



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:		Public Safety – Maine State Police Crime Laboratory	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt. Michael Zabarky Alexander Gibson	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 50,522.06	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 16A 20250514*1707
<b>CONTRACT</b>	Proposed Start Date:	5/1/2025	Proposed End Date: 5/31/2025
<b>AMENDMENT</b>	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:
<b>GRANT</b>	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Arrowhead Forensics, Inc. VC0000112625 11006 Strange Line Road Lenexa, Kansas 66215	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Arrowhead Forensics FSIS-CSE (Full Spectrum Imaging System Crime Scene Examiner) mobile crime scene/ evidence imaging device.	

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 checked="" 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.

The FSIS-CSE (Full Spectrum Imaging – Crime Scene Examiner) system is a one-of-a-kind high-resolution imaging system, designed with the same capabilities as the larger FSIS lab system with the additional capacity for mobility, making it an invaluable tool for crime scene investigators in the field. The system captures full color high-resolution images across a wide spectrum to enable detection and documentation of latent fingerprints, biological stains, chemical traces, pattern evidence and trace evidence.

The compact portable design of the FSIS-CSE greatly increases efficiency for on-scene investigators, enabling rapid evidence documentation in dynamic and/or emergency scenarios. It is the only digital evidence imaging system compatible with AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System), the nationally accredited fingerprint database currently contracted and integrated for use by the State of Maine. This particular instrument has been used by other law enforcement agencies nationwide and proven to increase Latent Print recovery by up to 53%, thereby greatly increasing the likelihood evidence will be preserved for successful use throughout the criminal justice process. Arrowhead’s patented one-of-a-kind software is the only digital evidence imaging system certified for curved surface imaging, allowing fast/efficient capture of objects such as casings and knife handles, greatly decreasing processing time and eliminating depth-of-field issues.

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

The FSIS-CSE is a patented system with unique full spectrum imaging and curved surface software capabilities, not offered by any other vendor on the market. Full spectrum imaging can detect and preserve a much wider variety of evidence as opposed to a partial spectrum instrument. It captures evidence in true color, aiding in court presentation and analysis. Full spectrum imaging also eliminates evidence contamination, a leading cause of evidence loss, common during the collection process.

An RFI issued on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, confirmed no comparable alternatives. Arrowhead Forensics is a trusted company and leading distributor for forensic equipment, known for its superior products, training, and customer support. The FSIS-CSE integrates well with the existing equipment and workflows used by the Maine State Police.

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

The cost is fair and reasonable when compared to other similar forensic imaging systems. For example, the Foster & Freeman Crime-lite AUTO costs around \$90k-\$110k for the device alone. Other instruments on the market do not offer full spectrum and curved surface capabilities, therefore the FSIS-CSE is uniquely designed to meet the ERT’s operational requirements, confirming that the cost is competitive for its advanced capabilities.

The funding for this instrument is reserved via the Jared Golden funds allotment, with the goal of technological modernization of public safety, prioritizing innovative tools to enhance law enforcement capabilities.

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

In the future when it is necessary to procure a new digital imaging system for forensic evidence collection in the field, the procurement team will seek to use RFI's and/or research and/or RFQ's in an effort to identify viable alternative vendor options and promote a competitive bidding process.

**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):			
Typed Name:	Michael Sauscuck, Commissioner	Date:	5/14/2025
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 <small>DocuSigned by: Joseph Zrioka EAB13178102243C</small>		
Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, IT Procurement Director	Date:	5/22/2025






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