

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:	DAFS/Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Louis Luchini, Director BABLO			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 0	Advantage CT / RQS #:	18L20140721*0283	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	7/1/2014	Effective Date:	9/1/2024
	Previous End Date:	8/31/2024	New End Date:	2/28/2025
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Pine State Trading Co., Gardiner, Maine			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	This amendment is for the administration of Maine's wholesale spirits operations, including warehousing and distribution of spirits.			

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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>This amendment would extend the current wholesale spirits administration contract for six additional months. This would ensure continued warehousing and distribution of spirits to Maine’s agency liquor stores (over 630 stores). Spirits operations generate millions of dollars for the state.</p> <p>The six-month extension will provide time to negotiate the terms of a new 10-year contract awarded by RFP# 202309200 “Maine Wholesale Spirits Business”. The current incumbent provider of services was the sole bidder and was awarded the new contract.</p> <p>The six additional months will provide time to negotiate the final terms of the new contract. The new contract also contains IT elements, so it will provide time for review by Maine IT. The new contract value exceeds \$1M, so it will also give additional time for an SPRC review.</p> <p>This cost structure will remain the same as the current contract at 4.95% of Total Revenue. The Scope of Work will be unchanged.</p>
2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.	<p>The current incumbent has been the provider of services since 2014. The incumbent was the sole bidder and was awarded the new contract through RFP# 202309200. The additional six months requested by this amendment will allow additional time to negotiate the terms, conduct an IT review, as well as an SPRC review.</p> <p>The selected vendor is the current incumbent provider of services under two contracts, Advantage numbers 18L20140721*0283 and 18L20141027***1559.</p> <p>Through 28-A MRS §90, the legislature directed BABLO to enter into one 10-year contract which combines the trade marketing contract and spirits administration contract into one contract. That contract was bid through RFP# 202309200, and was awarded to the incumbent provider (who was also the sole bidder).</p>
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	<p>This amendment would continue the current services at the current costs for six additional months. The cost of the contract is 4.95% of Total Revenue.</p>
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	<p>The future plan is to negotiate the terms of the next 10-year contract awarded by RFP# 202309200.</p>

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

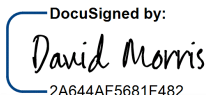
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

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 signatory understands and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):	Anya A. Trundy, Chief of Legislative and Strategic Operations		
Typed Name:	Anya A. Trundy	Date:	8/28/24
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	David Morris	Date:	8/29/2024

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