



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:		Corrections		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Scott Goulette		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		10,796.76	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 03A 20231226*0916
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	1/1/2024	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2024
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		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:		West Publishing Corporation, Eagan, MN		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Online Legal Research for DOC residents		

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 type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization

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.

Provision of legal reference materials to incarcerated individuals is required under state and federal law.

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

Under the current contract, a request for quotes was issued and a contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, which was West Publishing Corporation. West is essentially one of two national companies who compete for this type of business. In discussions with IT Procurement, they will be creating master agreements with both leading companies prior to the expiration of this extension.

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

The rate under the original contract (\$1,799.46/mo) is being held for this six (6) month extension, which the Department considers to be fair and reasonable. The vendor's system is unable to handle a 6-mos contract so the Department agreed to pay the 6-mos terms up front via RQS/BPO. The vendor invoice is attached.

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

The Department will utilize one of the master agreements upon termination of this contract extension.

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

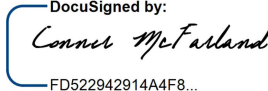
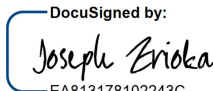
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

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):			12/22/2023
Typed Name:	Conner McFarland	Date:	
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	Joseph Zrioka, Director of IT Procurement	Date:	12/21/2023