



PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 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:	MEDMR/BMS/Ecology and the Environment		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Ethan Taulbee		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 6,500	Advantage CT / RQS #:	13A 20250228000000001224
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
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:	Reidars Manufacturing Inc. New Bedford, MA 02745		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Purchase of Net Systems Scout Trawl doors for use on Wind Area bottom trawl survey		

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.

These trawl doors are needed in order to conduct a bottom trawl survey in Maine’s offshore research array to develop baseline data on marine resources in the area. This baseline data will then be compared to data collected during and after construction of the wind energy array to provide information on impacts to important marine resources to the state of Maine. This project will allow for additional investigations into impacts of wind energy development on marine resources.

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

This provider is experienced in the manufacture of research survey nets, doors, and related equipment, and has built nets for the MENH inshore trawl survey in the past. The provider is the only company within driving and delivery distance to Maine that currently has a suitable set of trawl doors in stock and would not have to order any from European manufacturers. We have researched both new and used options for trawl doors over the past 2 months, and this the only option that is both currently available and ideal to pair with our sampling net.

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

This vendor is providing these doors at the cost of \$6200, with \$300 service charge for welding Simrad PX sensor cans to the doors, which are vital to our operations. In comparison to other doors that are the closest in size to these from another company we contacted (Trawlworks), this is a \$1000-\$1500 reduction in cost compared to other sets of available doors.

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

If replacement trawl doors are needed in the future, we will exhaustively explore options for trawl doors at that time. We would likely be needing the exact same set of doors in the future, so we would explore the most cost-effective option possible that could provide this door, or one very similar to it in size and performance.

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) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.

No – If No, proceed to Part V.


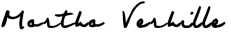
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

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 signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	 Carl Wilson (Feb 28, 2025 16:05 EST)		
Typed Name:	Carl Wilson, Director	Date:	2/29/2025
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  891CE7A1493D45B...		
Typed Name:	Martha verhille	Date:	3/20/2025

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