



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

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State Procurement Office
05/27/2016

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: DLNR/DOFAW
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 and/or services: a) Detailed Operational Planning & Budgeting to develop an implementation-ready operational plan and budget for eradicating Polynesian rats from Lehua Island. The contractor will develop a logistical operational plan and budget to precede the 2017 eradication. The operational plan will be reviewed by the Eradications Advisory Team to ensure that advice and internal directives provided are consistent with what is generally accepted as 'best practice.' b) Pre-implementation Rodent and Vegetation Ecological Monitoring: Contractor staff will design and initiate pre-eradication monitoring and establish ecological baselines to inform the eradication strategy and planning. Monitoring of plant productivity and rat reproductive condition will be conducted June – September 2016 to inform the appropriate implementation season during 2017.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider: Island Conservation	3. Amount of Request: \$ 75,000.00
4. Term of Contract: From: 6/15/2016 To: 12/31/2016	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: Over the last 5 years, Island Conservation (IC) has been partnering with DLNR-DOFAW and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to evaluate the feasibility of a renewed rat eradication effort on Lehua Island. IC is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation with a field office based in Honolulu, Hawaii. IC is wholly focused on preventing the extinction of native and endemic threatened species through the eradication of invasive mammals from offshore islands, such as Lehua Island. With IC as the technical lead, the Lehua Island Steering Committee initiated the planning for the removal of invasive rats with an experimental field trial, non-toxic bait application onto Lehua Island. Based on the outcome of that trial, the Steering Committee made the commitment to pursue the eradication of rats from Lehua as early as 2017. Island Conservation will be the technical lead and will guide the implementation of the rat eradication from Lehua in partnership with the DLNR-DOFAW. Because IC has been an ongoing partner with DOFAW on the Lehua Island project for several years, and a \$470,000 grant from NFWF has already been awarded to DOFAW naming IC as a necessary subcontractor, it would be detrimental to the Lehua Island Restoration project to require a competitive procurement process.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider: 5 years ago, IC applied for and was granted a NFWF grant to explore the feasibility of returning to Lehua Island to complete the eradication effort that was unsuccessful in 2009. Their effort included the creation of the Lehua Island Steering Committee which was co-lead by IC and DLNR-DOFAW. IC is the only contractor in the United States with an office in Hawaii that has the necessary expertise to do a control effort of rodents on the scale necessary to eradicate all the rats from Lehua. IC specializes in island scale eradications of invasive mammals. Given the ongoing involvement of IC in the Lehua Island Steering Committee, and the continuing relationships built with DLNR-DOFAW, NFWF, National Tropical Botanical Gardens, and the Niihau Ranch/Robinsons, it made sense to continue the ongoing work and fund them through the planning, budgeting, and pre-implementation monitoring for the implementation phase that is funded by NFWF.
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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).

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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

5/27/16

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 6/1/2016

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 6/15/2016 to 12/31/2016. This approval is for the solicitation process only. Pursuant to HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112, the procuring officer shall verify compliance (i.e., vendor is required to provide proof of compliance and may use the Hawaii Compliance Express) for all contracts awarded, and award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. Copies of the HCE certificates and awards posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file.

If there are any questions, please contact Stanton Mato at 586-0566, or email stanton.d.mato@hawaii.gov.

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required



Chief Procurement Officer Signature

6/17/16

Date