



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		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Matthew Davis/HQ Finance		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A		
Agency Department Code:	13A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20260618000000001987	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 19,460.00		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:		Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	
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:		Innovasea, 20 Angus Morton Drive, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Canada B4B 0L9		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		40 specially designed acoustic transmitters for tracking pelagic fishes in offshore Gulf of Maine waters.		

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.

The devices purchased herein will be deployed onto pelagic fishes in the Gulf of Maine. These transmitters will work in tandem with existing monitoring equipment to monitor the movement and habitat use of important pelagic species, particularly in regard to potential draft wind energy areas.

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.

Innovasea produces premium-quality equipment that is used in marine species biomonitoring around the world. Their transmitters are configured to work alongside Innovasea acoustic receivers, which are deployed throughout the region and greater Atlantic. This combination of equipment will enable our team to track the movement patterns of tagged animals.

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

The associated costs are based on the quoted amount for one type of acoustic transmitter.

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

Until a similar monitoring system is produced by another company and is more effective, Innovasea is the main provider for this type of transmitter equipment.

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: Jun 18, 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:

Signed by:

Sterling Doiron

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Typed Name: Sterling Doiron

Date: 6/24/2026

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