

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany ALL contract requests and sole source requisitions submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below.

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Public Safety -Maine State Police - Crime Laboratory	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt Michael Zabarsky Amy Gower	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Estimated Contract or Grant Amount:	\$ 49,130.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS-16A-20210107*0665
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		New Start Date:
	Original End Date:		New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date: 1/1/2019
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date: 6/30/2021
ALL OTHER	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Promega Corporation 2800 Woods Hollow Road Madison, WI 53711 Danielle Brownell Danielle.brownell@promega.com 608-274-1181 ext. 1658	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		AS8500 Maxwell® RSC 48 System	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request.

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
X	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Please respond to ALL of the following questions.

- 1. Provide a more detailed description of the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.**

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Our lab proposes to purchase an automated DNA extraction instrument. This instrument is expected to increase our ability to conduct up to 48 extractions at once and will make the DNA unit more efficient and reliable over the current manual extraction process. By purchasing the DNA extraction robotics our lab moves toward a more automated process whereby extractions are completed using AI technology thereby minimizing the potential for human error or contamination.

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

The Maine State Police Crime Lab is looking to purchase the DNA extraction robotics from the same trusted vendor as our DNA analysis kits.

Our lab hopes to purchase the robotics from this vendor in an effort to obtain the same kind of equipment designed by the same vendor who manufactures our DNA processing reagents. By using this same vendor, we are able to use already established trusted relationships in support of our instrument validation process, training, technical support and resources that can only come with the benefit of using a trusted partner.

By using this trusted vendor, the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory is able to use these already established trusted relationships for system upgrades, vendor for warranty, equipment service, customer service and quality assurance purposes.

By purchasing similar equipment from different vendors, a risk is created that the robotics will be less reliable since designed by a different vendor than that of our DNA processing reagent kits. We cannot be assured that our current DNA processing kits will even be compatible instrumentation from a different vendor. Our lab has learned that by using equipment, instruments and reagents from several different vendors makes training, warranty applications, equipment service, customer service and quality assurance needs far more complicated than working with one vendor and has the additional risk of producing a less reliable product.

Also by purchasing equipment/instruments or reagents from different vendors, each with different training needs and warranties service requirements decreases the likelihood of making our operation more efficiency with the purchase of this product.

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

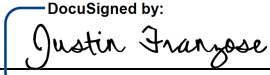
The cost for this product was negotiated as a long-time user of this vendor's DNA technology. By going with the lowest bidder, from a different vendor we would lose the reliability of the product and reputation/experience of the vendor. The idea of validity, experience and reliability of a trusted product are things that cannot be compromised for cost in a forensic lab on whom our court and law enforcement clients rely.

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

This is a one-time purchase of this product and we are not likely to purchase again, unless we need another license for which we would not deviate from the current vendor so that all analysts could be trained on the same product.

PART IV: APPROVALS

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Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
	<i>Michael Sauschuck</i>		
Printed Name:	Michael J. Sauschuck	Date:	6/23/21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	<small>AEED9C7B3A8044E...</small> Justin Franzose	Date:	6/25/2021






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