



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:		Department of Corrections	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Sonja Charest	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$832,402.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20250218000000001932
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2025	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2027
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:		Kennebec Behavioral Health, 67 Eustis Drive, Waterville, Maine 04901	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and MST-Problem Sexual Behavior	

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 Division of Juvenile Services (DJS) has a need for an evidence-based practice that will reduce the recidivism rate and reduce out-of-home placement for youth at moderate to high risk of reoffending. The mission of DJS is to promote public safety by ensuring that juveniles are provided with risk-focused interventions, quality treatment, and other services that teach skills and competencies; strengthen pro-social behaviors to reduce the likelihood of re-offending and require accountability to victims and communities. Multi-systemic Therapy is appropriate for meeting this need.

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

Kennebec Behavioral Health (KBH) is one of only two providers currently licensed in Maine to deliver this service. KBH has provided a range of services for over 60 years to the Maine community. Juvenile Community Corrections is broken up into three regions across the state. KBH is the only provider that operates in Region 3, specifically a Bangor team, and the only provider who provides an Augusta team, which is considered Region 2. MST is an intensive family-based treatment that addresses the known determinants of serious antisocial behavior in adolescents and their families. As such, MST treats those factors in the youth's environment that are contributing to his or her behavior problems. Due to the geographical nature of Maine, one provider cannot cover the state with this service.

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

The individual treatment costs are established through a state-agency rate setting process. The Department deems this rate and cost fair and reasonable.

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

Future competition to this program will necessitate an RFP; however, the costs associated with the start-up of a new program will strongly inhibit another site from implementing this Blueprint Model.

**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: <i>Christine Thibeault</i> 1EE8D729BD7F495...		
Typed Name:	Christine Thibeault	Date:	4/3/2025
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i> 41C2BA36FAE44CD...		
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	6/16/2025