

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

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 website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		MDIFW/Bureau of Resource Management/Wildlife			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Bethany Atkins			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:					
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$64,674	Advantage CT / RQS #:	09A 20200423* 2974		
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	4/22/2020	Proposed End Date:	12/31/2020	
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:		Strout & Payson, PA (Esther Bernhart, attorney) Rockland, ME 04841 Escrow agent for Georges River Land Trust			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Under a pass-thru grant from the USFWS, Georges River Land Trust (GRLT) is acquiring the Cousens parcel located in South Thomaston, ME for purposes of habitat protection and public access.			

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
x	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:

- Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

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GRLT is acquiring the 37.4-acre Cousens Lot located in South Thomaston, Maine (Map 17, Lot 11-2). This property will protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and will allow for recreational access by the public. GRLT was awarded funds from the USFWS Coastal Wetland Program under grant agreement F17AP00109 to compete this transaction. MDIFW, as the state agency, is required to administer these federal funds and pass them thru to GRLT.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

N/A. The property has been evaluated by GRLT, MDIFW, and USFWS for its uses for habitat protection and public recreation. It is owned by a single, private landowner.


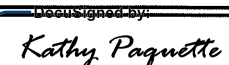
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The land value was determined by a certified General Appraiser and an appraisal report to USFLA standards was produced. That appraisal was reviewed by a third-party appraiser to make sure the report and valuation meets professional standards.

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

N/A. The property is owned by a single, private landowner and was evaluated and selected for its unique habitat and public access resources.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
Printed Name:	Judith Camuso	Date:	4/23/20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>Deauthorized by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	5/27/2020