



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:		Maine Judicial Branch, Administrative Office of the Courts	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jeremy Gray	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Agency Department Code:	40A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20260407*2078
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$10,400.00	
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	<b>4/6/2026</b>	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 7/31/2026
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:		SW Cole Engineering INC, Bangor, ME	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Provide additional geotechnical engineering services for SCJC project in Skowhegan.	

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.

<b>PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</b>	
1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.	
	The site development phase of the Somerset County Judicial Center (SCJC) project has identified additional land to be developed for parking. Geotechnical engineering services are required to support development of this ~0.28 acre parcel.
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.	
	SW Cole is on the DAFS PQVL for geotechnical engineering, and they have provided similar services on the project already under the direction of the Architect, WBRC.
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	
	The costs are comparable for similar work done previously on the project and in line with industry expectations.
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	
	Future services of this type will use vendors from the PQVL to assure the vendor is vetted and costs are reasonable.


<b>PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS &amp; RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)</b>	
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.	

<b>PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE</b>	
<i>Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS <a href="#">Title 5, §18</a> and <a href="#">§18-A</a>, in harmony with MRS <a href="#">Title 17, §3104</a>.</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

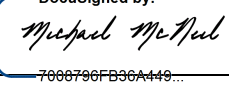
1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	 <small>DocuSigned by: Connor Smith 755E066E9C634D0</small>		
Typed Name:	Connor Smith	Date:	4/8/2026

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:	 <small>DocuSigned by: Michael McNeil 7008796FB36A449...</small>		
Typed Name:	Michael McNeil	Date:	4/8/2026

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