



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:		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*849
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$15,503.68		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	1/27/2026	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 1/26/2027
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:		Life Technologies VC1000037602 Carlsbad, CA	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Annual maintenance/service contract for QuantStudio instruments	

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

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.	<p>A maintenance/service agreement is required of critical instruments used in an accredited forensic testing laboratory, such as our lab, to ensure the results produced from our instruments are reliable and reproducible. This annual preventative maintenance service agreement will check the functioning and calibration of our QuantStudio instruments, as well as providing necessary software updates to the operating system, maintaining this lab's high standards and accreditation. We are required to follow stringent protocols and industry best practices.</p> <p>Our lab relies on the QuantStudio instruments to determine if there is human DNA present in a sample, as well as the quantity of DNA in the sample. This service agreement covers repairs and preventative maintenance over a 12-month period. It includes 100% labor, travel, and certified & optimized replacement parts for our QuantStudio instruments and Dell computers specified for their operation.</p>
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.	<p>Life Technologies manufactures the QuantStudio instruments and dictates the very specific computer hardware and software for its use and operation with Dell desktop computers. This is a low-volume instrument designed and manufactured for a very specific purpose. Life Technologies are the best service provider for this relatively new technology, and its continued calibration and precise functioning is a critical part of the DNA analysis procedure in our lab. Life Technologies states that they are "the only manufacturer authorized to provide service for [these] instruments" and "does not authorize any third-party service provider to perform maintenance and repair on Life Technologies instruments."</p> <p>As the QuantStudios presently used by our lab are designed and manufactured by Life Technologies, they are best maintained and repaired by the vendor's specialists, who have the most experience with this proprietary instrument and are best equipped to conduct timely repairs with the appropriate Life technologies supplied parts. Our lab cannot obtain the same instrument and software maintenance necessary anywhere else for the same product(s) we are presently using.</p>
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.	<p>The negotiated maintenance/service contract appears considerate and reasonable in line with our lab's grant and state budget needs.</p>
4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.	<p>No changes as long as we use the Life Technologies QuantStudios and software to determine the presence of human DNA in samples analyzed by our lab.</p>

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 10:59:59 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 Systems Analyst	Date:	12/16/2025






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