



PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

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 intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

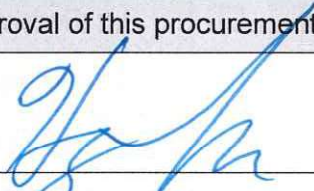

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	Maine Public Utilities Commission		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Harry Lanphear		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ Non State Funds totalling \$115,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT65A20221103*1284
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	11/1/2022	Proposed End Date: 10/31/2024
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:	Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Minneapolis, MN 55407		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Stakeholder engagement facilitation services related to Distributed Generation Working Group.		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University 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.	The Commission ordered, in Docket 2021-00035, that a working group of utilities and other stakeholder be formed to address certain issues involving distributed generation in Maine. This vendor will facilitate these discussions.
2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.	The Vendor is a non-profit with significant experience in facilitating stakeholders for similar efforts. In this case, the vendor will facilitate stakeholders from utilities, environmental groups, and developers related to distributed generation in Maine.
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	Costs are consistent with what the Commission has paid to other vendors doing utility related work for similar projects.
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	The Commission will conduct an RFP is similar work is required.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)	
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – If No, proceed to Part V.	

PART V: APPROVALS			
The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.			
Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Harry Lanphear	Date:	11/1/2022
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	249502C7B71A49A... Thomas Paquette	Date:	11/3/2022