



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
 OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Office of State 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 Procurement Services intranet site (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)	\$ 25,582.36	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 18F 20241105*671
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	12/1/2024	Proposed End Date: 6/1/2025
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			
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
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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 SoftwareMining framework libraries are an integral part of MERITS, the tax processing system that Maine Revenue Services uses for processing and accounting for 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. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

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. 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.

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 fully implements its new holistic system.

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

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

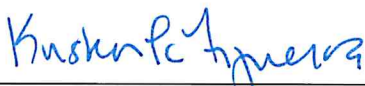
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS [Title 5, §18](#) and [§18-A](#), in harmony with MRS [Title 17, §3104](#).

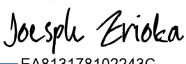
The requesting department signatory understands and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes.

PART VI: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):			
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Typed Name:	Kirsten LC Figueroa Commissioner	Date:	11/5/2024
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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  EA813178102243C...		
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Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, IT Procurement Director	Date:	11/8/2024
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