

**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:		Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Diana Harper	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 17,230.46	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RSQ-09A-20220517*1353
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	5/1/2022	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2022
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:		Wildlife Acoustics, Maynard, MA	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		SM4 ultrasonic bat recorders, GPS modules for the SM4 bat recorders, echo meters, and microphones (Q-200584)	

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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.

All 8 of Maine's bat species are considered Species of Greatest Conservation Need, with 3 species (northern long-eared bat, little brown bat, and eastern small-footed bat) being listed on the Maine State Endangered Species list. The northern long-eared bat is also listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, with the little brown bat and tri-colored bat currently under review for federal listing. Due to the continued threat of White Nose Syndrome, and increasing threats of development, climate change, and increasing wind energy development, it's imperative that we monitor our bat populations.

Wildlife Acoustic's SM4 acoustic bat detector is widely considered one of the highest quality bat detectors on the market. Our current inventory of detectors is mostly composed of SM4 units. For consistency for surveyors (to avoid confusion and mistakes during set up) it's best to continue using the same brand of detector. Furthermore, the equipment will be purchased using funds acquired through a grant that specified that SM4's would be purchased through Wildlife Acoustics.

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

Bat equipment and components are compatible with previously purchased equipment, and the grant funding the purchase specified the brand of units that we would purchase. Wildlife Acoustics is the sole provider of SM4 bat detectors and associated equipment and are willing to sell them at the stated price.

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

MDIFW has reviewed the cost of other similar equipment and determined that the cost is fair and reasonable. Wildlife Acoustics is the sole provider of SM4 bat detectors and associated equipment which is the equipment stipulated in the grant. **The grant also stipulates that the equipment must be ordered before June 1, 2022.** The funding for this purchase comes from a grant from the Wildlife Management Institute.

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

MDIFW will continue to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of SM4's and other bat detectors to make sure future purchases provide quality equipment at reasonable cost.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?


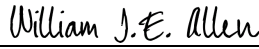
Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

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Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	 Timothy Peabody (May 25, 2022 11:59 EDT)		
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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	2D5B6E39F57E44A... William J.E. Allen	Date:	5/25/2022

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