



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 \$5,000 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:		Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Tegwin Taylor, Wildlife Health Biologist		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$89,988.67	Advantage CT / RQS #:	09A-20250514000000002686
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	5/19/2025	Proposed End Date:	5/29/2026
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:		USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services, St. Louis, MO		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Wildlife sample collection for PFAS surveillance		

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. 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.

As part of the State of Maine's PFAS response, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has been lethally sampling wildlife (primarily white-tailed deer and wild turkeys) for PFAS tissue analysis to assess the potential risk to hunters through consumption of PFAS-contaminated wild game. IFW's earlier work has resulted in consumption advisory areas in parts of Fairfield and Unity. IFW plans to sample additional deer and other wildlife species in other locations across the state to determine if additional PFAS consumption advisories are warranted. This will require lethally sampling wildlife during times of the year when they are seasonally distributed and consuming forage similar to what hunters will encounter during established hunting seasons. Most of the sample collection will occur intermittently from late spring through early fall.

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

USDA APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) is uniquely qualified to provide program support, equipment, traps and staffing. WS has access to a nationwide network of specialists working with a variety of wildlife species. They have specialized expertise lethally collecting wildlife in both rural and urban settings, and their staff are trained in biological sample collection. Lethally removing wildlife requires a diverse set of specialized skills to be effective. Considering the variety and breadth of need, WS is the most feasible entity to work with for IFW's PFAS surveillance.

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

As stated above, WS has the total all-around expertise for working with Maine's wildlife, including in populated urban areas. WS has provided IFW with a reasonable budget of personnel compensation, supplies and equipment to conduct wildlife sample collection

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

If we become aware of another vendor that has the expertise and equipment to complete the required work, we will establish a competitive process to select the most qualified vendor and competitive pricing.

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: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS [Title 5, §18](#) and [§18-A](#), in harmony with MRS [Title 17, §3104](#).

☒ The requesting department signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting
Department's Commissioner
(or designee):

DocuSigned by:

Judith Camuso

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Typed Name:

Judith A. Camuso

Date:

5/14/2025

Signature of DAFS
Procurement Official:

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Martha Verhille

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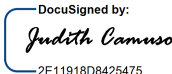
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