



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

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:		Child Development Services	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Eric Hockaday	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Agency Department Code:	N/A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	N/A
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$852,000.00		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	8/16/2023	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 8/15/2025
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:	8/16/2025	New End Date (if Applicable): 8/15/2027
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		YahaSoft, Inc. Suwanee, GA	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Student Information System	

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 checked="" 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. Higher Education 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 Maine DOE is responsible for ensuring Maine complies with federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations and related requirements as specified in Maine Statute 20-A MRS Chapter 303. This amendment continues the services and maintenance of the Child Information Network Connection (CINC) data system. The system allows for the seamless continuation of all functions in the IDEA Part B and Part C programs.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFQ) number and the date of award notification, if applicable.

Child Development Services (CDS) is in the process of transitioning to a new IEP and case management software for early childhood education that is available on the Master Agreement with Insight Public Sector. Due to the Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) CDS transition, IDEA Part B services will be moving out of CINC first. The new IEP and case management software will allow for IDEA Part B services to move out of the CINC system. Once the process for Part B services is stabilized, CDS and Maine DOE will start the procurement process for a Part C system. To ensure essential services are not interrupted during the procurement process, this two-year extension to allow for consistency during the transition is necessary.

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

The rate for this two-year extension is consistent with the cost of the initial two-year term of the contract. The rate is consistent with other data management systems for IDEA Part B and Part C services.

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

Maine DOE and CDS are transitioning early childhood special education data, data management, and data processes to existing Maine Education Data Management System services and systems. During this transition, the Department is also exploring the need for modernized systems and services and seeking to utilize those supported by existing State of Maine Master agreements where possible. The Department anticipates an upcoming RFP for IDEA Part C services. Based on the Department’s capacity for migration and implementation, procurement for IDEA Part C has a dependency on completed changes and stabilized system support for IDEA Part B.

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) – 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 signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

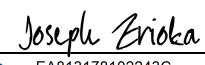
The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Megan Welter	Date:	8/8/2025

PART VII: EMERGENCY – Required only if selecting E. Emergency Justification

The signature below indicates approval by the Commissioner or designee of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:		Date:	

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	EA813178102243C... Joseph Zrioka	Date:	8/15/2025

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