

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

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 website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	DAFS/OIT/Network Services		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Brian Oliver		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ Based on Usage	Advantage CT / RQS #:	MA 18P 160419*158
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	4/1/2016	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	11/14/2021	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. Falmouth, ME 04015		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Carrier Ethernet Services		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
x	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Please respond to ALL of the following:
1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc (CCI) is the current primary provider for Wide-Area Network (WAN) transport services for connecting remote sites to the State of Maine enterprise network. CCI connects 400+ sites across the State of Maine, allowing all state sites access to services on the internet and intranet.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCI) is the current primary provider for Wide-Area Network (WAN) transport services for connecting remote sites to the State of Maine enterprise network. MaineIT undertook a major Network Modernization Project over the past 5-years – upgrading many WAN locations to accommodate increased WAN bandwidth throughout the state.

Pressure to complete the upgrade along with needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic have consumed Network Services time. In addition to that, new technologies for provisioning WAN transport have recently been discussed.

To learn more about what vendor offerings are, Maine IT published an RFI for WAN Transport with many vendors interesting in responding.

MaineIT is extending the existing agreement for one (1) year as it executes the RFP and completes subsequent service planning and transition as applicable.


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

Pricing is unchanged from the existing agreement.

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

The RFP is drafted and will be submitted to SPRC review in September 2021.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
Printed Name:	Fred Brittain	Date:	Sep 24, 2021
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<i>Joseph Zrioka</i>		
Printed Name:	Joseph Zrioka	Date:	10/9/2021





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