

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany ALL contract requests and sole source requisitions submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below.

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Marine Science		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Thomas Gildersleeve		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Estimated Contract or Grant Amount:	\$ 12,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-13A-20200113*2065	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		New Start Date:	
	Original End Date:		New End Date:	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
ALL OTHER	Proposed Start Date:	January 27, 2020	Proposed End Date:	April 15, 2020
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Morning Star Fisheries LLC Southport, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Data Services		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request.

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Please respond to ALL of the following questions.

1. Provide a more detailed description of the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

The Department has designed a small research project to test whether acoustic survey methods could be useful in monitoring populations of northern shrimp during a winter shrimp fishery. Morning Star Fisheries will assist in project planning, and perform 8 acoustic survey trips to provide data to identify and quantify schools of northern shrimp. Data analysis will be performed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute under a separate contract.

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

Morning Star Fisheries LLC is the only entity with the equipment and expertise to conduct an acoustic survey combined with local knowledge of the northern shrimp resource in our study area. This vendor has 1) acquired local knowledge by fishing commercially in our study area in the past, has 2) installed an echosounder with associated equipment, and 3) has experience using it to detect northern shrimp in this area through a previous project with GMRI. Morning Star is the only vendor who meets all of our three criteria.


3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The cost reflects eight survey trips made during the winter, collecting acoustic data continuously for about 8 hours per trip, for a total of about 64 hours of data. The cost (\$1500 per trip) is very fair and reasonable, when compared with other data collection projects we have conducted in similar conditions. The cost is lower than it would be otherwise because the provider already has the echosounder equipment installed. The vendor will also be required to attend a prior planning meeting and collaborate with GMRI to be sure the equipment is performing correctly during the project.

4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

We hope that, as more is learned about these acoustic survey methods, they will become more common and the cost of the equipment and software will decline and become more widely available.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
Printed Name:	Carl J. Wilson, Director <small>Maine Department of Marine Resources</small>	Date:	12/26/19
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> Bureau of Marine Science <i>William J.E. Allen</i>		
Printed Name:	<small>20586E39F57E44A...</small> William J.E. Allen	Date:	1/16/2020

NOI 0120200064 01/17/2020 - 01/23/2020