



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF 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 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 intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:		Marine Resources, Commissioner's Office		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Meredith Mendelson/Marge Morissette		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		Click or tap here to enter text.		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 2,360,286.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	13A CT 13A 20210812000000000341
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.	Proposed End Date:	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	8/17/2021	Effective Date:	9/1/2022
	Previous End Date:	8/31/2022	New End Date:	6/1/2024
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Nossaman LLP, 777 South Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90017		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Legal Services-Outside Council		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input 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.

Litigation related to the future authorization of the lobster fishery requires specific legal expertise for appropriate representation. DMR has support from the Attorney General to hire outside counsel to represent the State in two cases and to monitor multiple others for issues that may impact state interests

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

Nossaman LLP is one of a limited number of firms in the nation that has the appropriate experience and resources on staff to provide support on complex issues of ESA and MMPA litigation.

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

Nossaman LLP rates are commensurate with rates for firms with this specialized expertise, and they have offered the State of Maine a rate specific to public entities

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

N/A

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

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

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

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>Meredith Mendelson</i>		
	Meredith Mendelson (Nov 3, 2022 16:15 EDT)		
Typed Name:	Meredith Mendelson, Deputy Commissioner	Date:	Nov 3, 2022
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>David Morris</i>		
Typed Name:	2A644AF5681F482 David Morris	Date:	12/20/2022

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