

## State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

### PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Maine Public Utilities Commission			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Harry Lanphear			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		NA			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 20,225.00		Advantage CT / RQS #:	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/1/2020		Proposed End Date:	8/31/2021
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:			Effective Date:	
	Previous End Date:			New End Date:	
GRANT	Project Start Date:			Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:			Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		HIS Global Inc., 15 Inverness Way East Englewood, CO, 80112, United States			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Gas, wind and renewables market research			

### PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

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

	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 INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:

- 1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.**

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Subscription service related to gas, wind and other energy markets. The Commission is not aware of a similar service at this cost. IHS includes:

- Coverage of developments on North America's onshore and offshore wind
- Coverage of North America's Regional Power Markets
- Coverage of North America natural gas markets
- Coverage of North American renewables markets
- Coverage of North American capital costs
- Coverage of US and Canadian Climate Strategies, policies, implications
- Long-term North America gas & power scenarios

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

The energy marketing forecasts and services are unique to this vendor. The Commission has been using these services for the past several years. We rely on the service to stay current on activities in these markets.

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

The cost for these services for ALL PUC employees is \$20,225. This is the same rates offered to other state government entities.

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

See answer to item 3.

### PART IV: APPROVALS

<b>Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):</b>	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<i>Harry Campbell</i>	<b>Date:</b>	<i>1/4/21</i>
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	<i>Jaime Schorr</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	Jaime Schorr	<b>Date:</b>	1/8/2021