



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:	Department of Marine Resources			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Casey Yanos / Amanda Webb			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 8,400	Advantage <u>CT</u> / RQS #:	13A	20230320000000002380
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	4/1/2023	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2023
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.	Effective Date:	
	Previous End Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.	New End Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Maine Coast Fishermen's Association (Ben Martens), Brunswick, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		To facilitate interviews of regional fishers to explore the influence of proposed offshore wind infrastructure on cultural identities of place to understand cultural values, historical context, and local ecological knowledge.		

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 purpose of this Contract is to support facilitation of interviews and compensation of interviewees contributing to the work being done under State of Maine Contract - CT 13A 2022121200000001647 which was set up to explore the influence of proposed offshore wind infrastructure on cultural identities of place through interviews of regional fishers. The Maine research array will be used as a test site to examine the uncertainty of the coexistence of offshore wind and commercial fisheries before offshore wind development is scaled up to a commercial level. In this way, the research array will serve as a laboratory to understand and evaluate social-ecological stressors, impacts, and opportunities. The current and past uses among commercial fishers in the area proposed for the Maine research array will be documented through group and one-on-one interviews. This project will contribute to a broader understanding about the distribution of benefits and risks associated with offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine for coastal communities and the fishing industry. When combined with scientific data, stories may offer a more compelling perspective that is critical for understanding and communicating how socioenvironmental change is lived and experienced and the stories collected through these interviews are essential for our understanding of the overall impacts that Gulf of Maine offshore wind projects may have.

The Provider shall coordinate and facilitate interviews with fishers as well as distribute compensation for their time spent in interviews. The provider will work with DMR staff to obtain all the necessary data. The project team, including Maine Coast Fisherman's Association and DMR staff working on and advising the project, will meet at least monthly to provide updates and get feedback on direction, needs, and timelines. This work will be conducted in collaboration with Casey Yanos at Maine DMR. The work will be done primarily by Ben Martens.

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

Ben Martens at the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association is the named Principal Investigator for this project and is essential to its success. Ben is the director of MCFA and has extensive experience working in coastal fishing communities on questions at the intersection of socio-political, ecological, and economic systems. He has a proven track record of working with fishers in these types of efforts.

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

The negotiated costs are based on the quoted amount for Ben Martens to serve as a facilitator between the interview team and interviewees as well as a compensation rate for interviewees based on previous interview-based efforts of MCFA.

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


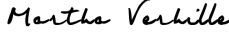
This is a difficult skill to make competitive since it is so specialized and grant funds cannot be obtained with designating these skilled people on the proposal at the time of submission. The recruitment of post docs who assist with this work can be a competitive process.

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):	 Carl Wilson (Mar 28, 2023 13:02 EDT)		
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