



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:		Commissioner's Office	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Amanda Rector Blazek	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Agency Department Code:		Advantage CT / RQS #:	20251104000000000755
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 10,500.00		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	1/1/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 12/31/2026
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:		VC1000075665 Regional Economic Models Inc 433 West Street Amherst, MA 01002	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Yearly Maintenance Fee	

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 checked="" 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. Higher Education 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.	<p>The Regional Economic Models Inc 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.</p>
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.	<p>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 a 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.</p>
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	<p>The office negotiated for a reduced price to bring the model up to date for the same amount.</p>
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	<p>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.</p>

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)	
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	

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):		11.17.25
Typed Name:	Elaine Clark Acting Commissioner	Date:

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):		
Typed Name:		Date:

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	Signed by: 	
Typed Name:	2A1D91BCA418470... John Spier	Date: 11/21/2025

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