

Unified Procurement Services Team (UPST)

DocuSign No Bid Justification (NBJ) Requirements and Process

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NBJ Requirements

Signatories of the NBJ power form

- Initiator (Individual completing the form, may be the requester or person initiating the process on behalf of the requester): **Required**
- Requester (Individual requesting the exception to policy): **Required-Signature required**
- Approval #1 (varies by campus, supervisor/individual exercising budgetary control): **Required- Signature required**
- Approver #2 (varies by campus, grants administrator): **Optional-Signature required**

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Initiator

Your Name: *

Your Email: *

Please provide information for any other signers needed for this document.

Requester

Name: *

Email: *

Approver 1

Name: *

Email: *

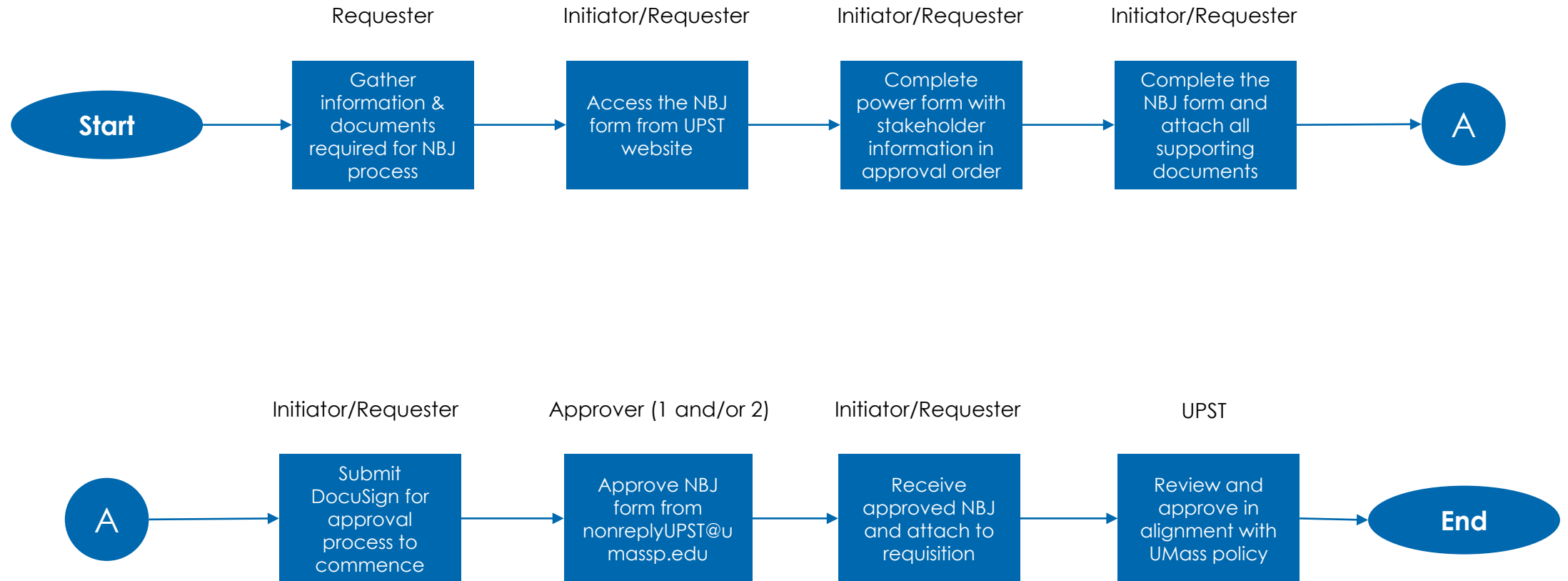
[optional] Approver 2

Name:

Email:

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NBJ Process Flow



No Bid Justification (NBJ): Questions

Working with varying templates and requirements across campuses, UPST in partnership with Campus Controllers and Grants Core Team streamlined requirements into 4 key questions/considerations:

Consideration #1:

Only one known source exists for supplies or services as determined by documented research

Consideration #2:

No other reasonable alternative source exists that meets the requirements

Consideration #3:

The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation

Consideration #4:

The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from UMass. **For Grant funded procurement: note that specific reference to an item or service in an application for a grant/award or the inclusion of a specific supplier in a proposal or award is not a valid justification.**

Only **1** consideration/rationale should be selected per request, with following information:

- **Description of methods + proof (attachment)** of effort supporting your claim for the consideration selected
- Describe/ provide **proof of price competitiveness**
- Attach all documents that will help make your case with UPST and your campus approvers
- **NOTE: Ensure you have all you have all documents ready before starting**