



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:		Maine Public Utilities Commission	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Sally Zeh, Director Electric & Gas Division	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		NA	
Agency Department Code:	65A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20251009*0780
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$125,344		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	10/1/2025	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 9/30/2026
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:		Christensen Associates Energy Consulting, LLC Madison, WI	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Expert consulting regarding ratemaking proceedings for investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities.	

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.

Christensen Associates (CA) will provide technical support to the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), in the evaluation and litigation associated with Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) proposed multi-year distribution rate plan, MPUC's Docket Order No. 2025-00218. On September 16, 2025, CMP filed a distribution rate case and proposed a five-year rate plan. CA's work will focus on evaluating and advising the Commission and its Staff on the structure of CMP's proposed multi-year rate plan and the development of an alternative performance-based rate plan that utilizes best practices for performance-based ratemaking. This alternative should incorporate the priorities established in the grid planning docket order (2023-00322) such as affordability, promoting flexible management of customers' resources and energy consumption, making efficient investments in reliability and resilience, and improving data quality and integrity to maximize its use in distribution system planning.

CA will participate in Docket No. 2025-00218 as a Staff consultant, which will include reviewing and evaluating testimony and exhibits, and developing discovery/data requests; reviewing discovery/data responses produced by CMP and other parties; responding to discovery/data requests propounded by CMP and other parties; potentially preparing and filing expert witness testimony; appearing as a witness in technical conferences and hearings; and other tasks associated with this litigation. This work could involve some travel to the Commission's offices in Hallowell Maine for in-person appearances at, for example, hearings. However, for most meetings and proceedings, CA could participate remotely via videoconference. CA's work will likely be most intensive during the earlier stages of the case but could extend throughout the entire proceeding (through approximately September 2026). Additional responsibilities and more specific tasks will be identified as the litigation proceeds.

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.

Christensen Associates was selected to perform work for the Commission in RFP # 202408155, Consulting Services to Analyze the Impact of Distributed Generation Resources on Ratepayers. CA examined regulatory tools based on performance that the Commission now would like to utilize in the CMP rate making proceeding MPUC's Docket Order No. 2025-00218. CA's expert consultant work consisted of 1) conducting a comprehensive review of standards and metrics utilized in other states that have implemented performance-based rate design; (2) assisting the Commission in developing goals for utility performance and related performance-based standards and metrics; (3) identifying emerging regulatory mechanisms that would better align utility performance with State policies and goals; (4) participating in stakeholder meetings, where necessary. This expert is now needed to support MPUC in the CMP rate case that is underway. CMP's rate case was filed on September 16, 2025, and after review of the case it was determined this consultant would be needed for this case given the expertise and work already completed with the Commission. Because rate cases start immediately after filed and must by statute be completed within 12 months, there is not sufficient time to competitively bid this service.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

Rates are consistent with those of RFP #202408155 when this service was competitively bid and is similar to other consulting rates in the market for this type of expertise.

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

MPUC may bid for like services in the future if needed and time allows.

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):	<i>Amy Dumeny</i>		
Typed Name:	Amy Dumeny	Date:	10/09/25

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:	<small>Signed by:</small> Sterling Doiron <small>4C627C62B66437...</small>		
Typed Name:	Sterling Doiron	Date:	10/14/2025






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