

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of 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 website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		ACF – Maine Forest Service		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Robby Gross / Mary Casey		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 5,616.42	Advantage CT / RQS #:	01A 20201015000000000430	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	11/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	12/31/2020
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:		BK Technologies		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		To purchase 3 new Bendix King radios, 1 for each Region, to replace old and failing radios.		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
x	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:

1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

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The Maine Forest Service has been using Bendix King radios since the early 2000's and continues to embrace the functionality and efficiency on fire mobilizations in and out of state. The compliment of Harris radios used by Rangers in state satisfy most communication requirements for in state emergencies, that being said, it is found that there is a necessity to have two radios on scene to communicate to state and local resources based on communication plans and the inability to control all traffic on one portal radio. For out of state mobilizations, Harris radios are not compatible with nationwide programming as OIT controls the ability to reprogram. Additionally, the issued Harris radio is not field programmable to interact with the changing emergency scene. When Forest Rangers mobilize, it is a requirement for them to take a portable radio that is compliant with incident communications out of state and has the ability to field program to be safe under extreme conditions. Forest Rangers have discovered over time that the older model Bendix King radios (DPH's) are failing and not feasible to repair. This year's mobilization program has found 3 different radios that have been damaged and hard to repair. There is a need to start the process to make current inventory valid and up to date. It is proposed to purchase 3 new Bendix King KNG2 radios, one for each region, to utilize for Rangers mobilizing out of state and to supplement in state fire operations. The Bendix King KNG2 is an industry leader that is supported by out of state incident operations and is used widely. This ensures compatibility, ease of repair, and the Maine Forest Service staying engaged with incident communications.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

This vendor has this item on a sale price of \$1,872.14 per radio which is a discount of almost \$1,000 per radio

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

This is a special negotiated price for law enforcement agencies.

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

We will continue to seek the best possible price for these items in the future.

PART IV: APPROVALS

**Signature of requesting
Department's Commissioner
(or designee):**

By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.

DocuSigned by:

Amanda E. Beal

Printed Name:

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Amanda E. Beal

Date:

10/20/2020

**Signature of DAFS
Procurement Official:**

DocuSigned by:

Justin Franzose

Printed Name:

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Justin Franzose

Date:

11/3/2020

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