

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

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| Department Office/Division/Program: | | Commissioner's Office | | |
| Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator: | | Amanda Rector Blazek | | |
| (If applicable) Department Reference #: | | | | |
| Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant) | \$ 10,500.00 | Advantage CT / RQS #: | 20231117000000000757 | |
| CONTRACT | Proposed Start Date: | 1/1/24 | Proposed End Date: | 12/31/2024 |
| 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: | | VC1000075665 Reg Economic Models Inc. 433 West Street Amherst, MA 01002 | | |
| Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant: | | Yearly maintenance fee | | |

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

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

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| | 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:

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

The REMI PI + economic model is an economic impact analysis modeling software. The purchase of this software allows the Commissioner's Office to produce analyses of the impact on the state's economy of different economic, demographic, and policy changes. The office previously purchased the model; this is the licensing agreement for the next calendar year.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

The input-output economic analysis model is proprietary to Regional Economic Models Inc. There are only two primary companies in the US in this marketplace as general purpose economic impact analysis modeling software is a highly specialized field. There are several elements of Regional Economic Models, Inc's product that make it better suited to our needs, including more extensive time series data, the ability to do cost benefit analysis and in model forecasting and the availability of an add-on fiscal analysis module.

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

The office negotiated for a reduced price to bring the model up to date for the same amount.

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

There are very few companies in the US that produce this type of economic impact analysis software as it is a highly specialized field. If there is additional demand in the national marketplace, other companies might develop similar software packages 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.



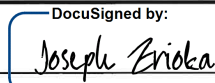
Printed Name:

Jenny Boyden
Associate Commissioner

Date:

11-17-23

**Signature of DAFS
Procurement Official:**

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Printed Name:

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Joseph Zrioka Director of IT Procurement

Date:

11/20/2023