

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
Procurement and Contracts Division

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NON-COMPETITIVE PURCHASE REQUEST JUSTIFICATION

Required for all (non-emergency) sole source acquisitions in excess of \$5,000.00 and sole source service requests in excess of \$100,000.00.

This justification document consists of three (3) pages. All information must be provided and all questions must be answered. **Department Head approval is required.**

Requesting Department Information

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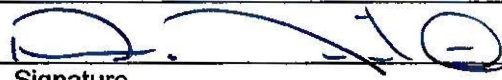
Required Supplier / Vendor Information

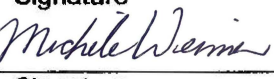
Vendor / Supplier Name: Noble Software Group, LLC	Vendor / Supplier Address: 1320 Yuba Street, Suite 212 Redding CA 96001
Contact Name: Aaron Picton	Vendor / Supplier Email Address: apicton@noblesg.com
Estimated Purchase Price/Contract Amount: \$274,665.00 for three-year agreement effective 11/1/2024	Fax:
Telephone: 979-248-6568	

Provide a brief description of the request, including all goods and/or services the vendor/supplier will provide and supporting exemption reference from Board Policy C-17 - Procurement Policy:

Exemption Section 3.4 2. (f) "the procurement is for goods where the continuity of providers will provide efficiency or critical knowledge, and other providers of the goods cannot provide similar efficiencies or critical knowledge"

Current agreement #6151 with Noble Software Group, LLC (Noble) expires on October 31, 2024. Noble provides evidence-based adult and juvenile risk assessments, inter-rater reliability training, and a lethality assessment tool.

Department Head: 
Signature

Purchasing Agent: 
Signature

Board of Supervisors:	P&C Assignment:
Date: <u>TBD</u>	Assigned To: _____
Item: <u>TBD</u>	Date: _____

A. The good/service requested is restricted to one supplier for the reason stated below:

1. Why is the acquisition restricted to this goods/services supplier? (Explain why the acquisition cannot be competitively sourced. Explain how the supplier is the only source for the acquisition.)

Vendor provides training, access, and use license of Noble Assessment Platform, a cloud-based service. Vendor's software tools allow for the creation of custom forms and assessments by Probation that are instantly available to users, allowing for custom data capture. The Assessment Platform enables integration with current Probation systems and is designed to save time and avoid data entry errors by allowing for single sign-on to the platform, automatic transfer of subject demographic information, and automatic entry of criminal history information. The software is also used for data collection and reporting requirements.

Additional services are an Inter-Rater Reliability Tool which targets needed training specific to individual staff members and a Lethality Assessment Tool for domestic violence offenders.

2. Provide the background of events leading to this acquisition.

Probation has been contracting with Noble since October 28, 2015.

3. Describe the uniqueness of the acquisition. (Why was the goods/services supplier chosen?)

Vendor was founded in 2012 to help improve the way corrections assesses and treats the criminogenic needs of offenders.

In 2015 Probation initially contracted with vendor for access, training, and support for several juvenile assessment tools. Prior to contracting, vendor's products were compared with other providers and was found to be the best combination of reliability and cost. Since inception, numerous other services and products were added: case planning functionality, adult assessments, inter-rater reliability tool, and lethality assessment.

Forms designers and training for all services has also been part of each contract.

4. What are the consequences of not purchasing the goods/services or contracting with the proposed supplier?

The Noble Platform forms, assessments, and case planning tools are used extensively by staff on a daily basis. Probation is currently unable to provide these services internally.

5. What market research was conducted to substantiate no competition, including the evaluation of other items or service providers? (Provide a narrative of your efforts to identify other similar or appropriate goods/services, including a summary of how the department concluded that such alternatives are either inappropriate or unavailable. The name and addresses of suppliers contacted and the reasons for not considering them must be included OR an explanation of why the survey or effort to identify other goods/services was not performed.)

For Probation's initial contract with Noble, effective October 28, 2015, the Contract Request Packet sent to Procurement & Contracts on February 25, 2015, did not require a Request For Proposals and the Probation Department Contract Request Form included in the Packet indicated that Noble's product had been compared with other providers and had been found to be the best combination of reliability, performance, and cost.

B. Price Analysis:

1. How was the price offered determined to be fair and reasonable? (Explain what basis was used for comparison and include cost analysis as applicable.)

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2. Describe any cost savings or avoidance realized (one-time or ongoing) by acquiring the goods/services from this supplier.

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