

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

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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Department of Health/Adult Mental Health Division 67
(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:

<p>Description of goods, services, or construction:</p> <p>The vendor is proposed to provide peer specialist training and certification for consumers of the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD), technical assistance to enable AMHD to conduct future training and testing, preparation of instructional material, oral and written testing of Peer Specialist candidates, and training for AMHD staff and purchase of service providers on the effective use of Certified Peer Specialists.</p>
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<p>Name of Vendor: Appalachian Consulting Group, Inc. Address: 1727 Turner's Corner Road Cleveland, Georgia 30528</p>	<p>Cost: \$55,000</p>
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<p>Term of Contract: From: 8/02/04 To: 8/13/04</p>	<p>Prior Exemption Ref. No. (if applicable)</p>
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<p>Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:</p> <p>The Peer Specialist Training and Certification program is most developed in Georgia, where the Appalachian Consulting Group is located. Although several other states are developing this program, their processes are not yet completed and they do not have the resources to export this training. The trainers to be used consist mostly of consumers and they have been responsible for developing the program in Georgia. It is not practicable or advantageous to procure this service by competitive means because the required knowledge to provide the training is very specialized.</p>

<p>Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:</p> <p>A search will be made through national consumer organizations for other individuals who are qualified and experienced to provide peer specialist training and certification.</p>
