

STATE OF HAWAII
NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION 09 FEB 23 AIO 39
FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS

To: Chief Procurement Officer

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

From: DHS/BESSD/Employment and Training Program Office
Department/Division/Branch or Office

Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

1.	Title and description of health and human service(s): SEE Program (Marketing, Job Development and Placement) Supporting Employment Empowerment (SEE) is a supported employment program to engage prospective employers from the public and private (for-profit and non-profit) sectors, with the goal of providing appropriate and meaningful subsidized employment opportunities to TANF and TAONF recipients actively participating in the federally-funded work programs administered by the Department such as the First-to-Work (FTW) and Up-Front Universal Engagement (UFUE).
2.	Provider Name and Address: Goodwill Industries, Inc. 2610 Kilihau Street Honolulu, HI 96819
3.	Total Contract Funds: \$522,050 Contract Funds per Year (if applicable):
4.	Reference number of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable):
5.	Term of Contract: Start: 3/01/09 End: 8/31/09
6.	Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State: The Department had issued a competitive RFP announcement for this service on 11/28/08, with the intent to award a service by 2/1/2009, and to have a contract executed by 3/1/2009. The Department had also extended the current contracted vendor of the service, Goodwill Industries, Inc.. through a supplemental contract as allowed under HAR §3-149-301. The extension period was for 12/1/09 - 5/31/09. The Department has determined that it is neither practicable, nor advantageous, to pursue procurement for this service by competitive means at this time due to: 1. The Department received many written concerns from interested bidders regarding the change in the geographic assignments of service, the payment structure, and overall intent of the service as currently detailed in the RFP. 2. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 proposes economic relief to State's through certain TANF expenditures, specifically the amount a State spends on subsidized employment for TANF recipients, which this service currently provides. At this time, though, it is unknown to the Department what level of expenditures, and what rule changes, may be required to ensure eligibility for this relief until the final Act becomes law, which is expected to occur within a month's time. In order to properly address concerns raised regarding the RFP, to ensure that the State continues to provide services that may be a trigger for the State to access additional TANF funds, and to allow for reasonable time for any new vendor to set-up operations, the Department is pursuing this exemption.

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APPROVED DISAPPROVED NO ACTION



Chief Procurement Officer Signature

3/4/09
Date

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.