



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 \$10,000 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:		DACF/Maine Forest Service/Forest Protection Division		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jennifer Wright		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Agency Department Code:		Advantage RQS #: 01A	20251015000000000654	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 35,000.00		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	11/1/2025	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	4/1/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Field Support Services, Atlanta, GA		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Overhaul and repair of two BAMBI fire buckets for aerial firefighting.		

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. Higher Education 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.

Forest Protection operates three Bell 407 helicopters for fire suppression. Paired with these aircraft are three 180-gallon BAMBI fire buckets. After this year’s busy fire season, two of the three buckets are unserviceable due to normal wear and tear. Both have been in active service for almost twenty years without an overhaul. In addition, US Forest Service inspectors noted that these two buckets did not meet the criteria for use on federal property due to defects, effectively eliminating their use for federal fire suppression within the state. Without this equipment, we have reduced our firefighting capability by 2/3 in our Type 3 helicopter fleet. After the overhaul, these buckets will likely be serviceable for another 15-20 years, barring unexpected damage. After speaking with the vendor, the average timeline for an overhaul is a minimum of six weeks, depending on the work required. With fire season not quite at an end for 2025, and with the potential for needing aerial suppression to start as early as March in some parts of the state, this gives between 2 and 3 months for this work to be completed. Because of the timeline, this should be considered an emergency request.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFQ) number if applicable.

Field Support Services is the sole authorized repair vendor for BAMBI buckets in the United States. This has been confirmed through BAMBI’s parent company, SEI Industries. This equipment must be repaired with authorized OEM parts due to inspection criteria. Forest Protection has used Field Support Services in the past for bucket repair with quality results.

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

Field Support Services’ standard quote for a full bucket overhaul is 70% of the cost of a new bucket (\$20,000 - \$25,000). They cannot provide a detailed invoice until they have received and inspected the item. Using 70% of the most expensive bucket price (\$17,500) as an estimate, the total cost for both overhauls could be as much as \$35,000.

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

Should Forest Protection need to use a BAMBI repair facility in the future, we will continue to monitor the industry for additional options.

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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, ARPA funds (025) or (026) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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’s signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.

PART VI: APPROVALS

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee

1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):	DocuSigned by: <i>Amanda E. Beal</i> 20AF3A2882BB4AA...		
Typed Name:	Amanda E. Beal	Date:	10/23/2025

2. Additional signature required **ONLY if box E (Emergency) is selected in PART II**. The signature below indicates approval by the Department’s Commissioner, or the designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):	DocuSigned by: <i>Amanda E. Beal</i> 20AF3A2882BB4AA...		
Typed Name:	Amanda E. Beal	Date:	10/20/2025

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Michael McNeil</i> 7008796FB36A449...		
Typed Name:	Michael McNeil	Date:	11/4/2025

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