

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				
Department Office/Division/Program:		Inland Fisheries and Wildlife/ Wildlife Division		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Tim Peabody		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 10,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20201104000000001401
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	11/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	9/30/2021
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	11/1/2020	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:		Ducks Unlimited, Dexter MI 48130		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Deliver cost effective solutions that will restore habitat and enhance waterfowl recruitment for each fall migration of waterfowl in the Atlantic Flyaway.		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
	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:
1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Ducks Unlimited (DU) and Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) will partner with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) to protect and restore critical waterfowl habitats that will benefit waterfowl in the Atlantic Flyway. DU will deliver cost effective solutions to restore habitat and enhance waterfowl recruitment for each fall migration of waterfowl in the Atlantic Flyway.

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

DU is a non-profit conservation organization that has conserved over 14.5 million acres of habitat for waterfowl and other wetland-dependent wildlife throughout North America. DU is committed to science-based, solution-oriented conservation for waterfowl, wildlife, and people. DU in coordination with partners, have a thorough understanding of the permits processes and have been successful in obtaining necessary permit for wetland restoration work. DU has proven track record of working with permit agencies and with receiving permits for restoration activities in the Northeast, and elsewhere in DU's 21-state Great Lakes Atlantic Region.

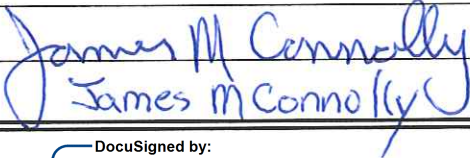

3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

DU works with federal, state, and local government agencies and non-governmental partners to conserve wetlands. This is accomplished via grants, cooperative agreements and cost share contracts. DU annually receives and administers millions of dollars in such support to carry out their conservation mission with our partners. In the northeast DU's conservation program has been highly successful, having protected and restored over 40,000 acres of wetlands and associated habitat. DU's Ecosystem strategic planning efforts in the Atlantic Flyway have provided a landscape framework for focusing conservation work where protection and restoration efforts have the greatest benefits to waterfowl and other wildlife.

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

The Department seeks the most economical approach to securing goods and or services and will continue to do so.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
Printed Name:	James M Connolly	Date:	12/3/2020
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Printed Name:	1DFA565D481F42E... Debbie Jacques	Date:	12/9/2020