



STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

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STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Hawaii Department of Health
Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS §103D-306 and HAR chapter 3-122, Subchapter 9, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

1. Describe the goods, services, or construction to be procured.
The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) wishes to sole source procure health information exchange services from the Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE). DOH and HHIE are necessary partners in developing Hawaii's health information exchange infrastructure and capacity, particularly for public health data. HHIE will provide to DOH 1) statewide compliance to federal Meaningful Use regulations for public health data, 2) secure data connections between HHIE and DOH, 3) technical support for any exchange issues at DOH, 4) disaster recovery services, 5) and planning and policy development services.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider Name, Amount of Request, Term of contract, Prior SPO-001, Sole Source (SS) No.
Hawaii Health Information Exchange, \$825,000.00, From: Apr-14 To: Apr-15, N/A

6. Describe in detail the following:
a. The unique features, characteristics, or capabilities of the goods, service or construction.
The unique features of a state health information exchange system are an interoperable, standards-based, and secure environment for medical providers to share essential data with each other, and with the healthcare and public health system as a whole. Federal policy, both from HITECH and subsequent Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, prioritizes health information exchange by way of grants to SDE's and incentives and penalties to individual medical providers.
b. How the unique features, characteristics or capabilities of the goods, service or construction are essential for the department
Health information exchange is essential for DOH and the State of Hawaii for several reasons: 1) upgrading and expanding the epidemiological capacity of DOH for population health management and public health services, 2) achieving higher levels of medical data integration for patient safety, quality improvement, and cost containment, and 3) overall transformation of state healthcare practices. It is important to emphasize that prior to 2009 Hawaii did not have a statewide health information exchange infrastructure. Critical medical and health data resided in individual systems, such as Queen's Medical Center or Hilo Hospital, without convenient and secure means of sharing data, for example, when an individual presents at an emergency room (medical history, drug allergies, etc.). Another consequence of "siloes" medical data is that DOH did not have the capacity to accurately measure health outcomes across populations and regions to conduct effective public health interventions and inform state health policy.

7. Describe the efforts and results in determining that this is the only vendor/contractor/service provider who can provide the goods, services or construction.

The federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) of 2009 requires each state to identify a State Designated Entity (SDE) that is responsible for 1) overall state health information exchange development and 2) drawing down federal funds for such purposes. In 2009 and again in 2012, Governors Lingle and Abercrombie, respectively, designated HHIE as Hawaii's SDE (attachments), thus establishing state policy recognizing HHIE as the sole provider of health information exchange services. The intent of the Legislature in Act 134, Section 15, SLH 2013 was to maintain advances in building Hawaii's health information exchange infrastructure following the end of federal grant moneys in February 2014.

8. Alternate source. Describe the other possible sources for the goods, services, or construction that were investigated but did not meet the department's needs.

None, there is no other State Designated Entity for health information exchange outside of HHIE, nor is there an entity providing such services or planning to provide such services without the designation.

9. Identify the primary responsible staff person(s) conducting and managing this procurement. (Appropriate delegated procurement authority and completion of mandatory training required.)

\*Point of contact (Place asterisk after name of person to contact for additional information).

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Department shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements, including HAR chapter 3-122, Subchapter 15, Cost or Pricing Data if required.

**All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department.  
I certify that the information provided is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.**

*Keith Yamamoto*

Department Head Signature

3-14-2014

Date

**For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only**

Date Notice Posted: 3-17-14

Submit written objection to this notice to issue a sole source contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

[state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov](mailto:state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov)

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the 12-month period effective upon date of CPO approval and is based on the department's representation that the Hawaii Health Information Exchange is Hawaii's State Designated Entity as required by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009 and no other entities can provide such services without prior designation. This approval is for the solicitation process only, HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112 shall apply (i.e. vendor is required to be compliant on the Hawaii Compliance Express) and award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. Copies of the HCE certificate and awards posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file. Additionally, sole source contracts in excess of \$100,000 require cost or pricing data pursuant to HAR chapter 3-122, subchapter 15 and is required to be documented in the procurement/contract file. If there are any questions, please contact Wendy Ebisui at 586-0563, or [wendy.mo.ebisui@hawaii.gov](mailto:wendy.mo.ebisui@hawaii.gov).

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required

*Acting*  Chief Procurement Officer Signature      4/17/14  
Date