



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

STATE OF MAINE

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:		DAFS / OIT / Radio Services	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		John E. Richards	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 12,337.35	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 18B 20230908*0378
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/18/2023	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2024
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:		Nokia Of America Corporation PO Box 9111476 Dallas TX, 75391-1476	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		MSCommNet damaged Microwave Waveguide replacement at No.9 Mountain	

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 checked="" 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.

As part of the MSCommNet Public Safety Communications system, Two Major areas of need have been identified.

1 – the Microwave back haul interconnection system needs upgrade / replacement. The Main pipe connecting the two cores and supporting all other hops was end of life in 2016 and is no longer supported.
2 -- The 960mhz back haul to all the spur sites is of the same vintage and the limited bandwidth (100 & 200 KB throughput).

During this process the installation team identified an existing Waveguide microwave antenna cable had become free from the tower. This has damaged the cable and put the primary connection between the two Network Switching Centers (Augusta – Houlton) in jeopardy of losing connectivity. If this path is lost, the system will attempt a connection across alternative routes which could degrade operability. The primary connection is critical to have operational.

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

Nokia provided a quote to replace the waveguide at the same time it performs other work on No.9 Mountain. Radio Operations requested a quote and timeframe from an instate vendor with a Master Agreement. The quote was almost three times the amount. The larger concern is the estimated timeframe the instate vendor can respond; 3 months. Nokia is scheduled on site to perform work on the same tower within 2 weeks and can fix the Waveguide microwave antenna cable faster and at a reduced price.

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

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

Radio Operations will continue to follow procurement policies with current providers and products and solicit new products and services for the best value to the state.

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


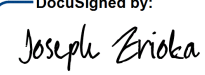
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

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):	 A29C99359A37464		
Typed Name:	Nicholas Marquis, Chief Information Officer	Date:	9/8/2023
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 EA813178102243C...		
Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, Director of IT Procurement	Date:	9/8/2023