



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:	Transportation/Project Development/Materials Testing		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Richard Bradbury		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 21,150.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS20250320000000001335
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	2/17/2025	Proposed End Date: 12/31/2025
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:	Anton Paar USA, Inc. (VS0000021687) 10215 Timber Ridge Drive Ashland, VA 23005		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Service Agreement with manufacturer for Dynamic Shear Rheometer laboratory testing equipment to include preventive maintenance and calibration		

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 MaineDOT Central Laboratory’s Dynamic Shear Rheometers (DSRs) are critical pieces of laboratory testing equipment used to verify PG Asphalt Binder (PGAB) materials used in highway construction. PGAB is a major component of asphalt pavement in which the MaineDOT invests many millions of dollars each year. To ensure accuracy of results and to maintain required laboratory accreditation, it is necessary for this equipment to be properly maintained and calibrated

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

Calibration and maintenance of a DSR requires specialized instrumentation and expertise which is not possessed by any agency or personnel in the public sector. The instrument manufacturer is uniquely qualified to perform calibration and maintenance.

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

The cost of this service agreement is comparable to the cost of agreements we have had with other vendors for similar laboratory testing equipment.

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

The MaineDOT laboratory works with a variety of vendors for equipment calibration services and has changed working relationships as required based upon performance, customer service and cost. Because a DSR is such a specialized piece of equipment the vendors available to perform service and calibration of it are extremely limited and not much can be done on our part to foster competition.

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.


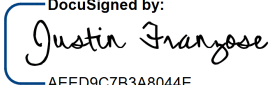
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

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):			
Typed Name:	William Pulver, C.O.O.	Date:	3-3-2025
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	Justin Franzose	Date:	3/25/2025