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REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE**

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TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Department of Health/Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division  
(Department/Division/Agency)

Pursuant to §103D-306, HRS, and Subchapter 9, Chapter 3-122, HAR, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

**Description of goods, services, or construction:**

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) seeks clinical training and technical assistance to maintain high quality and effective treatment outcomes with Multisystemic Therapy (MST) services from the MST Group LLC., dba MST Services, based in Charleston, South Carolina. The clinical training and technical assistance services are necessary to minimize clinical and administrative drift from the MST treatment model, to further develop the CAMHD with the latest scientific and best practice knowledge in MST, and for MST therapists and supervisors to remain conversant with the MST model and proficient implementers of MST home-based services to youth and families.

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) is a family- and community-based treatment model designed specifically for youth with complex clinical, social, and educational problems. The MST approach uses an intensive family- and community-based treatment that addresses the multiple determinants of serious antisocial behavior in juvenile offenders, youth at-risk of out-of-home placement due to behavioral problems, and youth at-risk of school failure because of behavioral problems.

Name of Vendor: MST Group LLC., dba MST Services	Cost: \$113,763.00
Address: 268 W. Coleman Boulevard, Suite 2E Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-5650	

Term of Contract: From: April 1, 2005	To: June 30, 2008	Prior Sole Source Reference No.: None
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The goods, services, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities:

All of the information from MST Services and the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation for Research Development whether in written, electronic, visual or oral form are proprietary of the MST Services and are disclosed to licensee pursuant to an agreement. The MST Services retains all right, title and interest to the MST information and to all of the intellectual property rights including the copyright in the MST Manuals. These manuals include training and development protocol for therapists, supervisors and clinical consultants.

MST Services is the only organization licensed to provide MST clinical consultation and MST program development, and CAMHD has been the only licensee entity in the State of Hawaii. Without licensure with MST Services, the CAMHD will be unable to utilize proprietary technology to train new staff in accordance with the MST model.

How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work:

The importance of training and consultation is implicated in the Surgeon General Report that stated "program effectiveness depends as much on the quality of implementation as on the type of intervention. Many programs are ineffective not because their strategy is misguided, but because the quality of implementation is poor." The MST model is an evidence based treatment model that has been developed over the past 20 years and had spent over \$10 million dollars researching and evaluating the effectiveness of MST programs. The research and evaluation studies developed the requirements and use rigorous quality assurance protocols and treatment fidelity measurements.

As with all evidence-based treatment models, rigorous program evaluations are fundamental to the development and validation of the treatment model. A recent biennium evaluation report from the CAMHD's Evidence Based Services Committee (2004) found MST to be "superior to individual therapy and...to the usual care in the Juvenile Justice System" in treating disruptive behavior and willful misconduct youth in Hawaii.

The purchase of MST Services will provide CAMHD access to national partners and experts on system development, problem solving, quality assurance and management practice; obtain updated materials on effective treatment; impart knowledge and skills to CAMHD contracted MST providers to achieve high quality outcomes with youth and families; and network with partners in other states to broaden and provide continuity of care in the State of Hawaii. To date, 32 states are licensed with MST Services. Additionally, research on the effectiveness of MST program had identified a strong correlation between adherence to the MST model and positive case outcomes. To maximize the purchasing value of MST home-based services, CAMHD will contract MST Services to train on managing drift from adherence to the MST model.

The following other possible sources for the goods, services, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because:

The materials and consultation services of MST Services are proprietary and it is the only organization authorized and licensed to provide MST clinical consultation and MST program development.

Direct questions to: Arwin Fillman Phone: 3-4210

*I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.*

Chyngne J. Jenkins, MD  
Department Head or Designee

MAR 14 2005

Date

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Title (If other than Department Head)

