

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:		Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Wildlife Research and Assessment Section	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Nathan Webb, Wildlife Division Director	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$15,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	MA18P180924*38
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	-	Proposed End Date: -
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	11/1/2018	Effective Date: 11/01/2022
	Previous End Date:	10/31/2022	New End Date: 10/31/2023
GRANT	Project Start Date:	-	Grant Start Date: -
	Project End Date:	-	Grant End Date: -
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Colorado State University, 300 West Drake Bldg. C., 1644 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1644	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling	

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
	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.

The amendment proposal pertains to a Master Agreement that is for diagnosing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in tissue samples from white-tailed deer and moose and misc. cervids. These samples will be collected as part of Maine's ongoing program to monitor moose and deer populations for CWD. This is a fatal disease to white-tailed deer and moose that could have significant impacts on Maine's wildlife populations, economy, and recreational opportunities. The primary mission, and statutory mandate, of our agency is to ensure that wildlife populations persist in Maine for the enjoyment of Maine's citizens and visitors (Title 12, §10051), so CWD testing is central to the mission of our Department.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

During the amended contract period, Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) will ship up to 600 tissue samples to the provider to test for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Tissue samples will consist of lymph nodes and/or the obex from each deer, moose, or misc. cervid. For deer samples, the Provider will assess whether CWD is present in tissue samples using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) tests. If lymph nodes are present, they should be analyzed in preference to the obex. For moose samples and deer samples other than whitetail, the provider will assess whether CWD is present in tissue samples using immunohistochemistry (IHC) techniques approved by the USDA for CWD surveillance. Any tissue sample that tests positive will be confirmed using IHC under this contract. If costs may be reduced by mounting samples from multiple animals per slide, the Provider is encouraged to do so. Once the analyses are complete, the provider will submit a report that indicates the test results for each sample that was submitted.

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

We did a RFQ in 2021, and we did not receive any bids, therefore, we contracted with the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Labs whom we've worked with for many years previously. We seek a 1-year amendment to that contract.


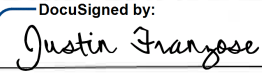
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

We determined that the cost of testing for Chronic Wasting Disease is fair and reasonable based on similar diagnostic tests by other laboratories. Costs will be \$20/ELISA test and \$35/IHC test in 2022. Price per test escalates \$1 every other year.

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

Only certain veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the US are certified to perform CWD diagnoses. Colorado State has been a leader in performing these diagnostic services. IFW staff do not have the expertise nor the facilities necessary to perform these tests. Other USDA certified laboratories do not compete with each other for sample testing rather states are encouraged to send their samples to designated laboratories.

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:	<i>Nathan Webb</i>	Date:	<i>9/14/22</i>
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	<small>AEEED9C7B3A8044E...</small> Justin Franzose	Date:	10/4/2022