

## 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:	Marine Resources/Marine Science/Bio Monitoring and Assessment/Landings Program		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Robert B. Watts II		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 28,380	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT13A 20191204000000001758
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	12/13/2019	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	11/30/2021	New End Date: 1/31/2022
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Bluefin Data LLC/ VC1000009360/Prairieville, LA 70769		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Creation of harvester reporting application for industry to report landings information to fulfill mandatory reporting requirements. Technology is now available to allow this program to communicate with third party trackers that will eventually be required by offshore fishing vessels. The ability of this program to communicate with third party trackers will provide fisheries managers with precise harvest location data currently not available but needed. These required modifications will increase the amount of programming required to meet the specifications outlined in the original RFP.		

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
X	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
	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:

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

Since the contract with Bluefin was finalized, there has been push from fisheries managers to improve the collection of spatial data. With the issues surrounding wind farms and right whales at the forefront, there has been talk of requiring harvesters fishing in federal waters to require some kind of tracking device on their vessels. This amendment would allow the DMR to have Bluefin Data LLC incorporate a third party trackers data to be linked to a harvesters trip reported created in the VESL application being built. The linking of tracking data to a harvesters fishing trip report would allow fisheries managers to have a better understanding of where a harvester is fishing by providing them with the entire area fished and not just a single point. This amendment will allow Bluefin to create the API to talk to the tracker, link a harvesters tracker via Bluetooth for easy installation/connection to the program and create the connection to submit tracker data to the same data repository that the harvester reports are being submitted to (Atlantic States Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program).

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

Bluefin Data LLC is the contractor selected to build the program and are currently in process of building this program. The vendor is best suited to make the changes to their program being built.

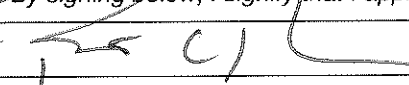
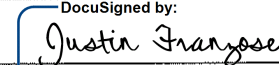
**3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.**

The funding amount matches the rates they quoted during their successful RFP process. These rates are based on their standard funding costs and were found to be acceptable during their RFP review.

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

The software being developed by Bluefin Data LLC is custom built software and our contract with Bluefin will continue until we no longer need the software.

### PART IV: APPROVALS

<b>Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):</b>	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
<b>Printed Name:</b>	Patricia C. Keller	<b>Date:</b>	5/8/21
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<small>AEE9C7B3A8044E...</small> Justin Franzose	<b>Date:</b>	5/10/2021