

**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:		Marine Resources/Marine Mammal Research/Passive Acoustics Program		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Anita Murray/Amanda Webb		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 61,250	Advantage <u>CT</u> / RQS #:	13A 20230918000000000784
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/22/2023	Proposed End Date:	9/5/2024
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:		Saints & Angels Scalloping Company, LLC, New Bedford, MA		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Vessel support for retrieval/deployment of passive acoustic monitoring moorings for whale research		

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 F/V Saints & Angels is being contracted to provide vessel support for multi-day, overnight offshore cruises during which DMR staff will retrieve and/or deploy passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) moorings for North Atlantic right whale (NARW) research. This research is a high priority task for DMR because the data will provide critical information about the presence of NARWs in the Gulf of Maine (GoM). This information will support the development of regulations that reduce the risk of NARW entanglement in fishing gear. The F/V Saints & Angels is provided with a captain and 2-person crew as well as enough fuel to safely retrieve and/or deploy PAM moorings at 32 monitoring sites in the GoM. The vessel also provides a large deck space for storing, retrieving, and deploying numerous PAM moorings plus anchors, and enclosed workspaces for servicing PAM equipment. Given these PAM sites occur over such a large area (16,150 sq. miles) in the GoM, this work constitutes a unique task for DMR as overnight multi-day cruises are required to complete the work, during which DMR staff will remain aboard the vessel for multiple days and nights. For this reason, the F/V Saints & Angels enclosed area also includes multiple berths (sleeping accommodations), two heads (bathrooms), and a galley (kitchen).

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

Saints & Angels Scalloping Company, LLC is the sole provider of the vessel support required for this type of work because of the F/V Saints & Angels distinctive specifications as well as the captain and crew's unique expertise in retrieving/deploying PAM moorings. The F/V Saints & Angels has a beam (width) of 28 ft, which is large enough to store numerous PAM moorings plus anchors and still have room to attach the anchors to the PAM moorings before deployment and for retrieving PAM moorings. The F/V Saints & Angels is 110 ft in length and is certified by the Coast Guard for offshore trips up to 100 nm from shore, therefore, this vessel is large enough to safely travel to our furthest offshore PAM sites, which are ~70-75 nm from shore. This vessel also has enough berths to accommodate 9 people in total – 6 DMR staff, the captain, and 2 crew. The vessel has a fuel capacity of 14,000 gallons, which is sufficient for the multi-day cruises required to complete this work. Currently, there are no vessels in Maine that meet these specifications, which are required to safely complete this work. Additionally, the F/V Saints & Angels captain and crew have conducted numerous offshore cruises during which PAM moorings were retrieved and/or deployed. They, therefore, already understand and have extensive experience with the vessel maneuvering and crew operations needed to successfully retrieve and/or deploy PAM moorings. This prior expertise is unique to this vendor and ensure the success of this work.

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

The negotiated costs are based on the quoted amount from Saints & Angels Scalloping Company, LLC which is the sole provider of the vessel support needed for PAM cruises. The quoted costs are fair and reasonable given the F/V Saints & Angels specifications as well as the captain and crew's unique expertise in retrieving/deploying PAM moorings, which ensures DMR staff will safely and successfully accomplish the retrieval/deployment of our PAM moorings.

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

Until a similar provider for vessel support for DMR's PAM work can be identified, Saints & Angels Scaloping Company, LLC is the sole provider for multi-day offshore PAM cruises, which is the type of vessel support required for DMR's PAM research.

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):	<i>Meredith Mendelson</i>		
	Meredith Mendelson (Sep 19, 2023 09:26 EDT)		
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