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

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Transportation/Airports 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:
Troubleshoot and repair primary feeder switch and the emergency generator at the Hilo International Airport. Persistent, unanticipated under voltages (brown outs) in the commercial electrical power provided to Hilo International Airport by local utility, HELCO, have resulted in our feeder switches operating erratically; switching back and forth from commercial power to backup generator power. This repetitive action overtaxed the primary feeder switch HELCO 1, resulting in its eventual failure. It also taxed the backup generator control panel. Maintenance staff believes that the damaged component caused the backup generator to continue running well past its preset shutdown time even after commercial power had been restored.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider: American Electric Co, LLC GE International, Inc.	3. Amount of Request: \$ Est. \$20,000
4. Term of Contract From: 09/11/2013 1/1/2014 To: 09/11/2014 6/30/14	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:
See attached.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:
American Electric was contracted because they were familiar with the Hilo airport's equipment and the company has a C-63 license for working with high voltage. They were able to have an electrician to Hilo Airport, from Oahu, within a day of notification.

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
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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.


 Department Head Signature

12/26/13
 Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 01/06/14

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 1/1/14 to 6/30/14 and 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 Kevin Takaesu at 586-0568, or kevin.s.takaesu@hawaii.gov.

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required


 Chief Procurement Officer Signature

2/21/14
 Date

Item 6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:

The PowerVac switchgear manufactured by General Electric (GE) is rated at 15kV or 15,000 volts. The high voltage equipment repairs are statutorily restricted (HAR Title 16, Chapter 77 & HRS §448E) to specialty contractors who are trained, equipped and licensed under sub classification "C-63; High Voltage Electrical Contractor" "or "C-62; Pole and Line Contractor" Contractors possessing these classifications are rare in Hawaii county.

American Electric (AE), a Honolulu based vendor, who is licensed as a C-63 contractor, was contacted to provide feeder switch and control panel repair as well as testing services to restore the system to its routine operating condition. Due to the proprietary nature and complexity of the GE equipment AE sought the services of the Honolulu-based, authorized GE service engineer to provide technical field service and support. Other contractors who had previously been contacted about providing switchgear repair and service would not do so without consulting the GE service engineer. AE also arranged for Hawthorne Pacific, the authorized service provider for the emergency generator, to assist on the control panel. It would add cost and delay the repairs if another vendor were flown in to propose solutions to the problem. The airport could not afford to be hampered by power outages.