



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

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:		Maine Judicial Branch, Administrative Office of the Courts	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jeremy Gray	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Agency Department Code:	40A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20250820*0305
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$22,770.92		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	8/1/2025	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 9/30/2025
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:		Nationwide Power, 1060 Mary Crest Road, Henderson, NV 89074	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Replacement of battery backups for the CJC data center following catastrophic failure.	

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 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. 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.	Following an extended power outage at the CJC, one cell in the battery backups for the IT server/data center failed. This event caused a domino-affect impacting additional battery systems. As this equipment provides crucial battery backup support for our IT and Security systems, it was critical to get these replaced by the vendor most apt to respond quickly.
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.	Bids from two vendors known to be able to supply short turn around time for required equipment were solicited. We were unable to identify a third vendor able to provide these services. The lower priced vendor was selected to supply the equipment.
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	Based on the two costs received, the selected vendor represents significant cost savings for this commodity item. Power Solutions \$42,523.00 Nationwide Power \$26,636.39
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	A maintenance plan is in place going forward to prevent similar catastrophic failure. Batteries will be renewed on a schedule in line with manufacturer's recommendations.

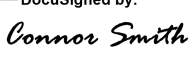
PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)	
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If No, proceed to Part V.	

PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE	
<i>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.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The requesting department's signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with statute, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.	

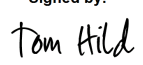
PART VI: APPROVALS

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee

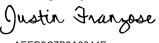
1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	DocuSigned by:  755F066F9C634D0...		
Typed Name:	Connor Smith	Date:	8/26/2025

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):	Signed by:  412CA341445E444...		
Typed Name:	Tom Hild	Date:	8/20/2025

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  AEED9C7B3A8044E...		
Typed Name:	Justin Franzose	Date:	8/27/2025