



## PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

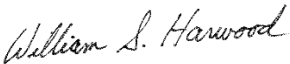
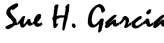
This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

*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:	Office of the Public Advocate		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	William S. Harwood, Public Advocate		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	Docket 2022-00038, PUC Investigation of CMP Management Issues		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 40,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20220323000000002190
<b>CONTRACT</b>	Proposed Start Date:	<b>4/15/2022</b>	Proposed End Date: <b>4/30/2023</b>
<b>AMENDMENT</b>	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:
<b>GRANT</b>	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	John Fillyaw Norwalk, CT		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Expert consultant services for Public Utilities Docket 2022-00038, Investigation of Central Maine Power Management Issues.		

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 Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) requires an expert to perform technical review of issues relating to Avangrid's relationship with Central Maine Power, make discovery requests, present opposing testimony and related tasks pursuant to Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2022-00038.			
2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.			
The OPA is authorized by statute (35-A M.R.S. ch. 17) to present the interests of the ratepayers of Maine's regulated utilities before the Public Utilities Commission.			
The selected vendor has extensive experience in assisting clients in numerous similar instances in which identification and review of documents stored electronically is required. The selected vendor has been involved in advising businesses in securely storing sensitive electronic data.			
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.			
The vendor's hourly rate compares favorably to other expert witness consultants that the Office has engaged in similar cases.			
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.			
The Office of the Public Advocate routinely puts contracts for expert consulting services for proceedings before the Maine PUC out to bid through the competitive RFP solicitation process. In this instance, the experience of the vendor, the reasonable price offered by the vendor, the lack of availability of other vendors contracted by the OPA, and the need to retain the consultant quickly supported the use of a single source contract in this instance.			
PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)			
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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):			
Typed Name:	William S. Harwood	Date:	3/24/2022
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	E5DB92AC0F8D490... Sue H. Garcia	Date:	4/7/2022