



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

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ADMINISTRATION
 STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
 STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Todd Low, Aquaculture
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:
This is for a membership in the Fine Bubble Industry Association. The FBIA (<http://www.fbja.or.jp/en/about/>) coordinates research among a network of universities and companies in Japan. **Our membership would give us access to the research so we can leverage what's already been done.**

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:	Fine Bubble Industries Association (FBIA)	3. Amount of Request:	\$ 5,408.00
4. Term of Contract From:	1-Jul-16	To:	30-Jun-17
5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE): HAR 3-120-15			

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:
The Fine Bubble Industry Association (FBIA) is, the only source for bubble research which makes it impractical for the competitive procurement process. The FBIA is the only organization coordinating research activities while also supporting the development of international standards (ISO) for fine bubble technologies. There is a current focus on ISO bubble standards for agriculture and aquaculture.

 Attached is the current member list which illustrates the range and depth of industry and academic participation.

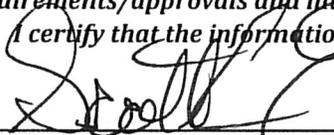
7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:
 HDOA is investigating the use of fine bubbles improve plant and animal health in aquaculture and aquaponic systems. Initial research shows promising results for accelerated growth and increased yield for both plants and aquatic livestock. **By joining the FBIA, HDOA will have open access to the current research and researchers with the goal of collaboration on future projects.**

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
Lina Bonilla	AI/Admin	483-7103	lina.m.bonilla@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

6/22/16

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 6/28/2016

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:

No action is required by the CPO as Section 103D-102 HRS exempts governmental bodies for dues and fees to organizations of which the State or its officers and employees are members of.

If there are any questions, please contact Kevin Takaesu at 586-0568 or via email at kevin.s.takaesu@hawaii.gov.

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required

Maria Smith
 For Chief Procurement Officer Signature

7/11/16
 Date