



## 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:	Department of Marine Resources/Marine Mammal/MIGL		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Briony Donahue/HQ Finance		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A		
Agency Department Code:	13A	Advantage CT / RQS # :	2025081400000000276
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 15,160.00		
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:	VC0000267176 Sub Sea Sonics LLC, San Diego CA		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	On-Demand Experimental fishing technology		

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 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. Higher Education 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.

Maine DMR has received funds from the Consolidated Appropriation Act Funds from ASMFC to create the Maine Innovative Gear Library (MIGL) and to purchase experimental on-demand fishing gear to disperse to participating commercial lobster and gillnet fishermen in Maine.

The ability to test these emergent gear retrieval systems is important for assessing their viability within commercial fixed gear fisheries and evaluating potential impacts to heterogenous fishing operations.

The need to test and evaluate this novel equipment is a direct result of needing to reduce the risk of fishing gear to protected species, including the North Atlantic right whale. This on-demand fishing system reduces the risk of the traditional vertical line to these species by removing it from the water column. Providing options to fishermen is a key component to ensuring they are able to sustain high fishing effort within the parameters of protected species requirements.

This order will purchase new technology from Sub Sea Sonics to add to the gear library for testing of their AR4RT+ models, which include 2-way acoustics.

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

This on-demand fishing gear is novel and therefore the goods offered by this manufacturer is unique. It is not possible to purchase the same technology from another company. Sub Sea Sonics supplies on-demand fishing gear using a stowed rope method with its own acoustic retrieval system. We have already acquired the accompanying rope storage units.

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

The MIGL seeks to purchase various types of on-demand fishing gear from many manufacturers to allow Maine fishermen the ability to test experimental technologies of various retrieval types, cost and technology sophistication. The MIGL will purchase from up to 10 different manufacturers to create the inventory needed for 65 fishermen to test at least 2 retrieval units each.

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

There is an incredibly limited market for purchasing these emergent and relatively untested retrieval systems. DMR will continue to monitor product development in this space for other suitable options for testing.

As testing of on-demand fishing technology increases, the MIGL seeks to provide feedback to manufacturers to increase the functionality and cost efficiency of specific technologies.

**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 signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

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

Typed Name:

Erin Summers, Acting Director

Date:

15/08/2025

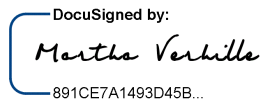
**PART VII: EMERGENCY – Required only if selecting E. Emergency Justification**

The signature below indicates approval by the Commissioner or designee of this procurement request.

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

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Date:

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