



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 \$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:		DAFS/OIT/Security Services		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Nathan Willigar		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 85,037.69	Advantage CT/RQS #:	RQS 18B 20250401*1409
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	<b>3/25/2025</b>	Proposed End Date:	6/26/2026
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:		DC Consulting Services LLC, 55 Temple PLC, STE 5 Boston, MA 02111		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Trellix/Thrive Support Renewal		

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.

In today’s rapidly evolving threat environment, bad actors exploit zero-day vulnerabilities and use specially crafted malware to bypass traditional anti-virus software. The State’s endpoint strategy modernizes how we manage our users’ PCs, enabling efficient distribution of software updates that combat software vulnerabilities, whether in the office or working from home. We deploy Trellix Mvision Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) and Antivirus (AV) software to better protect our users from modern malware. EDR software can detect and alert the MaineIT Security Operations Center when it observes odd or unexpected behavior from a PC or server, even when the exact method used to attack and exploit the device is not widely known to the cybersecurity community.

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

The State of Maine uses Trellix Mvision to protect its client/citizen information and data assets. The software is loaded on Executive Branch laptops, desktops, servers, and tablet computers. The software traps and helps prevent computer viruses and malware. The State needs to continue to use the software to protect citizen data.

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

No change in vendor. Renewing McAfee Mvision support (Thrive Essential Success plan) for 15 months. The software is already deployed and requires enterprise support to continue protecting the State of Maine. This is the best value for the State as it’s \$10,000.00 less than going through our VAR.

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

In the future, the Information Security Office will look for opportunities for this type of good and may compete the software through the State’s participation in shared contract participating addendums.

**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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, ARPA funds (025) – 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**

*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):	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">DocuSigned by:</p> <p style="font-size: large; margin: 0;"><i>Nicholas Marquis</i></p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">A29C99359A37464...</p> </div>		
Typed Name:	Nicholas Marquis, <i>Chief Information Officer</i>	Date:	4/1/2025
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">DocuSigned by:</p> <p style="font-size: large; margin: 0;"><i>Joseph Zrioka</i></p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">EA813178102243C...</p> </div>		
Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, <i>Director of IT Procurement</i>	Date:	4/1/2025