



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:	Department of Corrections		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Stefan Black		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 200,186.10	Advantage CT / RQS #:	03A 20240501*1559
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	Proposed End Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
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:	Axon Enterprise Scottsdale, AZ		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Conducted Electronic Weapon Replacement and Training		

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.

The Department has a critical need to replace its current inventory of 44 Conducted Electronic Weapons, which were purchased between 2011-2013. The lifespan of the original X26P Taser units is typically 5-7 years, meaning the units are several years beyond their expected operational period. Continuing to use these outdated units incurs unsustainable costs for repair and maintenance, as well as significantly increases our exposure to legal risks due to potential failures in critical situations.

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

Axon Enterprise is the sole manufacturer of police-grade Conducted Electronic Weapons that offer the capability of a 45-foot range deployment, which is essential for maintaining safe distances in potentially volatile situations. Additionally, their equipment comes equipped with a detachable magazine, allowing for rapid reloads under pressure. The inclusion of green laser sights enhances user accuracy which is required for potentially tight spaces inside a correctional facility. The precise targeting aid minimizes the risk of accidental harm. These models also allow for individual controls of the taser prongs to allow for batch or single deployment in case of missed discharges. These specialized features are the only products currently available in the United State which meets the operational needs of the Department.

Axon Enterprise holds a number of patents related to conducted energy weapons, including patent numbers 11867481, 11781847, 11740058, and others which allow for unique and required functionalities, listed above, of these weapons inside a correctional environment.

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

The Department negotiated with the vendor over several weeks on the price point for the units and related services. The prices closely reflect prices paid for similar equipment by other state and local law enforcement agencies according to our research and discussions with public safety partners.

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

The Department will continue to use the competitive process for procuring safety and security equipment. The Department regularly uses the Request for Quotations process for similar security equipment, such as riot control gear, armor, radios, etc.

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

Does the requesting Department signatory understand and acknowledge Maine's COI Statute?

Yes, the requesting Department understands and acknowledges MRS Title 5, §18-A, 2.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Gary Caplante	Date:	5/20/2024
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <small>DocuSigned by:</small> Sue H. Garcia <small>E5DB92AC0F8D490...</small> </div>		
Typed Name:	Sue H. Garcia	Date:	6/3/2024