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

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TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Health / Disease Outbreak Control Division / Public Health Preparedness
Name of Requesting Department

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

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 Hawaii State Department of Health (SDOH), with funds provided by the federal Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities grant, is conducting an Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) preparedness and response initiative to improve the State health care system's readiness for a possible Ebola outbreak. The initiative will be conducted over a five year period and will focus on efforts to ensure the safety of health care staff and the appropriate care of any future EVD patient. The approach is to support health care facilities that are capable of serving as Ebola referral hospitals for Hawaii, and to assist the local healthcare coalition prepare other frontline hospitals and the overall health care system through Ebola preparedness activities. While the focus will be on preparedness for Ebola, it is highly likely that preparedness for other novel, highly pathogenic diseases will also be enhanced through these activities.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:	Queens Med Center, Straub Clinic, Kaiser Permanente, Kapiolani Med Center	3. Amount of Request: \$ 143,764.00 per contractor
4. Term of Contract From: 1-Jun-15 To: 31-May-20	5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE): N/A	

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:
Initiative participants comprise four of the jurisdiction's five "referral" hospitals (the fifth is a federal entity and not eligible for this funding). Referral hospitals are those in Hawaii with the capacity to provide intensive care unit (ICU) support for a patient 24 hours / 7days a week, as well as, the necessary resources (trained skilled personnel, laboratory resources, and facility infrastructure) to care for an EVD (or other emerging infectious disease) patient should the need arise.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:
Experience with Ebola patients in the US has shown that care of such individuals is clinically complex, requiring highly skilled health care providers and technologically advanced care. This has led Congress, experts, and stakeholder groups to suggest that, to the extent possible, care of Ebola patients should be concentrated in a small number of facilities. At the same time, however, all hospitals should be prepared and able to identify a possible EVD patient, isolate them, and inform the appropriate public health authorities. All Hawaii healthcare facilities were considered, however, none of the others could provide all of the attributes necessary, as described in Part 6 above.

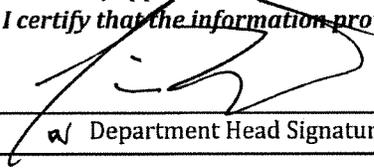
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8. Identify the primary responsible staff person(s) conducting and managing this procurement. (Appropriate delegated procurement authority and completion of mandatory training required).
 *Point of contact (Place asterisk after name of person to contact for additional information).

Name	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
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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

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 Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 5-13-15

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

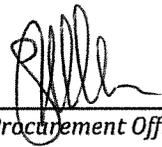
Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

The request is approved based on the department's determination that procurement by competitive means is not advantageous, as the Contractors named are the only ones that have the capacity to respond and therefore can assist the State to improve its health care readiness for a possible Ebola outbreak. Further, the Center for Disease Control requested that a portion of the grant funds be provided specifically to hospital capacity building in response to Ebola virus disease preparedness.

This approval is for the solicitation process only, HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112 shall apply (i.e., the vendor is required to provide proof of compliance and may use the Hawaii Compliance Express) and the award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. Copies of the certificate of compliance and award posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file.

If there are any questions, please contact Donn Tsuruda-Kashiwabara at 586-0565 or donna.tsuruda-kashiwabara@hawaii.gov.

Approved Disapproved No Action Required



 Chief Procurement Officer Signature 10/26/15
 Date