and End Dates</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Short Description</i>	<i>Type of Procurement (RFP#, RFQ#, Waiver #)</i>
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		

7	What are the potential consequences to the State if the waiver request is denied and the service or good is competitively bid?
	<p>The state would forego the opportunity to provide workforce training for high demand occupations to members of the workforce with the greatest need, i.e., formerly incarcerated individuals.</p> <p>Time is of the essence --- the agency's spending authority of CEP funds is limited as the new fiscal year fast approaches. The agency recently learned that tax receipts for the CEP funding were <u>higher</u> than projected, thus resulting in a short turnaround window of opportunity to obligate CEP funds towards workforce training before Nevada's statutes/laws require reversion of CEP funding to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund. Valuable training and services could be provided with this funding through the Hope for Prisoners program, and provide formerly incarcerated individuals with critical workforce services and assist them to become self-sufficient.</p>

8	What efforts were made or conducted to substantiate there is no competition for the service or good and to ensure the price for this purchase is fair and reasonable?
	<p>Research was conducted to identify other service providers who offer training to this hard-to-serve population to identify whether or not there were other providers who met the qualifications of providing specific workforce training that would lead to employment in high demand occupations. That research proved futile.</p> <p>The Hope for Prisoners program provides exact and direct workforce training services that this specific hard-to-serve population needs, and which can be provided to serve this population in the constrained time frame that CEP funding is available.</p>

9	Will this purchase obligate the State to this vendor for future purchases? <u>Before selecting your answer, please review information included on Page 2, Section 9 of the instructions.</u>	Yes:	No:	X
	a. <i>If yes, please provide details regarding future obligations or needs.</i>			

By signing below, I know and understand the contents of this Solicitation Waiver Request and Justification and attest that all statements are true and correct.



Agency Representative Initiating Request

Dennis A. Perea, Deputy Director

11/01/2016

Print Name of Agency Representative Initiating Request

Date



Signature of Agency Head Authorizing Request

Dennis A. Perea, Deputy Director

11/01/2016

Print Name of Agency Head Authorizing Request

Date

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to avoid possible conflict with any equipment, system or process already installed or in place by the State of Nevada or to assist in our due diligence, State Purchasing may solicit a review of your request from another agency or entity. The signature below indicates another agency or entity has reviewed the information you provided. **This signature does not exempt your agency from any other processes that may be required.**

Name of agency or entity who provided information or review:

Representative Providing Review

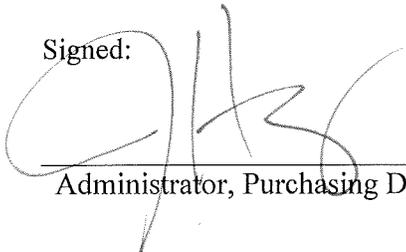
Print Name of Representative Providing Review

Date

Please consider this memo as my approval of your request. This exemption is granted pursuant to NAC 333.150(2)(a)(b)(c), NRS 333.400. This exemption may be rescinded in the event reliable information becomes available upon which the Purchasing Administrator determines that the service or good sought may in fact be contracted for in a more effective manner. Pursuant to NRS 284.173(6), contracts for services do not become effective without the prior approval of the State Board of Examiners (BOE).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Purchasing Division at 775-684-0170.

Signed:



Administrator, Purchasing Division or Designee

Date

11-1-2016