



PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Office of State 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 Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	Maine Public Utilities Commission		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Sally Zeh		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	NA		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 309,350	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20241220*1619
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	1/1/2025	Proposed End Date: 12/31/2026
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:	Power Advisory, LLC Concord, MA		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Consulting services for several competitive solicitations: (1) the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program (Northern Maine Program) and (2) the Offshore Wind Energy Procurement Program (OSW Program) for the development and construction of offshore wind power projects.		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Competitive Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Willing and Qualified

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization

Please respond to ALL of the questions in the following sections.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

The Maine Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is preparing to conduct several competitive solicitations: (1) the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program (Northern Maine Program), which consists of two solicitations for: (a) a transmission line or lines necessary to connect at least 1,200 MW of renewable energy resources located in northern Maine, and (b) qualified renewable energy generation projects in northern Maine designed to connect to and transmit generated power using the transmission line; and (2) the Offshore Wind Energy Procurement Program (OSW Program) for the development and construction of offshore wind power projects. Section 3408 requires the Governor’s Energy Office (GEO) to prepare, in consultation with applicable state agencies including the Commission, an RFP for each round of the competitive solicitation. Power Advisory will provide the Commission with strategic and timely support to design and implement successful procurements under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program (Northern Maine Program) and the Offshore Wind Energy Procurement Program (OSW Program). Support will cover all relevant considerations, including best practices and lessons learned from other jurisdictions, whether and how to coordinate with other procuring entities, maximizing regional and federal funding, addressing project-on-project risk of separately developed generation and transmission, design of procurements, resulting agreements, and reporting requirements, and identification and mitigation of risks to both Programs.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

Power Advisory is uniquely qualified to provide this support, with team members having worked on over fifty competitive solicitations. This includes numerous clean energy solicitations including over ten offshore wind solicitations. Power Advisory has extensive experience supporting renewable procurements for other jurisdictions including RFP development, proposal evaluations and contract design, as well as experience assessing and supporting transmission development solutions. Based on this experience Power Advisory has a strong understanding of the procurement frameworks used by other New England states, which will assist in evaluating opportunities for coordination with these states. In addition, in the last two years Power Advisory has assisted the Commission in its negotiations with Pine Tree Offshore Wind regarding the Maine Research Array, heightening its understanding of the Commission and the Maine regulatory environment.

The Commission will begin developing the first RFP very soon, and requires support for both the content of the RFP as well as optimizing timing of release considering numerous factors including statutory objectives, ongoing regional transmission procurement activity and possible multi-state coordination. In addition, the GEO has begun developing its OSW Program RFP. The Commission requires Power Advisory’s services to best support our consultation and coordination efforts.

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

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Costs are similar to other consulting expertise the Commission has utilized.

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

An RFP may occur if more work is needed in subsequent years.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS [Title 5, §18](#) and [§18-A](#), in harmony with MRS [Title 17, §3104](#).

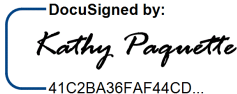
The requesting department signatory understands and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):	<i>Amy Dumeny</i>		
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Typed Name:	Amy Dumeny	Date:	12/20/2024
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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
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Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	1/6/2025
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