



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  
**OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES**  
 STATE OF MAINE

**PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)**

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$10,000 submitted to the Office of State 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 Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.*

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:		Maine Depart. Public Safety – Maine State Crime Lab		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Lt. Michael Zabarsky Alexander Gibson		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A		
Agency Department Code:	16A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	RQS 20251119*853	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$19,540		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	1/1/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date:	12/31/2026
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:		New End Date (if Applicable):	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Niche Vision Forensics LLC – VC0000245274 Akron, OH 44311		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Annual Upgrade and Maintenance contract for the STRmix Probabilistic Genotyping Software		

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. Higher Education 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.

Probabilistic Genotyping is a computer program that analyzes low-level and mixed DNA profiles from casework samples and compares them to reference DNA profiles and provides a statistical weight to any matches. The STRmix software is a complex system that requires regular updates to expand its capabilities as well as potentially correct any errors in the coding. On average, a new, updated version of STRmix is released once every year. The STRmix Annual Upgrade and Maintenance contract provides major and minor version releases and scientific support (including trouble shooting, case specific questions, and general email advice) for a period of 12 months. As the exclusive distributor of STRmix in North America, NicheVision is the only vendor available to our lab for these updates.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the solicitation (RFP/RFA/RFQ) number if applicable.

STRmix is the Probabilistic Genotyping software system used by the FBI and more than 60 other forensic laboratories in the United States. STRmix was developed by the New Zealand based Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR), and NicheVision Forensics is the exclusive distributor for the Probabilistic Genotyping software system “STRmix” in North America.

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

The negotiated service contract appears considerate and reasonable in line with our lab’s grant and State budget needs.

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

No changes currently while NicheVision Forensics is the sole source distributor for the Probabilistic Genotyping software system “STRmix” in North America. If we need to change software in the future, we will follow all state rules and regulations to purchase new software.

**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) or (026) – 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’s signatory affirms, understands, and acknowledges Maine’s Conflict of Interest statutes and, in accordance with those statutes and to the best of their knowledge, has determined that no conflict of interest exists at the time of this contract, renewal, or amendment.

**PART VI: APPROVALS**

Governor/Department Commissioner or Designee

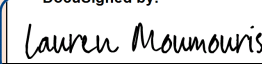
1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):	 Michael Sauschuck (Nov 19, 2025 13:52:02 EST)		
Typed Name:	Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner	Date:	11/19/2025

2. Additional signature required **ONLY if box E (Emergency) is selected in PART II**. The signature below indicates approval by the Department’s Commissioner, or the designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests.

Signature of requesting Department’s Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:		Date:	

**\*\*OSPS Section Only\*\***

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Typed Name:	Lauren Mournouris, IT Procurement System Analyst	Date:	12/8/2025






# Nichevision PJF

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