



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:	Maine Public Utilities Commission			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Amy Dumeny, Administrative Director			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Agency Department Code:	65A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20240809*0310	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$300,000			
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	1/1/2025	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	12/31/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:	1/1/2027	New End Date (if Applicable):	12/31/2028
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Duncan Weinberg Genzer & Pembroke, P.C. Washington, DC			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Legal consulting services related to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This work has been approved by the Attorney General, see attached letter.			

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

☐	A. Competitive Process	☐	G. Grant
☒	B. Amendment	☐	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
☒	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	☐	I. Federal Agency Directed
☐	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	☐	J. Willing and Qualified

☐	E. Emergency	☐	K. Client Choice
☐	F. Higher Education Cooperative Project	☐	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.

Expert ongoing legal consulting services as approved by the Attorney General in the attached September 1, 2026 letter authorizing updated billing rates.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFPQ) number if applicable.

The amendment continues Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C.'s representation of the Public Utilities Commission as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission counsel. The amendment extends the contract period from December 31, 2026 through December 31, 2028, adds \$300,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$600,000, and incorporates the billing rates authorized by the Office of the Attorney General effective January 1, 2027. The scope of legal services otherwise remains unchanged. Continued retention of Duncan Weinberg was authorized by the Attorney General by letter dated September 1, 2026.

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

The applicable hourly rates were reviewed and approved by the Office of the Attorney General as part of its authorization for the continued retention of Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C. See Attorney General authorization dated September 1, 2026. Effective January 1, 2027, approved rates range from \$190.00 per hour for other paralegals/law clerks to \$490.00 per hour for shareholders/of counsel. The PUC will pay only for authorized legal services performed under the contract, subject to the \$600,000 total contract ceiling.

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

The current Attorney General authorization permits the continued retention of Duncan Weinberg through December 31, 2029. Prior to expiration of the applicable contract or authorization, the PUC will consult with the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of State Procurement Services to determine the appropriate procurement process for any continued outside FERC counsel services.

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) or (026) – 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's signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.

PART VI: APPROVALS

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee

1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

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

Amy Dumeny

Typed Name:

Amy Dumeny

Date:

Sep 8, 2026

2. Additional signature required **ONLY if box E (Emergency) is selected in PART II**. The signature below indicates approval by the Department's Commissioner, or the designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests.

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

Typed Name:

Date:

OSPS Section Only

Signature of DAFS
Procurement Official:

Signed by:

Sterling Doiron

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Sterling Doiron

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