



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:		Public Safety – Maine State Police Crime Laboratory	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt. Michael Zabarsky Alexander Gibson	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Agency Department Code:	16A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 16A 20260225*1327
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$20,766.03	
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	1/16/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 1/16/2027
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:		Foster & Freeman USA Inc. 46030 Manekin Plaza #170 Sterling, VA 20166 p: 1(888) 445-5048 e: usoffice@fosterfreeman.com	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Crime-Lite Blue Light Laser for the Latent Prints section	

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 checked="" 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. 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 Latent Prints unit of the Maine State Police Crime Lab uses sensitive techniques with laser instrumentation to identify and develop prints dark plastic bags, paper, and tape. Foster Freeman are innovators in the design and manufacture of systems for the examination of questioned documents, latent fingerprints, trace evidence and shoe prints.

The green BrightBeam laser that was used by the Section is functionally compromised and unsafe; its integrated blue wavelength has already failed and was replaced 6 months ago by the Foster+Freeman Crime-lite 447nm (blue) handheld forensic laser. In addition, the hand control for this laser has been broken for 3-4 years. We've been holding it together with tape and glue, but this doesn't hold long and the wires are exposed. The manufacturer of our BrightBeam laser system is no longer in business and attempts to find a company who can repair it have been unsuccessful, which is why we purchased the Foster+Freeman blue laser last year after the blue BrightBeam laser failed. Foster+Freeman Lasers meet the standards and provide quality results we are accustomed to. The lab can attest to the vendor's product in court following rigorous validation processes.

The Latent Print Section cannot be without a green laser as our most sensitive procedure for processing paper items needs the green wavelength in order to visualize developed impressions. This is considered a critical piece of equipment as they cannot fully or thoroughly examine evidence without it.

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.

Foster Freeman develops leading edge forensic technology providing customers with a high level of technical support, installation and training, which is essential for our lab operations.

This is the only laser (make + model) validated for use by the company that is capable of doing our technical review of cases. In order to validate/test other make/models or even other brands would not only be a laborious and time-consuming effort, but there is no guarantee that other options would pass validation testing in order to comply with our national accreditation standards.

Foster & Freeman is the one company that has the specs we need and the capacity to add the green laser at reasonable industry costs. The design of the laser provides unique ultra-narrowband forensic LASER illumination with best-in-class Crime-lite® technology. The vendor is not aware of any equivalent unit offering this same combination of features including variable LED wave bands or forensic illumination to search, detect, and examine forensic evidence that cannot otherwise be seen. The vendor provides service for this instrument if needed in Maine without foreseeable interruptions in casework.

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

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The cost of goods is consistent with other similar instruments but, unlike other models, the section would be able to use it on casework very quickly and avoid extensive validation processes, which could set the section back months in casework. In this way this exact laser is even more cost effective than other alternatives.

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

If other companies offer competitive pricing in the future for a replacement instrument, a competitive bid process will be undertaken.

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):


[Michael Sauschuck \(Feb 25, 2026 09:35:54 EST\)](#)

Typed Name:

Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner

Date:

2/25/2026

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):


[Michael Sauschuck \(Feb 25, 2026 09:35:54 EST\)](#)

Typed Name:

Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner

Date:

2/25/2026

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Michael McNeil</i>		
Typed Name:	7008796FB36A449... Michael McNeil	Date:	2/27/2026

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