



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$10,000 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:		DPS – Maine State Police – Computer Crime Unit	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt. Jason Richards Alexander Gibson	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Agency Department Code:	16A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 20260318*1473
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$112,432.11	
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	6/7/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 6/6/2027
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Carahsoft Tech – Magnet Forensics VS0000001288 Reston, VA 20190	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Griffeye License renewal and GrayKey License	

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. Higher Education 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.	Magnet Forensics provides a suite of software that encompasses many of the primary forensic tools used by the Maine State Police Digital Forensics Laboratory (and the vast majority of computer forensic units throughout law enforcement). Magnet Forensics is the provider of this proprietary software. The annual Maintenance Support Renewal Program supports the software providing upgrades and operational support.
2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFQ) number if applicable.	Carahsoft MA 18P 180226*92 ends 9/15/2026. This quote is for services until 6/6/2027, and so was advised to create RQS for BPO, per Procurement. RQS referenced in Part I.
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	Carahsoft MA 18P 180226*92 ends 9/15/2026. This quote is for services until 6/6/2027, and so was advised to create RQS for BPO, per Procurement. RQS referenced in Part I.
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	Competitive procurement will be utilized for future goods/services.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)	
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, ARPA funds (025) or (026) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If No, proceed to Part V.	

PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE	
<i>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.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The requesting department’s signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.	

PART VI: APPROVALS

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee


1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Michael Saushuck, Commissioner	Date:	

2. Additional signature required **ONLY if box E (Emergency) is selected in PART II**. The signature below indicates approval by the Department's Commissioner, or the designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:		Date:	

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	Signed by:  <small>846CA172C64B487...</small>		
Typed Name:	Lauren Moumouris, IT Procurement Systems Analyst	Date:	3/27/2026