

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:		Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Sarah Curran	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 9,180	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20200205000000002207
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	2/13/20	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	12/31/20	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG) 110 Hartwell Ave Lexington, MA 02421	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Modeling for the Maine Climate Change Planning Project	

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
X	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
	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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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Synapse is supporting the Maine Climate Planning Project providing energy sector modeling services. Over the past three months, Synapse has been coordinating with several Maine Climate Council Working Groups (Transportation, Buildings Infrastructure and Housing, and Energy) to define a baseline and future scenarios that meet Maine's GHG emissions reduction goal of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Additional supplemental mitigation modeling tasks in support of the Maine Climate Planning Project are necessary and beyond the budget and scope of the existing effort.

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

Eastern Research Group, Inc. /Synapse was selected as the winning bidder for RFP# 201912210 - Assessing the Impacts Climate Change May Have on the State's Economy, Revenues, and Investment Decisions based on an evaluation of the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP.

Under PART II SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, the RFP specified that "If further analysis is needed in specific areas, additional work could result."

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

Proposed costs are reasonable and consistent with the existing contract.

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


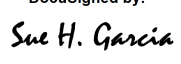
If further modeling analysis is needed, additional work could result under the existing contract. For new services, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future will conduct competitive processes as appropriate.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting

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

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Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Printed Name:	Hannah Pingree	Date:	10/20/20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> 		
Printed Name:	<small>E5DB92AC0F8D490...</small> Sue H. Garcia	Date:	11/16/2020