

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

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 website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Materials Testing & Exploration, Project Development		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Mark Alley, Laboratory Testing Engineer		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 35,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS2021091400000000265	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	12/01/2021	Proposed End Date:	11/30/2023
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:		Ecolink, Inc. (VS0000019495) P.O. Box 9 Tucker, GA 30085		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Supply ATR HIGH-FLASH asphalt extraction solvent to MaineDOT's materials testing laboratories.		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

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

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:

1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

MaineDOT specifications allow the use of recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) in the production of asphalt mix. Part of the analysis of RAP to determine its properties and suitability for use on Department projects involves using a solvent to extract the aged asphalt from the recycled pavement material.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

MaineDOT has used and evaluated a number of different biodegradable solvents for asphalt extraction testing. Through product evaluation and years of experience working with various solvents, it has been determined that ATR HI-FLASH is the most suitable product for this purpose. It has a higher flash point than other solvents, reducing the risk of fire or explosion. It is more effective in removing the aged asphalt from RAP samples, and the odor is much less objectionable than other solvents that were evaluated, increasing worker safety and comfort. MaineDOT has conducted market research and communicated with other laboratories that conduct this testing and have not been able to identify an equivalent product. The current cost of the product limits our ability to purchase sufficient solvent during peak testing times through standard purchasing.

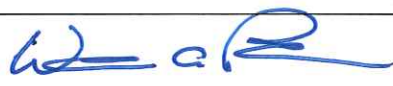
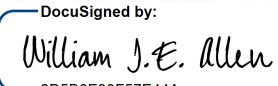
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The cost of the solvent is in line with similar solvents as determined through market research.

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

The materials testing laboratory stays current with industry trends and new products and technologies regarding materials testing. If new solvents come on the market they will be evaluated, and if found suitable will provide a competitive purchasing option.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
	 <i>William Pulver for Commissioner Van Note C.O.O.</i>		
Printed Name:	Bruce A. Van Note, Commissioner	Date:	9-23-2021
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  <small>2D5B6E39F57E44A...</small>		
Printed Name:	William J.E. Allen	Date:	9/27/2021

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