



### 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:		Education; Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways; CTE Team		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Melissa Sherwood		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A		
Agency Department Code:	05A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 20251007*0635	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$15,000		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	7/1/2025	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	6/30/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):	
GRANT	Project Start Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.	Grant Start Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Project End Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.	Grant End Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Career and Technical Education Consortium of States (CTECS), Incorporated		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Annual membership fee		

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
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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.

In accordance with requirements with Perkins V, a percentage of funds are reserved for state leadership activities which advance goals of the grant. Furthermore, the federal Perkins grant requires that all Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming be aligned with national standards that can lead to an industry credential. CTECS is a leader in developing standards as well as assessments in order to meet these requirements.

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 consortium model allows CTECS to connect the best resources and practices from participating partners and members by identifying dynamic relationships and benefits for all. CTECS utilizes its professional network to develop standards and share them with the Maine DOE's CTE team in order to meet federal funding requirements. CTECS has a unique network of multiple resources that they utilize in developing standards, whereby all other organizations will merely promote their organization's specific standards. This is work that CTECS has done with other state CTE teams as well.

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

Organizational membership with CTECS is one of several national CTE organizations that the Maine DOE CTE Team works with. Costs of services reflect standard membership pricing as Maine has a long-held membership with this nonprofit organization.

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

Should the need arise, the Maine DOE will explore alternative membership options with national CTE organizations.

### 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

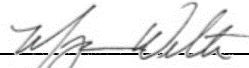
Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS [Title 5, §18](#) and [§18-A](#), in harmony with MRS [Title 17, §3104](#).

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

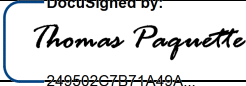
1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Megan Welter	Date:	10/22/2025

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:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  <small>24950267B71A49A...</small>		
Typed Name:	Thomas Paquette	Date:	10/23/2025

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