



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

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:		Department of Public Safety	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt. Thomas Pickering Starla Dorval	
0(0if applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 24,992.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 16A 20250128*1075
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:		Othram Inc. The Woodlands, TX	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Genetic genealogy casework	

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 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 State Police MCU-Unsolved is tasked with investigating and evaluating Maine’s unsolved homicides. Many of these cases have physical evidence that have been examined for DNA evidence that could be examined by forensic lab specializing in genetic genealogy casework. MCU-U has identified multiple cases that are candidate cases to be sent to a forensic lab for genetic genealogy casework. In the past MCU-U has sent cases for genetic genealogy casework as a “one at a time” due to cost and limited technology. Today with development of new technology and processes in genetic genealogy casework combined with Maine’s several potential genealogy cases necessitate this contract for multiple cases.

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

Othram has partnered with the Maine State Police on past unsolved homicide cases. Othram offers end to end (in-house) processing of forensic evidence. Othram recently provided this service on a Maine unsolved homicide (Mary Olenchuk 1979). The Maine State Police’s past partnership combined with Othram’s proprietary laboratory services(See Below) and exclusive partnerships with Gene by Gene(See Below) make the Othram the only choice for this service. The MCU-Unsolved has multiple cases that will be evaluated for this contract.

Othram developed and exclusively offered Forensic-Grade Genome Sequencing® or FGGS®, is used by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies across the United States and internationally to help solve previously “unsolvable” cases. More forensic genetic genealogy cases have been solved with Othram FGGS® than any other DNA testing method. We showcase more than 300 publicly verified examples of solved cases on our website at www.othram.com.

Othram is also the exclusive partner for forensic genetic genealogy search and analysis for Gene by Gene’s FamilyTreeDNA forensic matching database. This is the largest database in the world consented for law enforcement use to solve violent crimes.

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

The scope of work as defined by the agency in support of the use of Forensic Genetic Genealogy to perform testing on 3 cases. The price per case is \$7,499, which is a \$500 per case savings from Othram’s advertised costs. The proposal includes a budget from processing evidence through the delivery of SNP profiles and database uploads. This cost will include 5 test kits at \$499 a piece. These testing kits are necessary for each case and can take multiple kits per case.

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

The Maine State Police will continue to be open to new vender services and products as it becomes available. Currently, Othram is the only vender that meets our current genetic genealogy lab service needs.

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.



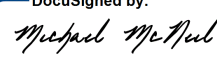
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

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):			
Typed Name:		Date:	Jan 28, 2025
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	Michael McNeil	Date:	2/4/2025

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