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

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1. TO: Chief Procurement Officer
2. FROM: Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism/Strategic Industries Division

Department/Division/Agency

Pursuant to §103D-102(b)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-120, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

3. Description of goods, services or construction:
Co-sponsorship of the 2006 Fuel Cell Seminar to be held at the Hawaii Convention Center from November 13-17, 2006. The Seminar is the largest international fuel cell convention with 2,500 expected to attend. The HVCB has estimated that conference spending will bring \$7.4 million to the state. This year's meeting will be the 30th Anniversary of the event, and the first that Hawaii will host. The co-sponsorship supports the success of this highly visible conference and promotes Hawaii's interest in hydrogen investment to the international industry, as well as Hawaii's capability to be an excellent venue for technology conferences. Co-sponsorship includes several full registrations, community access to selected events including the technology expo, and two exhibit booths to promote Hawaii's hydrogen projects and technical expertise. At the Seminar, international hydrogen and fuel cell experts will be available for Hawaii business, policy makers, and researchers to learn about hydrogen energy technologies that should be a part of Hawaii's energy future.

The Fuel Cell Seminar is the leading international event for the industry, with the largest number of technical papers and exhibits. Technical sessions are grouped in four main fuel cell topic areas: utility, residential, vehicle and portable, with sub-topics that include costs challenges, fuels, storage, reliability, lifetime and adoptability. About 175 exhibitors will show the latest in domestic and international technology advances. Participants, representing over 36 countries, include technical leaders, scientists, educators, researchers, developers, investors, students and manufacturers.

4. Name of Vendor: Fuel Cell Seminar	5. Price:
Address: 2025 M Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20036	\$43,000.00

6. Term of Contract: From: <i>Upon Approval</i> To: <i>7 months</i>	7. Prior Exemption Ref. No.
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8. Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable nor advantageous to the State:
Procurement by competitive means is not feasible in that the conference is the only annual conference organized by the U.S. and international industry, and federal government. Conference organizers represent the Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Advanced Technology Program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NASA Glenn Research Center, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Engineer Research & Development Center, Japan Fuel Cell Development Information Center, Gas Technology Institute, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands, Electric Power Research Institute, Bonneville Power Administration, and U.S. Fuel Cell Council. The meeting organizers have already competitively selected a Washington DC based conference contractor. Thus DBEDT has no alternative means of officially supporting this prestigious and singularly unique event than as a sponsor. As such, competitive procurement is either not practicable nor advantageous to the State.

9. Details of the process or procedures to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:
Vendor selection through competitive procurement is not feasible since the Seminar is a unique event.

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10. A description of the agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:

DBEDT approval procedures require a hierarchy of separate reviews and approvals at the program, contracting, fiscal, and departmental administrative levels. Multiple reviews ensure that the procurement is consistent with the program and departmental goals. For the intended procurement, funding will support multiple objectives including advancement of business tourism, promotion of more sustainable energy systems, diversification of the economy, and increased sales and general revenues from use of the Hawaii Convention Center.

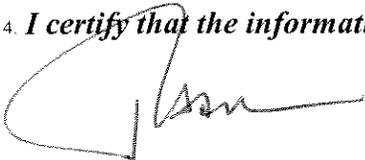
12. A list of agency personnel, by position, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

Name	Position	Involvement in Process	
Maurice H. Kaya	Program Administrator - Division	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration
Jeffrey Pang	Fiscal Officer - Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration
Priscilla Thompson	Energy Analyst	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration
John Tantlinger	Branch Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration
Eileen Harada	Contracting Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration
Theodore Liu	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration

13. Direct inquiries to: Department: Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism/Strategic Industries
 Division
 Contact Name: Priscilla Thompson
 Phone Number: 586-2353

Agency shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements

14. *I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.*



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Department Head

Date

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15. Date Notice Posted 5/4/06

The Chief Procurement Officer is in the process of reviewing this request for exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS. Submit written objections to this notice to issue an exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from the above posted date to:

Chief Procurement Officer
 State Procurement Office
 P.O. Box 119
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96810-0119

Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

16. APPROVED DISAPPROVED

 5/11/06
 Chief Procurement Officer Date