



PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 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 Division of Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW
Table with 4 columns and 10 rows containing procurement details such as Department Office/Division/Program, Amount (\$ 34,240.00), RQS # (RQS 10A 20240904\*0337), and Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name (Verde Environmental Technologies Inc).

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)
Table with 4 columns and 8 rows listing justification options A through L, with option C (Single Source/Unique Vendor) checked.

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.

Safe medication disposal is an evidence-based strategy to reduce access to unused prescription medications to reduce the likelihood of medication misuse. Community coalitions, community health workers, syringe service programs, and other community-based organizations need a safe, convenient, and permanent solution for community members to safely dispose of unwanted, expired, or unwanted medications at home. The Detera Pouches offer community members a safe option to safely dispose of their unused medications and reduce the further contamination of the environment. At-home options for safe medication disposal are also essential for individuals without reliable transportation access to permanent drug drop box locations.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

Detera is the only independently tested and scientifically proven drug disposal system that permanently deactivates pills, patches, liquids, creams, and films. The patented Detera System uses activated carbon absorption to render drugs inert and safe for disposal in the normal household trash. Detera's plant-based packaging is USDA Certified, 50% or more bio-based and has earned the I'm Green plastic certification. Detera has received official endorsements from both the DEA Educational Foundation and the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), both trusted partners in prevention.

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

The department purchased these products in May 2023 after completing market research and determining that Detera is the only independently tested and scientifically proven drug disposal system that permanently deactivates pills, patches, liquids, creams, and film. Funding for the Detera Pouches is based on the federal funding received by the department. The federal funding is the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs Grant and The State Opioid Response Grant. This will fund the purchase of Detera Pouches that will be distributed to community organizations across the state of Maine.

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

The department will follow statutory purchase requirements for future purchases if the services are a continued need for the community organizations. The department will conduct market research to determine if other vendors similar to Detera have entered into the market and if so, will utilize the procurement services process.

**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.

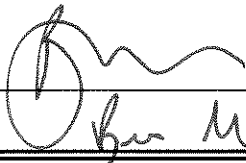
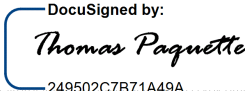
**PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE**

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 signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Ben Munn	Date:	9/29/24
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	Thomas Paquette	Date:	10/4/2024