



## PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	Child Development Services		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Stacey Bean		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	N/A		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 10,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20241119*1286
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	12/1/2024	Proposed End Date: 7/1/2025
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:	Laura Larson Brunswick, Maine 04011		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Improve private school settings in preparation for 3-and-4-year-old transition to public school.		

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

*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 Child Development Services Preschool programs are all currently rated with a two-star rating on the Maine Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) also known as Rising Stars. This rating system is based on five-star system with each star demonstrating higher quality in early care and education across seven standards. In order for the CDS Preschool programs to demonstrate their level of quality and obtain a four or five star rating, support and guidance is required from a qualified Early Care and Education Professional.

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

Laura Larson is the director of a National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and Five Star MQRIS rated director. Laura has an extensive background and experience in developing quality programming. Laura holds a BA degree from the University of Farmington in Early Childhood Education, a M.Ed. in Early Intervention and an Ed.D in Organizational Leadership. These qualifications make her uniquely qualified for this work.

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

The rates are comparable to others who contract for related services and the funding was allocated to the grantee since she has extensive expertise in developing quality programming.

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

Any future need for improvement work across the state will be discussed and then processed in accordance with State procurement policies and procedures

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

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

Yes, ARPA funds (025) – 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 signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes.

**PART VI: APPROVALS**

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>Megan Welter</i>		
Typed Name:	Megan Welter	Date:	12/3/2024
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 41C2BA36FAF44CD...		
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	12/9/2024

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