

**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:		DHHS/ COM		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Shawn Belanger Nancy Tan		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		COM-23-2300		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 10,800	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20220707000000000040	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	08/01/2022	Proposed End Date:	06/30/2023
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:		University of Maine System dba Professional Development Programs Portland, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Provide pilot course in Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

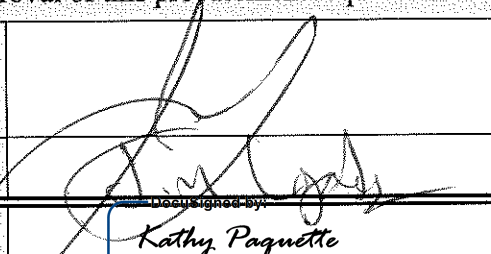

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

<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.	<p>The purpose of this agreement is to provide a pilot course in Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification. The Department's intent is to promote the concepts of lean and sigma for process improvement and to promote efficient process creation. Participants will earn a Green Belt certification, which is an internationally recognized certification.</p>
2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.	<p>This contract is a pilot with a learning institution providing an in-person certification course to Department staff. The course will be tailored to the Department through the selection of processes and projects that further our strategic objectives. The ability to obtain the green belt certification from this institution and in this setting is a unique opportunity that USM is making available.</p>
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	<p>The negotiated cost for the training is lower than the individual rate. The course will serve up to 16 participants. The individual rate is \$1,380, or \$22,080 for 16 people. The negotiated rate is \$10,800. The Department considers these rates to be fair and reasonable.</p>
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	<p>Results and reaction from the pilot will be assessed before future procurement is decided upon. The contract will be written to end 6/3/2023 and based upon the interest in the program a second training could be scheduled for the winter/ spring.</p>

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)	
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:			Date: 18-Aug-22
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	41C2BA36FAF44CD... Kathy Paquette	Date: 8/19/2022	