



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			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Agency Department Code:	65A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20240520*3330	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$58,800 (Non-State Funds)			
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	6/1/2024	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	5/31/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:	6/1/2026	New End Date (if Applicable):	5/31/2028
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	PTS Providers, Inc. San Ramon, CA			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	The vendor will provision and maintain public interest payphones (PIPs) as outlined in 35-A M.R.S.A. Sections 7104 (6) and 7508. PIPs are intended to ensure a public welfare, health or safety policy objective by providing access to basic telephone services, often in remote areas.			

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.

The current vendor is the only vendor that provides this service. Previously they won a competitive bidding process to secure the PIP. In some cases, PIP payphones provide an important emergency function as a PIP may be the only way to dial 9-1-1 in some remote locations.

PTS Providers continued providing uninterrupted PIP services after expiration of the prior term on May 31, 2026. The June 1, 2026 effective date is intended to maintain continuity of the authorized services during the administrative processing of Renewal Period #1.

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

The Commission performed a search utilizing the FCC Form 499 Filer Database and searched for active, payphone service providers in Maine. The search returned 3 potential providers.

- 1) Finch Wireless AI, Inc. which appears to be a mobile virtual network operator akin to Cricket Wireless, Mint Mobile and Consumer Cellular and not physical payphone service(which is what we need)
- 2) PTS Providers, Inc. who we currently contract with now
- 3) Reliance Telephone of Grand Forks, Inc. which offers several packages for inmate calling and texting and not specifically physical payphone service for public use.

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

The initial two-year contract amount was \$58,800. PTS Providers has agreed to continue the same services for Renewal Period#1, June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028, for the same \$58,800 amount with no increase. Based on the unchanged two-year pricing and continued scope of services, the Commission considers the renewal cost fair and reasonable.

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

Prior to the expiration of Renewal Period #1, the Commission will conduct market research to determine whether additional qualified providers have entered the market. If another qualified provider is identified, the Commission will conduct a competitive solicitation sufficiently in advance of the contract expiration date to avoid a lapse in service.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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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:

Aug 27, 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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