



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF 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 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:		Marine Resources/Marine Science/Bio Monitoring and Assessment/Landings Program	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Robert B Watts II/HQ-Finance	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 112,392	Advantage <u>CT</u> / RQS #:	13A 20191204000000001758
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	12/13/2019	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	6/30/2024	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Bluefin Data LLC, New Orleans, LA	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		To continue the maintenance and support to the VESL application used by Maine state harvesters to fulfill their mandatory reporting requirements.	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input 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.

Since the release of the VESL application to industry, the DMR and industry have identified areas where we could have the application modified to enhance industry and DMR's experience and make this even more user friendly. There have also been some regulatory changes requiring additional fields be required since it's release.

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

Bluefin Data LLC was the contractor selected to build the original VESL program. This vendor is best suited to make the changes to their program.

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

The funding amount matches the rates they quoted during their successful RFP process. Their rates are based on their standard funding costs and were found to be acceptable during their RFP review.

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

The software being developed by Bluefin Data LLC is custom-built software and our contract with Bluefin will continue until we no longer need the software.

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.


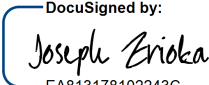
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

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:	Patrick Keliher, Commissioner of DMR	Date:	5/19/24
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  EA813178102243C...		
Typed Name:	Joseph zrioka Director of IT Procurement	Date:	5/21/2024