



PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$10,000 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:		Marine Resources/Division of Ecology and the Environment/Maine Coastal Mapping Initiative		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jesse Minor/HQ Finance		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A		
Agency Department Code:	13A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	2026040800000001588	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$10,848.00		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	4/30/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	4/29/2027
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Quality Positioning Services Inc , Portsmouth NH		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		QPS programs required for sonar survey planning, data acquisition, QA/QC, processing, and final reporting		

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
☒	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	☐	I. Federal Agency Directed
☐	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	☐	J. Willing and Qualified
☐	E. Emergency	☐	K. Client Choice
☐	F. Higher Education Cooperative Project	☐	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.

MCMI's Kongsberg EM2042 multibeam sonar system requires integration into the back-end software that supports survey planning and is required for data acquisition and real-time QA/QC. This software suite also supports data processing, cleanup, and statistical validation, and produces maps. The sonar system cannot work without this suite of programs. We cannot conduct our 2026 survey season without this software.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFQ) number if applicable.

QPS is a sole-source vendor and no other company can provide this service.

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

Based on prior experience with Qinsy integration and installation, the rates provided here are similar. The quoted system cost associated with this PJF is in line with or better than comparable systems from other market leaders. Kongsberg has a similar sonar acquisition and navigation software (SIS5) that costs \$8,500, but it does not support data processing and cleanup, the data QA/QC functions are more limited than Qimera (QPS), and SIS5 does not support visualizations and other functions that we use for reporting data to the federal government (NOAA OCS) under our data delivery agreements.

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

At end-of-life of the newly acquired MBES system (10-year lifespan predicted), a new competitive bid process can be opened once again for manufacturers to propose systems that meet the program's needs.

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) or (026) – 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](#).

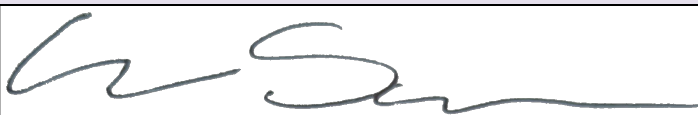
☒ The requesting department's signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.

PART VI: APPROVALS

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee

1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting
Department's Commissioner
(or designee):



Typed Name:

Erin Summers, Acting Director

Date:

04/09/2026

2. Additional signature required **ONLY if box E (Emergency) is selected in PART II**. The signature below indicates approval by the Department's Commissioner, or the designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests.

Signature of requesting
Department's Commissioner
(or designee):

Typed Name:

Date:

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS
Procurement Official:

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Typed Name:

Thomas Paquette

Date:

6/22/2026

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