



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:	Governor's Energy Office		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Claire Swingle		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$125,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20221123*1440
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	11/17/2022	Proposed End Date: 12/31/2023
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:	Strategen Consulting LLC, Sacramento, California		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Expert consulting services, to include expert testimony and analysis, related to cost of service, rate design, and vehicle electrification.		

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. 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 Governor's Energy Office (GEO) has been directed by Governor Mills to intervene in opposition to two filings for electricity rate increases before the Maine Public Utilities Commission. -To most effectively participate in these proceedings, the GEO requires expert services to support this effort. Strategen Consulting LLC will provide the GEO with expert consulting services, to include expert testimony and analysis, related to cost of service, rate design, and vehicle electrification.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

The services required are contingent on a litigation schedule established outside of the Governor's Energy Office's purview. Testimony for the first rate case is due on December 2, 2022. The vendor was selected based on their ability to complete the scope of work required in the limited time available to perform the work. The vendor has recently performed comparable services in similar proceedings in at least eight other states with successful results.

GEO has reached out to a variety of consultants to work with on this effort. Given the timeline of the litigation, Strategen's high quality work product and no conflicts of interest, the GEO has identified that they are best positioned to work with GEO on this project.

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

Costs were detailed in the Vendor's proposal and have been determined to be fair reasonable.

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

If further engagement and support is needed, additional work could result under the existing contract.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)


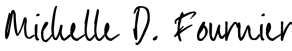
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

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:	Dan Burgess, Director	Date:	11/23/2022
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 <small>066BBD06EE5347F...</small>		
Typed Name:	Michelle D. Fournier	Date:	11/23/2022