

STATE OF HAWAII

NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR
RESTRICTIVE PURCHASE OF SERVICE
 PURSUANT TO §103F-403, HRS

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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
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To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: DHS/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department/Division/Branch or Office

Pursuant to §103F-403, HRS, and Chapter 3-144, HAR, the department head has made a determination that an adequate basis for a restrictive purchase of services exists and requests approval to make a restrictive purchase for the following:

1. Title and description of health and human service(s):	National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Newsline newspaper service provides distribution of National newspaper articles to individuals who are legally blind, individuals with severe visual impairments or individuals with orthopedic challenges in digital text or digital audio formats provided by cooperating news organizations or other suppliers. Each newspaper is updated as soon as practicable by the Federation following the receipt of electronic files from cooperating news organizations to include the current or most recent day's edition.	
2. Provider Name and Address:	The National Federation of the Blind Hawaii 2719 Puunui Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817	
3. Total Contract Funds:	\$80,000	
Contract Funds per Year (if applicable):	\$40,000	
4. RH No. of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable)	09-04; 11-09 11-19 <i>cust</i> 1/12/13	
5. Term of Contract:	Start: 10/1/13	End: 9/30/15
If the contract term is longer than 1 year, provide justification for the extended term: Provider is registered with the United States patent Office to provide this digital voice reading of newspaper via telephone. There are no other providers of this service. The NFB is available and willing to provide this service for the term of the contract.		
6. Describe the circumstances justifying a restrictive purchase:	NFB Newsline is copyrighted and is only available from the National Federation of the Blind. Subscribers will be able to call via a local or toll free number to the NFB Headquarters, enter their passcode and then select the paper to which they want to listen. The Star Advertiser is one of the papers listed. The service provides access to newspaper information and local announcements of interest to subscribers. It enables people, who would otherwise not have access, the opportunity to learn what is in the newspaper at the same time or before people who can see and can turn pages without assistance. Information about the job market and current events is made available. Newsline will make the world much more accessible to those who cannot see or turn paper pages on their own, thereby enhancing their self-sufficiency. Consequently, students will have access to material that helps them keep up with classmates and job seekers will have access to job leads. In Hawaii, there are over 3,000 people who are legally blind and many more that have severe visual impairments and others with orthopedic challenges that could benefit from this service.	

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7. Describe the efforts and results in determining that this is the sole provider who can render services. Include approximate dates:

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8. List state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

Susan Foard, Acting DVR Administrator
Lorene Gokan, DVR Program Specialist

9. Direct questions to (name & position): Lorene Gokan, Program Specialist

Phone number: 586-9746

e-mail address: lgokan@dhs.hawaii.gov

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



Department Head Signature

7/6/13

Date

Patricia McManaman

Typed Name

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Pursuant to §103F-403, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 3-144, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the aforementioned purchasing agency has submitted a request to the chief procurement officer for a restrictive purchase of service for health and human services, and if approved, intends to purchase the service without issuing a request for proposals.

Any person may file a written protest under the procedures established under Chapter 3-148, Hawaii Administrative Rules, located on the web at www.spo.hawaii.gov, click *Statutes and Rules* and *Procurement of Health and Human Services*. Protests shall be hand delivered or postmarked by United States Postal Service within seven (7) days after the date this notice is first published on the internet. If hand delivered it must be submitted by 4:30 PM, Hawaii Standard Time, within seven days after day this notice is first published. Protests must be submitted to the following procurement officer **and** head of the purchasing agency:

Procurement Officer for this Procurement

Lorene Gokan, Program Specialist
DHS/DVR
600 Kapiolani Blvd. #304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Head of Purchasing Agency

Patricia McManaman, Director
Department of Human Services
1390 Miller Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Protest forms and instructions are on the web at: www.spo.hawaii.gov, click *Health and Human Services, Chapter 103F...* and *Forms for Private Providers*. Questions should be directed to the contact person noted in item 9 of the request.

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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

This approval is for the procurement process only. Service provider(s) are required to be compliant with applicable laws, and verified on the Hawaii Compliance Express. This award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. If there are any questions, please contact Corinne Higa at 587-4706, or corinne.y.higa@hawaii.gov.

APPROVED DISAPPROVED NO ACTION



Chief Procurement Officer Signature 8/21/2013 Date

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.



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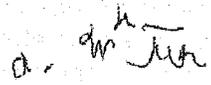
NFB-NEWSLINE® SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

NFB-NEWSLINE® provides audio information to blind and disabled persons who can access the service from any touch-tone telephone located in a coverage area of an agency or organization that sponsors the service. The content on NFB-NEWSLINE® includes 308 daily newspapers from throughout the United States, 37 magazines, personalized TV listings, hundreds of thousands of job listings from across the country, as well as additional information of timely value, supplied by sponsors or other agencies or organizations.

Use of NFB-NEWSLINE® requires registration in accordance with criteria of the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. NFB-NEWSLINE® maintains a national database of registered users. Personnel from libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, public libraries, and other appropriate agencies can be authorized to register readers on a secure system administration Internet site maintained as part of the NFB-NEWSLINE® service. Registered readers have access to NFB-NEWSLINE® toll-free and may call the service even while traveling away from home. However, the system requires registration in another state if a reader moves or calls NFB-NEWSLINE® from out-of-state for an extended period.

NFB-NEWSLINE® is the only telephone-based reading service for blind and disabled persons available nationally. In addition, NFB-NEWSLINE® is an absolutely unique product in providing a reader registration service as well as content. Agencies that sponsor NFB-NEWSLINE® are not responsible for purchasing, operating, or maintaining the computer and telecommunications technology used, or for day-to-day operations to obtain content.

The features described in this statement make NFB-NEWSLINE® a unique product that is only available from the National Federation of the Blind.



Scott A. White
Director of Sponsored Technology Programs
National Federation of the Blind

5/3/13

Date