



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
 OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

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 Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:		DAFS/MaineIT/Network Services	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jason Box	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 5,664.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 18B 20241004*0534
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	10/25/2024	Proposed End Date: 10/24/2027
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Consolidated Communications Inc 5 Davis Farm Rd Portland, ME 04103	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		600Mbps Fiberconnect @ 182 Indian Bar Road, Brooksville, Maine 04642	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Competitive Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Willing and Qualified
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 State customer requires a business class internet line to support a single State of Maine employee. The cost of upgrading the existing private ethernet connection is prohibitive to this specific location. Consolidated Communications Inc. (CCI) "FiberDirect" services is a product from a suitable vendor with infrastructure available immediately to provide this service.

Cost is one time \$129.00, Monthly recurring of \$140/month, and monthly recurring taxes and charges of \$13.75/month.

$\$129.00 + (\$140.00 \times 36 \text{ months}) + (\$13.75 \times 36) = \$5,664.00$

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

This provider has the immediate availability to provide the necessary connection for the State customer at a cost lower the other produces present on the current CCI MA. Comparable products on the CCI MA would cost in excess of \$820/mo in addition to a significant capital expense.

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

Consolidated Quote.

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

These services will be articulated in the next wide area network/State Bandwidth RFC and/or amended into the existing MA with CCI for internet 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) – 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):	DocuSigned by:  A29C99359A37464...		
Typed Name:	Nicholas Marquis, Chief Information Officer	Date:	10/15/2024
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  EA813178102243C...		
Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, Director of IT Procurement	Date:	10/15/2024