



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:		DEP/BRWM/Response Services		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Darian Higgins		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Agency Department Code:	06A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT #20260723*0174	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$40,000		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	9/1/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	9/1/2028
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:		QT Environmental, Watertown, MN		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Training services for oil spill response equipment and tactics.		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
☐	A. Competitive Process	☐	G. Grant
☐	B. Amendment	☐	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
☒	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	☐	I. Federal Agency Directed
☐	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	☐	J. Willing and Qualified
☐	E. Emergency	☐	K. Client Choice
☐	F. Higher Education Cooperative Project	☐	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.

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, Response Services Division requires specialized training on the NOFI CurrentBuster®, an oil-spill response system designed for use in high-current and tidal environments.

The training will provide approximately 30 DEP personnel and invited response partners with classroom and practical instruction regarding the CurrentBuster's capabilities, limitations, safe deployment, operation, recovery, maintenance, and use with other on-water oil-spill response equipment.

DEP is considering the purchase of one or more CurrentBuster systems and requires this training to evaluate whether the equipment is appropriate for Maine's marine and tidal response conditions and to ensure that personnel can safely and effectively operate the equipment.

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.

DEP has confirmed that QT Environmental is the sole United States distributor of the Norwegian-manufactured NOFI CurrentBuster®, a specialized oil-spill response device used in high-current and tidal environments. QT Environmental is also the only identified United States vendor authorized and qualified to provide manufacturer-specific training regarding the equipment's design, deployment, operation, maintenance, and safety requirements.

DEP requires manufacturer-authorized instruction to evaluate the CurrentBuster's suitability for use in Maine and to ensure accurate and safe operation. No other company in the United States has been identified as authorized to sell the equipment or provide the required manufacturer-specific training.

Because the equipment and associated training are proprietary and no alternative qualified training provider is available, contracting with QT Environmental is the only practicable means of meeting DEP's need.

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

Training will consist of a minimum of two, 2-day sessions for a total of 4 days on site at Maine locations chosen by DEP personnel. The \$40,000 price includes training content, wages for instructors, travel and lodging for instructors, class materials, training deployment costs associated with the CurrentBuster, and any required training venue costs

Based on the scope of the proposed training and comparison with prior specialized response-training contracts, DEP considers the price fair and reasonable. Examples of other past trainings are as follows :

- In 2025, DEP and the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) paid \$18,900 for 2 days of specialized anhydrous ammonia spill response training.
- In 2018, DEP paid \$55,000 for 2, 5-day Hazardous Materials Response trainings.
- In 2014, MEMA paid \$17,800 for 3 days of Hazardous Materials Response trainings.
- In 2012, MEMA paid \$39,000 for 7 days of Hazardous Materials Response trainings.

Inflation adjusted, the current proposed agreement is in line with past expenditures.

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

Response Services recognizes the importance of competition in public procurement and will continue to monitor the market for comparable technologies or additional suppliers. Should other qualified vendors or authorized CurrentBuster suppliers become available in the future, DEP will consider competitive procurement options as appropriate.

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) or (026) – 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](#).

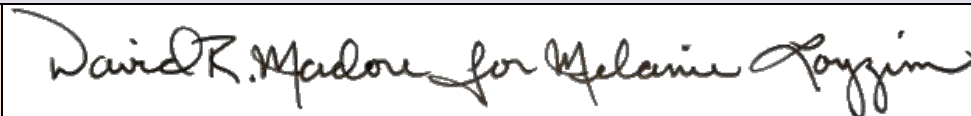
☒ The requesting department's signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.

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):



Typed Name:

Date: 08/24/2026

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):			
Typed Name:		Date:	

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 Signed by: Sterling Doiron 4C537C52B586437...		
Typed Name:	Sterling Doiron	Date:	8/25/2026

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