

STATE OF HAWAII

11 MAY 23 AM 11:39 NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION
FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
 To: **State Procurement Officer**

From: **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/Workforce Development Council**
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:

<p>1. Title and description of health and human service(s): State Energy Sector Partnership and Job Training Grant ("SESP")</p> <p>This service is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") through the US Department of Labor, utilizing training funds from the federal Workforce Investment Act. The grant is meant to provide job training and support a state's energy policy (Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative). An intergral component of the grant is providing training in need of updated training related to energy efficiency and renewable energy industries including but not limited to sustainable agriculture.</p> <p>The SESP program focuses on providing job training to low-income and unemployed persons and placing them into employment in green industries in Hawaii, as well as upgrading the skills of incumbent workers, thereby preventing lay-offs and providing long-term career pathways in green industries like sustainable agriculture.</p> <p>A portion of the grant proposal provides funding for training incumbent agriculture workers identified by the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) as in need of updated skills training. The funding will allow workers to upgrade their skills and remain employable during Hawaii's transition to a clean energy economy which includes producing and procuring agriculture products within the State.</p> <p>NO CONTRACT HAS BEEN EXECUTED OR WORKED ON PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS AND DELEGATION ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY SPO UNDER PRIOR SPO 150 APPROVAL FOR UTILITIES UNDER THE SAME GRANT.</p>	
<p>2. Provider Name and Address:</p>	<p>Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation</p>
<p>3. Total Contract Funds: Contract Funds per Year (if applicable):</p>	<p>\$87,500</p>
<p>4. Reference number of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable):</p>	
<p>5. Term of Contract:</p>	<p>Start: Date of Execution End: 12/31/12</p>

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6.	<p>Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State: Open Competition was/is not practicable to the State. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is the only state-wide umbrella organization representing agriculture in the state. While other organizations represent specific niche industries such as coffee or macadamia nuts, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation membership represents all types of agricultural farms in Hawai'i. The State Energy Sector Partnership and Job Training Grant requires all providers to implement their program statewide, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is the only organization with the ability to meet this requirement.</p> <p>A key factor in being awarded grant funding is the ability to identify key stakeholders for which training funds will be utilized. The exclusion of the only statewide organization representing agriculture would have made the state's grant application less attractive, therefore the HFBF was named as a partner in the proposal.</p> <p>Fifty awards were made available under this funding request. Hawaii was one of only 17 states that was awarded the maximum grant amount of \$6 million, and only one of 34 states that were actually funded by the USDOL.</p>						
7.	<p>Describe the reason for the selection of the provider including a description of how the procedure ensured the maximum fair and open competition practicable: Reason for selection: Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation was selected during the grant application process and was selected for the reasons stated above. Furthermore, naming providers in the grant application gave Hawai'i a competitive edge over states who did not name providers in their grant application. Selection was done through negotiations between the Executive Directors of WDC and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. This procedure ensured maximum fair and open competition as no other entities could fulfill the requirements of the grant described above.</p>						
8.	<p>Describe the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement: Approval and implementation of any forthcoming agreement are approved first by Mr. James Hardway, Executive Director of WDC, and must be reviewed and approved by Ms. Yvonne Chong of WDD, then Mr. Norman Ahu, DLIR-ASO Business Manager, and finally approved by DLIR Director Mr. Dwight Takamine</p>						
9.	<p>List the state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract: Dwight Takamine, Director, DLIR Norman Ahu, Business Management Officer James Hardway, Executive Director, WDC Frances Lum, Supervisor, AG</p>						
10.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 45%;">Direct questions to (name & position):</td> <td>James Hardway, Executive Director, WDC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone number:</td> <td>808 586-8671</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e-mail address:</td> <td>jhardway@hawaii.gov</td> </tr> </table>	Direct questions to (name & position):	James Hardway, Executive Director, WDC	Phone number:	808 586-8671	e-mail address:	jhardway@hawaii.gov
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I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

 _____ <i>Department Head Signature</i>	23 May 11 _____ <i>Date</i>
_____ Dwight Y. Takamine <i>Typed Name</i>	

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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.

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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Request has been withdrawn by the department.

APPROVED DISAPPROVED NO ACTION

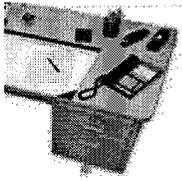


Chief Procurement Officer Signature

10/27/2011

Date

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.



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To Corinne Y Higa/dags@DAGS

cc Dwight Y Takamine/DLIR/StateHiUS@StateHiUS

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Subject DLIR Withdrawal Request of PEH No. 11-35

Aloha Corrine-

This e-mail serves as the official request to withdraw our exemption request, PEH No. 11-35, for the State Energy Sector Partnership and Job Training Grant.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me directly at 586-8671, or by e-mail at jhardway@hawaii.gov.

Best regards,

james

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