

STATE OF HAWAII  
**NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION** APR 21 P2:30  
**FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS**

To: Chief Procurement Officer

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
 STATE OF HAWAII

From: Department of Health/Adult Mental Health Division *aj*  
*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): Trauma Informed Care Initiative (TIC IT): Day Treatment  The TIC IT Day Treatment service provides between 5 and 25 hours per week of structured therapeutic activities, such as group therapy, education skill building, and recreational therapy intended to promote recovery and strengthen relapse prevention skills of consumers. The TIC IT initiative within the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Community Based Case Management (CBCM) service will result in increased referrals to Day Treatment for trauma informed care consistent with goals and means of this service.  The goals of this project are to apply a trauma informed perspective to the current system of care through enhancements in screening, assessment, and intervention; embed a recovery framework within the trauma informed system of care through the use of providers implementing Seeking Safety curriculum; and strengthen the trauma-informed care capacity of the Hawaii mental health system through education, recruitment, training, certification, and employment of AMHD consumers to provide evidence-based, trauma-informed peer-to-peer support. Seeking Safety is a present-focused therapy to help people attain safety from trauma/post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse.					
2.	Provider Name and Address:  <p style="text-align: center;">Multiple. See Attached List.</p>					
3.	Total Contract Funds: <span style="float: right;">\$300,000</span> Contract Funds per Year (if applicable): <span style="float: right;">estimated</span>					
4.	Reference number of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable):					
5.	Term of Contract: <table style="margin-left: 100px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Start:</td> <td>Upon approval</td> </tr> <tr> <td>End:</td> <td>4/30/12</td> </tr> </table>	Start:	Upon approval	End:	4/30/12	
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6. Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

The AMHD was awarded a 5-year Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant to transform its public mental health services into an integrated, trauma-informed system of care. These are new, federal service funds which could be made available to existing AMHD consumers and providers immediately. Funding will be used to provide training and support to AMHD state-operated and purchase-of-service providers to use a trauma-informed care approach to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the screenings, assessments and treatment (including peer support services) they currently provide for AMHD consumers.

The AMHD has known for some time that our consumers with severe mentally ill (SMI) and severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) suffered from emotional trauma. Indeed, trauma-related symptoms (hyper-vigilance, triggering re-experiencing, etc) were often part of why SMI/SPMI consumers went into crisis. Past trauma has been linked with higher rates of co-occurring substance use disorders, relapse, and the use of costly mental health services such as hospitalization.

For the first year of the TIC IT project, AMHD would like to piggyback the service onto its existing day treatment service contracts. The AMHD procured its day treatment services through a competitive process (HTH 420-5-10) and has five (5) contracts that provide many of the services that are required under the TIC IT: screening, assessment, and treatment, as well as related provider training. Competitive procurement is neither practical nor advantageous to the State because AMHD day treatment contract providers are working with the same targeted population, and already providing 80% of the work that is required under grant. Competitive procurement would also result in the duplication of effort and additional costs to the State and providers. In addition, it is clinically important to link mental health services under the existing contracts with the additional trauma services, so that care will not be fractured. By providing an enhancement to current day treatment services, the TIC IT project will be able to identify consumers who may need extra cognitive behavioral therapy because of trauma and the continuity of care would not be disrupted.

AMHD's current day treatment services are scheduled to end on 4/30/12. If the AMHD continues to receive the remaining four (4) years of the SAMHSA grant, a reprocurement of this service will be completed that is in alignment with the trauma informed perspective.

An exemption for the first year of the TIC IT project will enable the AMHD to apply a trauma informed perspective to the current system of care through enhancements in screening, assessment, and intervention; and strengthen Hawaii's mental health system through education, training, and certification. AMHD will amend the contracts with existing day treatment providers to be trained in the specific screening, assessment and treatment practices.

7. Describe the reason for the selection of the provider including a description of how the procedure ensured the maximum fair and open competition practicable:

The Providers selected are all existing, competitively contracted AMHD day treatment Providers, which are targeted for improvement by the SAMHSA grant-funded AMHD trauma-informed care initiative.

8. Describe the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement: Service and administrative requirements under the contract shall be monitored through AMHD's regular oversight and monitoring procedures.

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9. List the state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract: Amy Yamaguchi, Public Health Administrative Officer Enid Kagesa, AMHD Contracts Coordinator	
10. Direct questions to (name & position):	Enid Kagesa, Contracts Coordinator
Phone number:	586-8282
e-mail address:	enid.kagesa@doh.hawaii.gov

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

  
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*Department Head Signature*

4/20/11  
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*Date*

Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
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*Typed Name*

**NOTICE**

The chief procurement officer is considering this request for exemption and, if there is good cause, the state intends to exempt the purchase as described in the request. Any inquiries regarding the purchase shall be directed to the contact person noted in item 10 of the request. Any concerns regarding the exemption shall be in writing and received by the chief procurement officer within seven days of the date the notice was first posted. Concerns shall be mailed to: Aaron Fujioka, Chief Procurement Officer, State Procurement Office, 1151 Punchbowl St., #230A, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER USE ONLY**

Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

This award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System.

APPROVED     DISAPPROVED     NO ACTION

  
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*Chief Procurement Officer Signature*

5/25/2011  
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*Date*

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

Adult Mental Health Division  
Day Treatment Providers  
(included within the Specialized Residential Services Program)

<b>Aloha House, Inc.</b> 444 Hana Hwy., Suite 201 Kahului, Hawaii 96732	<b>\$ 60,000.00 estimated</b>
<b>Breaking Boundaries, Inc.</b> 86-3005 Leihua Place Waianae, Hawaii 96792	<b>\$ 60,000.00 estimated</b>
<b>CARE Hawaii, Inc.</b> 606 Coral Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813	<b>\$ 60,000.00 estimated</b>
<b>Helping Hands Hawaii</b> 2100 N. Nimitz Highway Honolulu, Hawaii 96819	<b>\$ 60,000.00 estimated</b>
<b>Po'ailani, Inc.</b> 1005 Keolu Drive Kailua, Hawaii 96734	<b>\$ 60,000.00 estimated</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$300,000.00 estimated</b>