PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) <u>over \$5,000</u> 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:			Dept. of Public Safety – Maine State Crime Lab				
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:			Lt. Michael Zabarsky Iris Rogers				
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			N/A				
Amount: \$ 8,962 (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 8,962.2	20	Advantage CT / RQS #:		RQS 16A 20240523*1691	
CONTRACT	Proposed Sta	art Date:	3/15/20	Proposed End		Date:	3/14/2025
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:				Effective Date:		
	Previous End Date:				New End Date:		
GRANT	Project Start Date:		10/1/2023		Grant Start Date:		10/1/2023
	Project End Date:		9/30/2025		Grant End Date:		9/30/2025
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Agilent Technologies, Inc. VC100000899					
		Wilmington DE 19808-1610					
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Chemistry service for GCMS Instrument					

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION					
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)					
	A. Competitive Process	\boxtimes	G. Grant		
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed		
\boxtimes	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		

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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.

The Maine State Police Crime Laboratory is an accredited lab. Its Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GCMS) is the one and only instrument used to analyze fire debris for the presence of accelerants in arson cases. When the instrument goes down for any reason the fire debris backlog grows. It is crucial to have the resources to address and resolve issues with both the instrument and related software in a timely manner. This service contract will provide prompt in-person service by an Agilent engineer intimately familiar with our GCMS. There will be no need to worry about costs associated with travel, labor, or parts needed for any repairs. Additionally, this contract includes an annual preventive maintenance visit, a crucial service.

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

As this is an Agilent designed and manufactured GCMS, it is best repaired and maintained by an Agilent engineer. These specialists have the most experience with this proprietary instrument and are best equipped to conduct timely repairs with the appropriate Agilent supplied parts.

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

Agilent negotiated a substantial reduction in price for a better service/maintenance plan. Their rates appear considerate and reasonable and helpful for this Lab to meet our grant and state budget needs.

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

We do not anticipate any changes as long as we use this instrument evidence examination and analysis at the Lab.

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).
☐ Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal
agencies.
⊠ No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: APPROVALS					
The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.					
Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	Michael Sauschuck (May 23, 2024 17:18 EDT)	_			
Typed Name:	Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner	Date:			
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: Meegacl Me Nul				

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Typed Name:	Michael McNeil	Date:	5/31/2024

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