



**STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D**

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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: HEALTH/STATE LABORATORIES DIVISION  
*Name of Requesting Department*

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102(b)(4) and HAR chapter 3-120, the Department requests a procurement exemption for the following:

1. Describe the goods, services or construction:  
ASI RPR Card Test and VDRL Syphilis Antigen Test, Controls and accessories.  
The ASI RPR Card Test is a screening test for the sexually transmitted disease, Syphilis. The ASI RPR (Rapid Plasma Reagent) Card Test for Syphilis is a qualitative and semiquantitative nontreponemal flocculation test for the detection of reagin antibodies in human serum and plasma as a screening test in syphilis serology. The SLD performs Standard Test for Syphilis (STS) for prenatal diagnostic and reference testing. The FDA also mandates that transfusion blood is tested for syphilis, HIV and hepatitis in order to keep the blood supply safe. The ASI VDRL Antigen Test is a qualitative and semiquantitative nontreponemal flocculation test for the detection of reagin antibodies in human serum.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:		Arlington Scientific, Inc.	3. Amount of Request:	
			\$ 20,000	
4. Term of Contract	From: CPO APPROVAL	To: 12 MONTHS	5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE):	

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:  
It is not practicable or advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means because the DOH SLD has previously validated these assays and has been using these RPR and VDRL products to screen human serum, plasma, and cerebrospinal fluid (VDRL only) for syphilis antibodies for over 20 years and has documented evidence of their test performance. Both the RPR and VDRL tests are nontreponemal tests and are used in conjunction with the TrepSure EIA which uses specific recombinant treponemal antigens in an enzyme immunoassay format and which can be used as both a screening and confirmatory assay for specimens submitted for examination of blood. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) specimens are tested using the ASI VDRL Syphilis Antigen Test.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:  
These 2 assays were selected for use by the SLD for screening human serum, plasma, and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for antibodies to syphilis over 20 years ago and has accumulated laboratory data and evidence to support superior test performance and excellent correlation with confirmatory tests as appropriate. The SLD Bacterial Serology staff has documented competency assessments on test performance when compared with all laboratories performing proficiencies for syphilis serologies satisfying all CLIA requirements.

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8. Identify the primary responsible staff person(s) conducting and managing this procurement. (Appropriate delegated procurement authority and completion of mandatory training required).

\*Point of contact (Place asterisk after name of person to contact for additional information).

Name	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
Gail Y. Kunimoto	Health/SLD	453-6700	gail.kunimoto@doh.hawaii.gov

*All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department. I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.*

Department Head Signature

4/9/13

Date

**For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only**

Date Notice Posted: 4.11.13

Inquiries about this request shall be directed to the contact named in No. 8. Submit written objection to this notice to issue an exempt contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

[state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov](mailto:state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov)

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Department has withdrawn the request and will utilize the appropriate method of procurement.

If there are any questions, please contact Donn Tsuruda-Kashiwabara at 586-0565 or [donna.tsuruda-kashiwabara@hawaii.gov](mailto:donna.tsuruda-kashiwabara@hawaii.gov).

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

4/26/2013  
Date