



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  
**DIVISION OF 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 Division of 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 Division of Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.*

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:		DACF / Maine Forest Service / Forest Protection Division	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jenny Stevens	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 10,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-01A-20220325*2212
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	2/1/2023	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2023
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:		Nielsen-Kellerman 21 Creek Circle Boothwyn, PA 19061	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Upgrade fire danger system to align with new national standard	

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.

Maine Forest Service tracks wildfire danger daily. National databases maintained by the US Forest Service and other federal fire agencies have undergone a recent transition to an updated model and Maine's fire danger system needs adjustments to meet the requirements of the new model.

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

Rainwise provided weather station components for more than 20 years to the Maine Forest Service, and was recently purchased by Nielsen-Kellerman. Rainwise built the MFS fire danger system and the state currently has 30 Rainwise weather stations in use.

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

Rainwise/NK has spent a significant amount of time and money on this project getting ready for the new model since the original contract to build the fire danger system was completed in 2017. This new contract represents the final programming work needed to get the system functioning at the new national standard.

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

The Maine Forest Service does not expect to need significant upgrades to the fire danger system after this point, but will continue to periodically monitor the commercial marketplace for any vendors that can match the price and availability of Nielsen-Kellerman.

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



Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

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

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

**PART V: APPROVALS**

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Typed Name:	<small>8F3DD450C23241F...</small> Randy Charette	Date:	3/9/2023
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Typed Name:	<small>EA813178102243C...</small> Joseph Zrioka, Director of IT Procurement	Date:	3/13/2023