



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:		Governors Energy Office		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Dan Burgess		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		Offshore Wind		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ \$0	Advantage CT / RQS #:	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	6/1/2022	Proposed End Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
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:		Pine Tree Offshore Wind LLC		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Provide services as contract/sublease agent of the State of Maine BOEM Research Lease as defined and required within the forthcoming Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Operating and Research Agreements.		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input checked="" 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.

Pine Tree Offshore Wind LLC (PTOW), an affiliate of New England Aqua Ventus (NEAV), pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §3210-H, will be contractually obligated to provide the financial and technical resources as required to design, manufacture, deploy, operate, and maintain a floating offshore wind research array, otherwise known as the Maine Research Array (MeRA) in the Gulf of Maine. The State of Maine is pursuing an offshore federal research lease, available only to state and federal entities, for MeRA, which will advance our understanding of floating offshore wind technology in the Gulf of Maine and learn how to minimize impacts to the marine environment and ocean users. Definitions, expectations, and requirements will be detailed within a forthcoming Operating Agreement, power purchase agreement (PPA) issued by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Research Agreement contractually binding PTOW and the State of Maine.

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

Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §3210-H, the PUC is directed to negotiate a long-term contract between an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility and NEAV or its affiliate for capacity, energy or renewable energy credits to be generated from MeRA with capacity up to 144 megawatts and finds it in the public interest and furtherance of key climate and renewable energy laws.

PTOW affiliates are in partnership with the University of Maine (UMaine) to further the VolturnUS technology, which the State has supported over the last 12 years. The research and development of this technology at UMaine, has received millions of dollars of US Department of Energy grant funding and \$10+ million State bond funding approved by the citizen voters. The time, research and dedication to the UMaine floating technology has proven viable and through a partnership with PTOW affiliates, the first in the nation full scale demonstration project is presently being designed, manufactured and deployed at the dedicated State Offshore Wind test site off Monhegan Island. With the partnership of the Monhegan Demonstration Project and the State's commitment, PTOW has made significant investments to advance project activities which in turn will advance Maine's climate and renewable goals. PTOW is a recognized global leader in offshore wind development and operations, and poses necessary resources required for project success.

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

The State has only contributed State employee staff time/expenses to the project. Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §3210-H, the PUC is responsible for negotiating a long-term contract between an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility and NEAV or its affiliate for capacity, energy or renewable energy credits to be generated from MeRA with capacity up to 144 megawatts at the lowest reasonable cost.

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

It is anticipated that future offshore wind leases in federal waters will be issued by the federal government through a separate, competitive leasing process. Any future procurement decisions would be subject to existing PUC authority or any future actions by the Legislature.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)


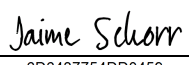
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

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):			
Typed Name:	Dan Burgess	Date:	7/28/2022
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	Jaime Schorr <small>6D6437754DD0459...</small>	Date:	8/4/2022