



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:		MDIFW – Wildlife Management	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Bethany Atkins, Habitat Conservation Section Supervisor	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 7,500.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	09A-2024031300000002475
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	3/18/2024	Proposed End Date: 12/31/2024
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:		Forest Intel, LLC; Yarmouth, ME	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Third party desktop reviews of appraisal reports in compliance with federal grant award programs.	

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 provider shall deliver "desktop" technical appraisal review services to UASFLA/Yellow Book, USPAP, federal regulations, and contracting and supplemental standards issued by MDIFW. The Provider shall perform all services and maintain all standards and requirements for services provided under this Contract in accordance with the Federal Regulations contained in 49 CFR part 24. MDIFW will request at least 5 appraisal reviews at a cost of up to \$1,500 each.

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

Due diligence procedures for purchasing land require an appraisal of the highest and best use of the property to establish a fair price for the land. Some funding grants require appraisals to the USPAP standard, some to the more rigorous UASFLA standard. In either case, a review of the appraisal is required by an appraiser other than the one that wrote the report, in order to provide a third-party check on the validity of the appraised value and the appraisal report. Forest Intel, LLC is one of the few companies in Maine that has the experience and familiarity with UASFLA standards and review requirements to provide the services the state needs.

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

Forest Intel, LLC has done UASFLA appraisal reports for the state in the past. The per-review price offered is consistent with other reviewers' prices.

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

The state will continue to track prices for appraisal and appraisal review services in the state and negotiate for the best prices for services which meet the state's needs.

### 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):

DocuSigned by:  
*Judith A Camuso*  
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Typed Name: Judy Camuso

Date: 3/14/2024

Signature of DAFS  
Procurement Official:

DocuSigned by:  
*Martha Verhille*  
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Typed Name: Martha Verhille

Date: 3/26/2024