



**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: Department of Health
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:
The Department of Health ("DOH") is requesting an exemption for Health Monitoring Systems (HMS) to collect emergency department data from Hawaii hospitals via a secure connection maintained by the hospitals and HMS. HMS will analyze: (a) Health Related Data; (b) Air quality data; using mathematical and statistical techniques and shall display the results of such analysis to the HI DOH through electronic means such as email, web page display, or other report through HMS' EpiCenter System. The EpiCenter System will provide all requisite hosting services and includes computer software and programs, both in object code and source code form, which HMS has already developed or which HMS independently develops or licenses from a third party. The data received in the system will be utilized by the State Health Department to monitor real-time disease trends based on healthcare registration data. Trends are valuable in characterizing events such as the onset of the annual influenza outbreak, and data provides valuable supplemental indicators to identify and respond to outbreaks, natural or related to a bioterrorism attack.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:	Health Monitoring Systems, Inc.	3. Amount of Request:
		\$ 350,000.00 ⁵ 175,000 per 7/23/13

4. Term of Contract From: 1-Oct-13 To: 30-Sep-15 30 Sept 14	5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE):
	per 7/23/13

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:
The HMS is currently a subcontractor to an existing contract, with a time of performance that ends on October 1, 2013. Currently 14 healthcare facilities are electronically connected and feeding emergency department data into the EpiCenter System, and 17 facilities spanning 9 healthcare systems have data use agreements to share data with the DOH. The DOH is requesting an exemption to purchase the EpiCenter System directly to assure continuity of services through the agreements and electronic connections that are already in place with hospitals for the public health syndromic surveillance system. This is the only system of the kind in the State that allows that collects data from emergency departments on an hourly and daily basis. The system is for awareness of statewide public health occurrences and does not collect identifiable patient data. In order to successfully access and utilize the EpiCenter system, it is necessary to support the technical expertise required to effectively host and manage the system; Health Monitoring Systems (HMS), Inc. is the only company that has the knowledge, expertise, and infrastructure to host, maintain, and manage the EpiCenter system and facilitate access for local epidemiologists in Hawaii to the system.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:
Initially, an overview level evaluation of multiple syndromic surveillance solutions was conducted. With a preliminary interest in utilizing the EpiCenter system, more detailed evaluation was conducted. This second evaluation included a demonstration project where DOH was granted access to the EpiCenter System to review fabricated Hawaii health related data. Further, multiple question and answer sessions were held as well as a detailed security assessment.

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).

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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.

[Handwritten Signature]

Department Head Signature

5/20/13
Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: *5/21/13*

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

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the period 10/02/13 to 10/01/14 and is based on the department's determination that HMS is the only commercial vendor with a syndromic surveillance application in which to maintain the department's EpiCenter System. This approval is for the solicitation process only, HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112, shall apply (i.e. vendor is required to be compliant on the Hawaii Compliance Express) and award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. Copies of the HCE certificate and awards posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file.

If there are any questions, please contact Bonnie Kahakui at 587-4702, or bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov.

Approved Disapproved No Action Required

[Handwritten Signature] *8/8/2013*
Chief Procurement Officer Signature Date