



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 Department of Labor – Bureau of Unemployment Compensation		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Suzan McKechnie		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Agency Department Code:		12A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 12A 20251205*1320
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$4,800,000		
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	12/15/2025	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:		Tata Consultancy Services LTD (TCS)		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Technological Maintenance and Support for Unemployment Case Management system		

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 checked="" 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.

The Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation administers the unemployment program through the ReEmployME system. The maintenance and support of the IT components to maintain the ReEmployME system are provided by TCS. Since 2012, and through 12/31/2025, the State of ME was in a three state consortium with the states of Mississippi and Connecticut with the Master contract (“turnkey agreement) held by the state of Mississippi. Both MS and CT have pursued their own stand-alone contracts with both TCS (CT), and a different vendor (MS), which is driving the need for ME to pursue its own stand-alone contract with our current system vendor, TCS.

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.

In November, 2025, Mississippi announced they were seeking an emergency contract with a different vendor than TCS to provide the maintenance and support of their unemployment system. ME has no prior relationship with the new vendor, and considering the timeframe associated with the transition, our best path forward was to continue our relationship with our current vendor, TCS, and pursue a one-year sole source contract.

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

Costs were negotiated with the vendor, TCS, in collaboration with IT and Department Technological SMEs.

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

ME plans to issue an RFP to solicit bids for the Support and Maintenance of the ReEmployME system through the competitive process.

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

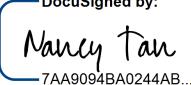
1. The signature below indicates approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	 F7DCCA1C86FF452...	
Typed Name:	Kimberly Smith	Date: 12/18/2025

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):	 F7DCCA1C86FF452...	
Typed Name:	Kimberly Smith	Date: 12/18/2025

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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 7AA9094BA0244AB...	
Typed Name:	Nancy Tan	Date: 12/19/2025

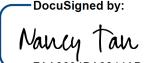
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