

## 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:	Inland Fisheries and Wildlife/Wildlife Resource Assessment Section		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Brenda Lord, Wildlife Secretary		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A		
Estimated Contract or Grant Amount:	\$ 228,808.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-09A-20200221*2331
<b>AMENDMENT</b>	Original Start Date:		New Start Date:
	Original End Date:		New End Date:
<b>GRANT</b>	Project Start Date:	<b>3/1/2020</b>	Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:	<b>12/31/2021</b>	Grant End Date:
<b>ALL OTHER</b>	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Maine Audubon, Falmouth, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	To monitor migrating shorebirds and manage endangered beach-nesting birds on both private and public beaches for 2020 and 2021 spring-summer-fall seasons		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request.			
	A. Competitive Process	<b>X</b>	G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<b>X</b>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS
Please respond to ALL of the following questions.
<b>1. Provide a more detailed description of the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.</b>
With oversight by MDIFW, Maine Audubon will play the lead role in monitoring shorebirds and nesting plovers on about 25 beaches, negotiating landowner agreements, erecting and moving fencing throughout the season, training volunteers, conducting core outreach activities, coordinating with municipalities and other partners (e.g. MDIFW, Bureau of Public Lands (BPL)/State Parks, USFWS, and RCNWR), maintaining weekly updates on Audubon's website, and producing a final reports.

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## PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Maine Audubon will work with RCNWR staff to monitor and manage Least Tern populations. They will also continue to expand shorebird monitoring efforts. During the breeding season, MA will take the lead to ensure all partners have the information needed to plan their management activities (beach cleaning, predator control, warden patrols).

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

This work is part of the MDIFW ongoing recovery efforts for piping plovers and least terns in Maine. Since the mid-1980s MDIFW has contracted with Maine Audubon to manage plover and tern breeding and nesting areas. Maine Audubon has a long contractual history with MDIFW, working with MDIFW to achieve state recovery goals for piping plovers and least terns for the last 37 years. Maine Audubon has expert knowledge of plover and tern biology, nesting requirements, locations of nesting areas, and information regarding ownership of nesting areas.

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

Maine Audubon has established a volunteer network and landowner outreach program that is an important component of plover and tern management. Dozens of volunteers work thousands of hours monitoring Maine's plover and tern nesting beaches. Maine Audubon has developed over 150 landowner agreements to allow access to nesting areas. MDIFW worked closely with Maine Audubon to develop and submit a detailed proposal and budget including the Maine Audubon staff time needed to accomplish the tasks outlined in the attached proposal. This is a two-year proposal.

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

At present the project described here is a two-year proposal. We anticipate that a detailed strategic plan for future plover and tern management with updated goals and objectives for these species will be developed in 2021.

## PART IV: APPROVALS

<b>Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):</b>	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
	<i>Justin Carneseo</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<i>Justin Carneseo</i>	<b>Date:</b>	<i>2/26/20</i>
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	DocuSigned by: <i>Justin Franzose</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<small>AEEED9C7B3A8044E...</small> Justin Franzose	<b>Date:</b>	3/6/2020