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Purchasing Division

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Approval#:	180608

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: DHCFP		
	<i>Contact Name and Title</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
	Valerie Hoffman, CITM Office of Health Information and Technology Dept. of Health and Human Services	(775)684-4076	v.hoffman@dhcfp.nv.gov

1b	Vendor Information:	
	Identify Vendor:	HealthIE Nevada
	Contact Name:	Michael Gagnon
	Address:	6830 W. Oquendo Road, Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89118
	Telephone Number:	(702)933-7341
	Email Address:	mgagnon@healthinsight.org

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

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

1e	Term:			
	One (1) Time Purchase:			
	Contract:	Start Date:	Upon BOE signature (target 8/14/2018 BOE)	End Date:

1f	Funding:	
	State Appropriated:	\$104,900 - 10% on State and Underserved Facilities projects
	Federal Funds:	\$1,077,300 - 90% CMS HITECH HIT Funds
	Grant Funds:	
	Other (Explain):	\$14,800 - 10% non-federal/grant match on projects for non-State public health

	agencies (WCHD, SNHD).
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1g	Total Estimated Value of <u>this</u> Service Contract, Amendment or Purchase:
	\$1,197,000

	Provide a description of work/services to be performed or commodity/good to be purchased:
2	<p>The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Information and Technology (OHIT) recently requested and received federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) 90/10 Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) funds to connect several public health data systems/registries and Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems for underserved/rural health facilities to HealthIE Nevada. HealthIE Nevada is the only community based Health Information Exchange (HIE) within the State of Nevada. Health information exchange is the services to move health data between disparate electronic health and clinical data systems which provides the ability to aggregate clinical patient information into a repository for care coordination and population health management. By using HealthIE Nevada to provide HIE connections as approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in DHHS's HIT HIE Implementation Planning Document (IAPD) on May 17, 2018 it is anticipated to increase the interoperability of health data and improve the ability of Medicaid providers within Nevada to meet the HITECH EHR meaningful use/interoperability objectives as outlined by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and HITECH acts. HealthIE Nevada will provide HIE connection services which includes project scoping, planning, project management, design, development, functional/user testing, training, and HIE support services for approved DHHS HIE projects.</p>

	What are the unique features/qualifications required for this service or good that are not available from any other vendor:
3	<p>HealthIE Nevada operates the only available community based and comprehensive state-wide health information exchange in Nevada. Developing the interfaces necessary to connect providers state-wide is time consuming and costly. HealthIE Nevada already has many of the necessary interfaces developed and has the infrastructure and services in place to expand the health data exchange network as requested as part of this contract.</p>

	Explain why this service or good cannot be competitively bid and why this purchase is economically only available from a single source:
4	<p>One of the main goals of health information exchange is to have a single state-wide repository of clinical patient information so that providers may access all pertinent patient data from a single source. HealthIE Nevada is the only comprehensive community based data exchange operating within Nevada. HealthIE Nevada currently includes data exchange with two DHHS public health registries, most of the large acute care hospitals, several laboratories, imaging centers, managed care organizations, and providers in both northern and southern Nevada.</p>

	Were alternative services or commodities evaluated? Check One.	Yes:	No:	X
5	<p>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></p>			
	<p>b. <i>If not, why were alternatives not evaluated?</i></p>			

	There are no other HIEs operating in Nevada to evaluate. HealthIE Nevada is the only comprehensive community based data exchange operating within the State of Nevada. HealthIE Nevada currently includes data exchange with two DHHS public health registries, most of the large acute care hospitals, several laboratories, imaging centers, managed care organizations, and providers in both northern and southern Nevada.
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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:	X	No:	
	a. If yes, starting with the most recent contract and working backward, for the <i>entire</i> relationship with this vendor, or any other vendor for this service or commodity, please provide the following information:							
	<i>Term Start and End Dates</i>		<i>Value</i>	<i>Short Description</i>	<i>Type of Procurement (RFP#, RFQ#, Waiver #)</i>			
	08.09.2016	06.26.2017	\$70,888.00	Connection between Nevada Colorectal Cancer Register and HealthIE Nevada's HIE	Sub-grant from DHHS-DHCFP/DPBH to HealthIE Nevada			
	08.15.2016	03.30.2017	\$56,756.00	Connection between State Electronic Health Lab and HealthIE Nevada's HIE.	Sub-grant from DHHS-DHCFP/DPBH to HealthIE Nevada			

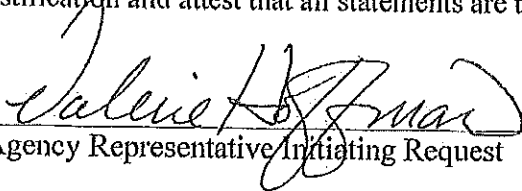
7	What are the potential consequences to the State if the waiver request is denied and the service or good is competitively bid?							
	There are no other community based full service health information exchanges operating within the State of Nevada. The result of going through a lengthy and costly solicitation process when there are no other HIEs in Nevada with the comprehensive connections to acute care facilities, labs, imaging, providers does not make sense. It will delay the start of the project timelines and possibly create further delays due to the need to update the federal funding documents (HIT HIE IAPD) with CMS if the timelines delay more than 60 days from the original approved schedule. This would put the availability of approved state and federal funds at risk and would simply cause an unnecessary delay in the start of this important project while state matching funds and federally approved HITECH funds are still available. The end date for the currently approved HITECH federal funding for the approved HIE projects is set at September 2019. The current end date for HITECH federal grant availability is September 2021. A delay would result in fewer organizations being connected to the HIE and result in lost opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of Nevadans and those that seek health and clinical services while visiting Nevada.							

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?							
	DHHS Office of Health Information and Technology staff routinely work with Nevada healthcare organizations, public health agencies, individual practices, and CMS with regard to health information technology project requirements as set forth by the State of Nevada and CMS. It is widely known amongst CMS and the Nevada healthcare and public health communities that HealthIE Nevada is the only community based full service health information exchange operating in the State of Nevada. The DHHS HIT Team conducted routine calls with CMS project officers to ensure the HIE connection costs provided by HealthIE Nevada are fair and reasonable. CMS reviewed the HIT HIE Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD) several times before final submission and did							

	not express any concern with the HIE connectivity costs as provided by HealthIE Nevada and specifically complemented the HIT team on the well documented and detail of the project planning and cost estimates included in the most recent HIT HIE IAPD. The HIT HIE IAPD document contains a breakdown of costs of each HIE connection, and these costs were thoroughly reviewed by CMS project officers, discussed thoroughly and approved (CMS project officers see comparative costs amongst HIEs throughout the U.S. as almost all states submit IAPDs to CMS requesting funds for HIE connections).
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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

Valerie Hoffman, CITM, Office of Health Information Technology, DHHS
Print Name of Agency Representative Initiating Request

6/21/2018
Date


Signature of Agency Head Authorizing Request

Dr. Julie Kotchevar, Nevada Health Officer, Administrator, DHHS-Div. of
Public and Behavioral Health

Print Name of Agency Head Authorizing Request

6/21/18
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

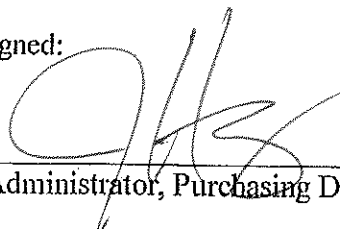
Print Name of Representative Providing Review

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

6-29-2018
Date