



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 \$10,000 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:		Inland Fisheries \$ Wildlife/Fisheries Division	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Elizabeth Latti or Sue Ann Brann	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Agency Department Code:	09A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	2026012000000001566
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$11,885.00	
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	3/1/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 12/31/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Maine Audubon Falmouth, ME	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		The Provider shall provide training, planning, scheduling and supervisory services for conducting a stream barrier survey of the upper Kennebec River.	

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. Higher Education Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization
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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 severe winter storms of 2023 caused significant changes to roads and road/stream crossings in western Maine. As the agency responsible for serving the publicly accessible Stream Barrier Survey data to the public through the Maine Stream Habitat Viewer, there is a vital need to update significant data changes due to these past storm events. The Provider, Maine Audubon, will focus on assisting with revising the survey protocol to reflect current data needs and on training, planning, scheduling and supervising a dedicated survey effort to update survey information for road/stream crossing conditions in the upper Kennebec River drainage in summer 2026.
2.	Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFQ) number if applicable.
	Maine Audubon has been a leader and integral partner for many years on the Maine Barrier Survey Project that has developed and managed the statewide data collection protocol for assessing road/stream crossing for aquatic organism passage (AOP). They have also often planned, scheduled and supervised multiple past Stream Barrier Survey efforts and is the entity in Maine most experienced and capable of carrying out this work. They have experienced staff, existing survey protocols and have successfully completed similar barrier survey efforts in the past so their methods and results are comparable to existing statewide data. Maine Audubon's efforts dedicated to this project will assure a successful survey season and project success.
3.	Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.
	Maine Audubon is uniquely qualified to lead this project, as it has extensive experience with road-stream surveys, having previously hired, trained, and supervised stream barrier survey crews for at least 7 years (2011 - 2018) in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy, The USFWS, and other partners. In addition, Maine Audubon is well versed in Stream Smart crossing principles and designs, having launched the Stream Smart program with partners in 2011, and having since developed a wealth of outreach materials and led numerous trainings for road professionals, surveyors, engineers, and land trusts. Maine Audubon will provide support services for this survey effort to account for a fraction of their staff time that will actually be dedicated to this effort and because they are well experienced in this work, initial preparation and planning efforts to get off the ground are minimal.
4.	Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.
	It will be possible to explore options for collaboration with other professionals if this project extends beyond the current schedule or scope of work.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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) or (026) – 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

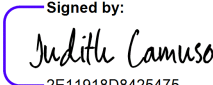
Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS [Title 5, §18](#) and [§18-A](#), in harmony with MRS [Title 17, §3104](#).

The requesting department’s signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.

PART VI: APPROVALS

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee

1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):	Signed by:  <small>2E11948D8425475...</small>		
Typed Name:	Judith A. Camuso	Date:	1/22/2026

2. Additional signature required **ONLY if box E (Emergency) is selected in PART II**. The signature below indicates approval by the Department’s Commissioner, or the designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:		Date:	

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	Signed by:  0AA4C3C8A6C2460...		
Typed Name:	Michael Hartmann	Date:	2/25/2026

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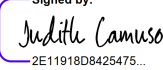
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