## PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) <u>over \$5,000</u> 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:			DVEM / BVS					
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:			Tracy Wheelden Contract/Grant Manager					
(If applicable) Department Reference #:								
Amount: \$ 20,000 (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		00 Advantage CT / RQS #: CT 1		5A 20220207*1808				
CONTRACT	Proposed St	art Date:			Proposed End Date:			
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		2/15/2022		Effective Date:		9/18/2024	
AMENDMENT	Previous End Date:		6/30/2024		New End Date:		6/30/2025	
GRANT	Project Start Date:				Grant Start Date:			
GRAIT	Project End Date:				Grant End Date:			
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		The American Legion Winslow, Maine						
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:			Veterans' Services					

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION									
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)									
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant						
$\boxtimes$	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed						
$\boxtimes$	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed						
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified						
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice						
	F. University Cooperative Project		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.

Public Law Chapter 128 approved by the Governor of the State of Maine on May 24th, 2013 established the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund within the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services. This fund was established to receive two percent of the net table game income for the purpose of providing financial assistance to veterans' service organizations. Sixty-four thousand five hundred (\$64,500) of these funds are designated to be given annually to a veterans' service organization that has funded and maintained a veteran' service officer at the Veterans Administration (Togus) for at least one year prior to January 1, 2013. The purpose of this was to provide funding assistance to those organizations that are struggling with maintaining a service officer at the VA Togus because of lost revenue from beano and games of chance since the inception of the casino in Bangor.

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

This vendor is one of two veterans' service organizations that meet the eligible requirements as outlined in Public Law Chapter 128

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

The funding assistance was determined based on what was designated in the law to be given to a veterans' service organization for this purpose.

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

The law was specific in the amount of funding that could be provided to organizations that have funded and maintained a veterans' service office at Veterans Administration (Togus) for at least one year prior to January 1st, 2013. There are only two organizations that fit that criteria as other organizations are funded by their National Headquarters, rather than their State Departments. Should another organization fit the criteria in the future, the Bureau will follow the RFP 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) — 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.

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PART VI: APPROVALS								
The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.								
Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	Scott A. Young 8EDC934F194048D							
Typed Name:	Scott A. Young, Deputy Commissioner	Date:	9/16/2024					
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by:  Sue H. Garcia  E5DB92AC0F8D490							
Typed Name:	Sue H. Garcia	Date:	9/18/2024					

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