

## 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. 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:		Environmental Protection, Division of Environmental Ass., Watershed Unit	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jeff Dennis	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		014-06A-PTSF-14 MLST	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 14,266.22	Advantage CT / RQS #:	06A 20210106*0661
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
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:		Eureka Water Probes, Austin, TX	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Two (2) Manta+30A sonde with 6 probes plus cables, sensor guard, calibration cups, memory, marine connector, software, 3 yr warranty	

### 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
<b>X</b>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<b>X</b>	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.**

The Watershed Unit currently has 2 eight-year-old Eureka sondes with the same compliment of sensors (DO, temperature, pH, specific conductance, turbidity). These are aging out. In addition, as part of the Federal Clean Water Act Triannual Review Requirement, the state has been asked to develop turbidity water quality standards. Maine has very limited turbidity data and is ill prepared to develop such standards. Additional data is needed from a broader range of water bodies under different conditions. In order to collect the need water quality data, the correct instruments are needed.

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

The Watershed Management Unit currently has 3 sondes from this vendor with the supporting handheld field PDA and other supporting equipment (interchangeable with the new equipment). To change to a new vendor would require additional cost to purchase a new handheld PDA and other supporting equipment. The equipment is not be interchangeable with another vendor.

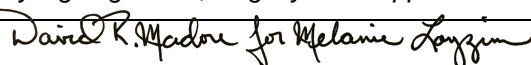
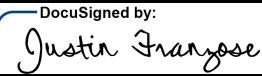
**3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.**

Eureka sondes are consistently lower in cost than the other vendor and require less maintenance.

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

Currently, sondes with multiple sensors/probes are a unique piece of water sampling equipment. There are few vendors who can supply sondes that can be read in real time and can provide a full suite of probes. The number of vendors and availability of this equipment may change as more agencies and organizations embrace this technology. At that time, it may make sense to host a competitive bid process assuming all supporting equipment (PDA, cables, etc) won't need to be replaced.

## 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>	Melanie Loyzim	<b>Date:</b>	Jan 8, 2021
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	DocuSigned by: 		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	AEED9C7B3A8044E... Justin Franzose	<b>Date:</b>	1/19/2021