

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:		Public Safety -Maine State Police – Major Crimes Unit - South	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt Scott Gosselin Amy Gower	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Estimated Contract or Grant Amount:	\$ 12,250.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-16A-20211129*1306
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:	1/1/2022	Proposed End Date: 12/31/2022
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		TLS Forensic Engineering 13-1615 North Routledge Park Unit 13 London, ON N6H5L6 Phone: 519-204-8446	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide expert consultation services regarding biomechanical engineering as related to a recent death investigation. To provide a written report of findings To be generally available for courtroom testimony as related to the consultation services and written report 	

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
X	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Please respond to ALL of the following questions.

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

The Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit responds to complicated criminal events across the State of Maine in order to investigate, document, process, analyze and sometimes reconstruct complicated crime scenes. Crime scenes by their very nature are unpredictable, very complicated and uncontrolled environments. Our unit is currently investigating a complicated death investigation with lingering biomechanical questions and engineering problems that our agency cannot hope to resolve without assistance from outside professional experts in the field of biomechanical engineering.

TLS Forensic is a firm whose mission is to provide clients with objective solutions for their important science, engineering and business problems. The company engineers will reconstruct the accident based on testimony, police reports or on-site inspection and experimentation. Using physics-based accident reconstruction software, their engineers draw on a large database of car and truck physical properties and deformation information to examine the various forces that were at work.

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

The Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit has over the years worked with many vendors, specialists and experts who provide services and are able to render opinions as experts in the courtroom. Our expertise in the courtroom to present major cases causes us to scrutinize any outside expert to provide certain services and then to expound on those services for courtroom presentation. Finding a vendor to provide expertise for biomechanical engineering questions and services can be a difficult endeavor. Finding a trusted vendor, to provide expertise and a reliable product is even more difficult. After interviewing Dr. Jenkyn from **TLS Forensics**, our primary detective is satisfied with his skills, his expertise, his reliability and his expectations. This interview with him allowed us to have the confidence of knowing that this firm can help us resolve the lingering questions and problems in our current case. Providing quality, reliable, trustworthy and confident expert services from a trusted vendor for forensic testimony in a courtroom related to a death investigation is our ultimate goal. Instead of requesting this service from the lowest bidder our unit is more interested in the reliability and trustworthiness of a reputable vendor above consideration for cost.

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

Our unit requested a quote for the for the consultation services. Our unit also consulted with two other firms one who was less expensive at \$9,600.00 for a written report with conclusions. The other firm wanted \$7,500 for the case review and between \$25,000 to \$35,000 for a written report. After our interview with Dr. Jenkyn of **TLS Forensics** we were satisfied that he would be able to help us answer our questions at the mid level rate, \$12,250.00. The money attached to this contract would cover his review and an opinion report. Additional funds would be necessary should his appearance be required in court and his travel to Maine is necessary.

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

Depending on the questions in this particular case which they are able to answer or provide insight and depending on the success or failure of performance and the potential need for additional services of this kind, competition for consultation or services may be warranted or even necessary.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting
Department's Commissioner
(or designee):

By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.

Michael Sauschuck

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Printed Name:	Michael J. Sauschuck	Date:	1/03/21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	<small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small> Kathy Paquette	Date:	1/10/2022






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