



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:	Department of Energy Resources			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Ethan Tremblay			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A			
Agency Department Code:	50A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20251016*746	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$30,000			
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	10/13/2025	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	3/31/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Verrill Dana, LLP VC1000094267		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Legal Services		

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. Higher Education 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.

To provide the Department of Energy Resources with specialized legal services with regard to recently filed rate case from Central Maine Power Company in Maine PUC Docket 2025-00218. The initial scope of work would relate to support on developing a motion to dismiss (or an alternative such as a suspension route under Section 307), support regarding relevant filings, and representation during oral arguments. Work would also include participation in any motions filed by the Maine Office of Public Advocate in the proceeding.

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 Department of Energy Resources, in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General, have determined that the selected vendor has unique expertise to assist the state with the specialized legal services required. In addition, the legal services are required to be provided in compliance with deadlines established by Hearing Examiners and are outside the control of the DOER.

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

The rates paid to the selected vendor are reasonable given the unique nature of the services required and the expertise of the firm.

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

The retaining of outside counsel is permitted under M.R.S. Title 5, Ch. 9 §191. 3. B. Any future needs related to these services will be subject to the above-referenced statute and will not be competitively bid.

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

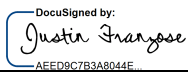
1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Dan Burgess	Date:	10/08/2025

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:			
Typed Name:	Justin Franzose	Date:	10/9/2025






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