



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:		Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Nathan Webb, Wildlife Division Director	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			
Agency Department Code:	09A	Advantage CT / RQS #:	2024121000000001504
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$79,045.20	
CONTRACT	Proposed/Original Start Date:	12/10/2024	Proposed/Most Recent End Date: 12/31/2025
AMENDMENT	New Effective Date:	1/1/2026	New End Date (if Applicable): 12/31/2026
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Wildlife Management Institute 4426 VT Route 215N Cabot, VT 05647	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Contract Staffing Support - Land Acquisition	

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 checked="" 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.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) is mandated by statute to “preserve, protect and enhance the inland fisheries and wildlife resources of the State; to encourage the wise use of these resources; to ensure coordinated planning for the future use and preservation of these resources; and to provide for effective management of these resources”. To achieve this mandate, the Department acquires land for the management and protection of wildlife habitat and to support and improve opportunities for public access. Habitat protection and management strategies were identified as priority action items for the majority of Maine’s Species of Conservation Need as identified in the State’s Wildlife Action Plan.

With an increasing number of land acquisition projects which need to be completed in the next year as well as associated stewardship projects, the Department does not have staff available to address this need. This contracted position would allow MDIFW’s Land Acquisition Program to continue the increased pace at which these projects are completed and to improve the necessary stewardship and management tasks associated with ownership of land, management of habitat, and improved access for the public.

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.

The vendor has been authorized by the United States Fish and Wildlife service for contract administration to be used as State funding match for the Department’s Pittman-Robertson Grants. In effect, this provides up to 25% state funding obligation to match 75% federal funds dedicated towards this effort, eliminating the need for state funds this contract. We know of no other vendors that provide State matching funds for contract staffing support.

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

The salary is based on equivalent positions in MDIFW. The total salary is considerably lower than an equivalent position in the federal government or in the private sector (e.g., Wildlife Management Institute [WMI]). The fee that the Provider charges was negotiated with the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, of which the Department is a member. The Provider is willing to waive a portion of its negotiated fee, which in turn is used by MDIFW to meet federal match requirements.

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

If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorizes other vendors to provide the requested service in the future, the Department will use a competitive process to identify an appropriate vendor.

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):	Signed by:  <small>2E11918D8425475...</small>		
Typed Name:	Judith Camuso, Commissioner	Date:	12/17/2025
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 <u>designee specifically authorized to approve emergency procurement requests</u> .			
Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:		Date:	

****OSPS Section Only****

Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  <small>891CE7A1493D45B...</small>		
Typed Name:	Martha verhille	Date:	12/29/2025

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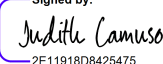
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