

STATE OF HAWAII REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Agriculture
(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:

Description of goods, services, or construction:

Migration of QOP/QAR system from Wang VS to Linux, including user manuals, staff training and post implementation support. The Animal Quarantine System (AQS) currently resides on a Wang VS which is being phased out since becoming impossible to maintain due to unavailability of replacement parts. AQS is written in SPEED II which can be migrated to APPX on the Linux platform. Purchase if Linux server is scheduled to coincide with testing of converted application and data. Once application is tested, a 24-hour window to download current Speed II data and upload the converted data is required to minimize disruption to the seven day a week operation.

Name of Vendor:	The Lange Group	Cost:
Address:	1100 Ward Avenue, Suite 1050 Honolulu, HI 96814	\$31,249.80

Term of Contract:	From:	To:	Prior Exemption Ref. No. (if applicable)
	6/16/04 <i>NSY</i>	11/30/04	

Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

AQS is a one-of-a-kind data management system which was developed by The Lange Group specifically for the unique operational requirements of the Hawaii animal quarantine laws, both for the tracking pets and accounting for various fee structures of pet quarantine. It was written in SPEED II and the staff is very familiar with it. Migration to APPX would retain the same "look & feel" so that staff training would be minimized and they could gain proficiency to get "up and running" in a shorter time frame. The Linux, a Unix type operating system, provides for a more reliable and flexible platform for telecommunications to the Federal agencies where rabies databases are held. It will allow Animal Quarantine to easily automate and integrate rabies testing results with them. The Lange Group is based in Hawaii and has been providing on-site maintenance and support for this application since the 1990's. Other vendors are not familiar with the application nor the operations of the Animal Quarantine Station. Of the vendors on the IT Professional Services, a few appear no longer in business. Of those that we were able to contact, four declined due to unavailable staffing or indicated it wasn't feasible. Three of them indicated that since there is a Hawaii vendor familiar with the application and who we have a good working relationship with, it would not make sense for them to do this project.

Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

Each vendor will have the opportunity to visit the Animal Quarantine Station to review its operations and be provided application information. Each vendor will be required to provide a written time line and action plan for implementation as well as cost of the project. This will need to include type of services and support during and post implementation. Each submittal will be evaluated on: project time line, type of services and support that will be provided and costs.

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

Program to contact vendors on professional services list to determine interest and qualification for services requested. Based upon results, Fiscal Office recommends course of action.

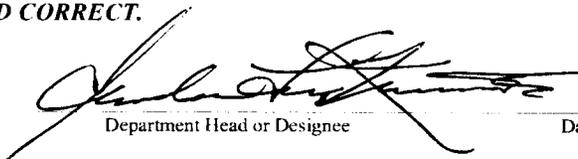
A list of agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

Dr. Issac Maeda, D.V.M., Animal Quarantine Branch Manager
 Doris Nakasono, Clerical Supervisor
 Cheryl Mitsuyuki, Accountant
 Helene Okamura, DP Coordinator

Direct questions to: Helene Okamura, DP Coordinator	Phone Number: (808) 973-9490
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This exemption should be considered for list of exemptions attached to Chapter 3-120, HAR: Yes No

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, TRUE AND CORRECT.

 6/1/04
 Department Head or Designee Date

Title (If other than Department Head)

Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

This exemption is for the solicitation process only, Chapter 103D-310 shall apply. *MSY*
 6/16/04

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

APPROVED DISAPPROVED

 6/16/04
 Chief Procurement Officer Date

cc: Administrator,
 State Procurement Office

STATE OF HAWAII
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS

The Chief Procurement Officer is in the process of reviewing the request from the Department of Agriculture for exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, for the following goods, services, or construction:

Requesting the migration of QOP/QAR system from Wang VS to Linux, including user manuals, on-site staff training and post implementation support. The Animal Quarantine System (AQS) currently resides on a Wang VS which is being phased out since becoming impossible to maintain due to unavailability of replacement parts. AQS is written in SPEED II which can be migrated to APPX on the Linux platform. Purchase of Linux server is scheduled to coincide with testing of converted application and data. Once application is tested, a 24 hour window to download current Speed II data and upload the converted data is required to minimize disruption to the seven day a week operation.

The Animal Quarantine System (AQS) is a computerized database tracking and accounting system for pets, dogs and cats, entering Hawaii. It is comprised of two integrated modules. Quarantine Operation System (QOP) provides for tracking of pets (cats and dogs), their owners and services needed by the pets, after they enter Hawaii. The Quarantine Accounts Receivable (QAR) provides for billing, pre-payments, entry fee auto-calcs, vet & newborn fees, overstays and other adjustments, and is integrated to the QOP operations system. It provides daily cash reports and billing reports for pets ready for discharge. It provides for monthly management reports and yearly reports. AQS is essential to run the Animal Quarantine Station operations and accounting, as well as provides an efficient method to serve the public effectively.

Vendor: The Lange Group

Address: 1100 Ward Avenue, Suite 1050
Honolulu, HI 96814

Term of Contract:	From: 6/16/04 <i>May</i>	To: 11/30/04	Cost: \$31,249.80
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Direct any inquiries to:		
Department:	Agriculture	Phone Number: (808) 973-9490
Contact Name/Title:	Helene Okamura, DP Coordinator	Fax Number: (808) 973-9613
Address:	1428 South King Street Honolulu, HI 96814	



Date Posted: June 3, 2004

A copy of this notice of exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, shall be posted by the Chief Procurement Officer and the purchasing agency in an area accessible to the public, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to any approval action.

Submit written objections to this notice to issue an exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, within seven (7) calendar days from the date posted to:

Chief Procurement Officer
Office/Agency _____
Address _____