

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:		Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Rhonda Ainslie			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:					
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 40,178.05	Advantage CT / RQS #:			
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	December 1, 2021	Proposed End Date:	November 30, 2022	
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:		Software Modernization Technologies 79 Stevens House, Kingston, KT1 1HX, England			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Annual maintenance for SoftwareMining software framework libraries			

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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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The SoftwareMining framework libraries are an integral part of MERITS, the tax processing system that Maine Revenue Services uses for processing and accounting for the majority of Maine tax returns. This software was utilized as part of the conversion of the legacy MATS system from COBOL/DB2 to Java/Oracle in 2006 and is embedded as part of the MERITS source code. This maintenance agreement is necessary for the continuing operation of MERITS, since the MERITS system would not function without the SoftwareMining framework libraries.

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

The SoftwareMining framework libraries are unique to Software Modernization Technologies LTD, and part of their proprietary software that is utilized to convert legacy COBOL code to Java. These libraries are embedded within the converted MERITS code and are required for the successful processing of the MERITS system.

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

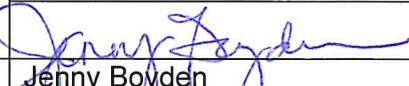
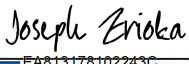
The annual maintenance cost for the library modules is comparable with previous years maintenance costs.

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

The software itself will become unnecessary when the agency implements its new holistic system.

The SoftwareMining library modules are embedded in the MERITS source code and are an integral part of the processing code. Since they were part of the code translation process from COBOL to Java in 2006, there is no way that they can be replaced or removed from the existing MERITS system without significant redesign and development efforts by MRS and MaineIT.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
Printed Name:	Jenny Boyden Associate Commissioner	Date:	11-1-21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Printed Name:	Joseph Zrioka	Date:	11/4/2021