PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) <u>over \$5,000</u> 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:			Public Utilities Commission				
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Amy Dumeny					
(If applicable) Department Reference #:							
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant) \$ 27,613		3.34	Advantage CT / RQS #:		65A 20250602*1827		
CONTRACT	Proposed Sta	art Date:	8/1/2025 Proposed End D		Date:	7/31/2026	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:				Effective Date:		
AMENDMENT	Previous End Date:				New End Date:		
GRANT	Project Start Date:				Grant Start Date:		
GRANI	Project End Date:				Grant End Date:		
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name,		IBM Corporation, 1 North Castle Drive, Armonk NY					
City, State:		10504					
		Subscription for ongoing service for IBM Business					
Brief Description of			Automation Workflow Enterprise. Subscription is needed				
Goods/Services/Grant:			for the Commission's CMS system that all cases for the				
Commission are processed.							

	PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION				
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)					
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant		
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed		
\boxtimes	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed		
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified		
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice		
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization		

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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.

Subscription for ongoing service for IBM Business Automation Workflow Enterprise. Subscription is needed for the Commission's CMS system that all cases for the Commission are processed.

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

The Commission's CMS was implemented with the help of Maine IT. IBM was the vendor selected to complete the system and in the past invoices to IBM were paid directly by Maine IT and billed to the Commission. Maine IT no longer pays for this subscription directly.

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

Rates being used are consistent with those from the original service. The subscription will be funded by the Commission's existing budget.

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

The MPUC will issue a RFP if a replacement system is required in the future.

MPUC does not expect this subscription to be renewed again. A migration plan to DocuWare is currently in 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: APPROVALS					
The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.					
Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	Amy Dumeny				
Typed Name:	Amy Dumeny	Date:	5/30/2025		

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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, Director of IT Procurement	Date:	6/26/2025

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