



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:		IFW/Resource Management/Wildlife Research and Assessment Section/Bird Group		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Kelsey Sullivan		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 92,850.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	2022090200000000682	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/1/2022	Proposed End Date:	12/31/2023
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:		Ducks Unlimited, Inc. 7322 Newman Boulevard, Building I Dexter, MI 48130		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Purchase of satellite transmitters and Geolocator devices		

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. 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.

The service requested for the purchase of satellite transmitters and geolocator devices will allow for the Department to reimburse DU for our portion of a bulk order of the transmitters and geolocators to support two collaborative Atlantic Flyway research initiatives to inform mallard and black duck conservation and harvest management. These projects will study the migration ecology and demographics of mallards and American black ducks to inform population estimates, breeding effort, habitat use and harvest strategies.

The mallard project was developed by New York and Pennsylvania and supported by Maine and other Atlantic Flyway member states and provinces, out of a need to understand recent mallard population declines in the Northeastern US and the stable mallard population trend in Eastern Canada. Recently, the mallard daily bag limit in the US was reduced from 4 per day to 2 per day in response to the decline in the Northeastern US. The focus of this study is to quantify demographic rates, migration chronology and habitat use differences between the Northeast US and Eastern Canada to effectively model population dynamics and inform harvest strategies.

The black duck project is primarily funded by the Black Duck Joint Venture and supported through transmitter purchase, deployment and monitoring by Atlantic Flyway member states and provinces. This project seeks to quantify the extent to which environmental conditions and black duck behavior and movements explain variation in productivity. The results are intended to better inform our understanding of the breeding season and carry-over effects of environmental conditions on black duck populations.

Both projects will provide information for the Atlantic Flyway as a whole. Deployment of units in Maine will allow for assessment of Maine specific information for consideration at state level management.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. (DU) has agreed to coordinate a bulk order of satellite telemetry units and geolocator devices for all participating states and provinces. The bulk order will result in a lower cost per unit and allow for cost savings for the Department. DU has provided this service for other studies involving collaboration between states and provinces.

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

Negotiated cost are fair and reasonable based on past purchase history from DU cooperative agreements. DU has a long working relationship with the satellite telemetry and geolocator manufacturers. The units purchased for other projects have demonstrated quality performance and success in collecting data.

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

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

If the Department becomes aware of another vendor that is willing to coordinate a bulk purchase of transmitters for all participating states in the Atlantic Flyway, we will use a competitive process to identify the most cost-effective option.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)



Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Noah Camuso	Date:	8/31/22
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	kathy Paquette	Date:	9/27/2022

