



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
Table with fields: Department Office/Division/Program: Corrections; Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator: Conner McFarland; Amount: \$ 165,185.25; Advantage CT / RQS #: 20231201*0813; Proposed Start Date: 12/1/2023; Proposed End Date: 6/30/2024; Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State: Central Maine Power Company, Augusta, Maine; Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant: Payment for interconnection study conducted by CMP for the MSP Solar Panel Project

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)
Table with justification options A-L: A. Competitive Process, B. Amendment, C. Single Source/Unique Vendor (checked), D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents, E. Emergency, F. University Cooperative Project, G. Grant, H. State Statute/Agency Directed, I. Federal Agency Directed, J. Willing and Qualified, K. Client Choice, 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.

The Department of Corrections is anticipating the installation of a 1.98 MW solar panel installation at Maine State Prison in Warren. The solar panels would be connected to the statewide electricity grid. CMP was commissioned to conduct a study to determine the potential impacts of the solar panel installation project on the Midcoast grid. CMP is the owner of the electric delivery for this area of Maine. This study was conducted in support of RFP 20231020 - Maine State Prison Ground-Mounted Solar Project, which is the solar panel installation phase of the project.

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

CMP is the sole owner of the transmission and delivery network for Midcoast Maine, specifically in Warren, Maine. CMP is required to follow rules promulgated by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (Chapter 324) on electricity distribution interconnections.

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

The Department utilized consultant services under MA – 22122100*0086 with Competitive Energy Services to provide expert advise on the agreements and associated costs with CMP to ensure the IA costs were consistent with the market rate.

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

Installation services of the solar panels are currently being competitively bid under RFP 20231020. Future interconnection studies will be completed with the energy delivery and transmission owner of the area.

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

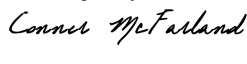
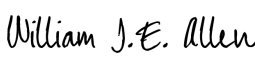
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

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):	DocuSigned by:  FD522942914A4F8...		
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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  2D5B6E39F57E44A...		
Typed Name:	William J.E. Allen	Date:	12/15/2023

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