



Sole Source Acquisition Request

1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.

AVSS/NET is a vital statistics system used to collect birth certificate data from that local area hospitals.

This request is to renew the software agreement with the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), which is the sole supporter of this product.

2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.

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3. What is the total cost of the acquisition? If an agreement, state the total cost of the initial term and the amounts for potential renewal terms.

The AVSS/NET Technical Agreement is a 1-year term not to exceed \$5,500.00. The AVSS/NET Software Agreement is a 1-year term not to exceed \$3,150.00. The total cost for a 1-term agreement is \$8,650, to include the AVSS/NET software and maintenance.

4. Identify the unique qualities and/or capabilities of the service(s) and/or product(s) that qualify this as a sole source acquisition.

UCSB is the sole supporter of this system developed by the University during the 1980s. They are the only vendor from which to obtain license for use of the system. This system is used as directed by the State of California.

5. Explain why the unique qualities and/or capabilities described above are essential to your department.

The system is being used by the State of California to collect birth data and to generate birth certificates.

The system allows for the transfer of birth data to the California Immunization Registry. The system also allows for the extraction of mortality statistics, including infant and fetal death, which assists the Department in identifying trends and risk factors within community groups.

6. Provide a comprehensive explanation of the research done to verify that there is only a sole vendor that is capable of providing the required service(s) and/or product(s). Include a list of all other vendors contacted with regard to providing the requested product(s) and/or service(s) and indicate their response.

In 1981, the State of California contracted with UCSB to develop an electronic system that allows for the collection, management and reporting of public health paper forms, with special emphasis on vital records. All Local Birth Registration Districts (LRDs) and birthing hospitals in California utilize AVSS/NET. Fresno County has been utilizing this system since 1987. This system is compatible with the State and supports epidemiology reporting requirements to the State. Other reporting options would include returning to paper submittal or the development of a stand-alone system developed by and at the expense of the County. The system also allows access to local data through the Vital Statistics program for the purpose of epidemiological analysis, surveillance, and program evaluation.

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I approve this request to sole source for the service(s) and/or product(s) identified herein.

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