

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

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TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Department of Human Services
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 Department of Human Services is re-submitting a request for an approved sole source to procure services (SS15-084S) from the Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE) in which a contract was never executed. The services are to assist and provide Hawaii Medicaid providers participating in the Hawaii Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, the means and infrastructure to electronically exchange health information.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider Name: Hawaii Health Information Exchange	3. Amount of Request: \$2,000,000.00
4. Term of contract (shall not exceed 12 months), if applicable: From: 1-Jul-16 To: 30-Jun-17	5. Prior SPO-001, Sole Source (SS) No.: SS15-084S

6. Describe in detail the following:

a. The unique features, characteristics, or capabilities of the goods, service or construction.
The federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009 created the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, providing qualified Medicaid providers federal financial assistance for the acquisition of electronic health record technology. Providers receiving this funding must demonstrate the use of certified EHR technology in a meaningful manner such as e-prescribing and that the certified EHR technology is connected in a manner that provides for the secure electronic exchange of health information among Medicaid providers. The ability of Medicaid providers to securely exchange clinical data with other Medicaid providers is essential for health care coordination in the provision of services and improving the quality of care to Hawaii's Medicaid beneficiaries.

b. How the unique features, characteristics or capabilities of the goods, service or construction are essential for the department
These services are essential in the support of the Department's Medicaid provider Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive program. A condition of providers receiving this federal assistance is the ability to demonstrate the use of the acquired electronic health record technology in a meaningful way, i.e., the secure electronic exchange of health information. The services provided by the HHIE supports this effort by providing the infrastructure through which providers can exchange health information electronically and securely. The HHIE also provides assistance to providers with the on boarding of their EHR systems to the HHIE infrastructure.

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.

While creating the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive program, the HITECH Act also required each state to identify a State Designated Entity (SDE) to foster the development of the overall exchange of electronic health information in the state. The HHIE fulfills this role by developing and providing the infrastructure for the statewide exchange of electronic health information. In 2009 the HHIE was designated the SDE by Governor Lingle. This designation was continued in 2012 by Governor Abercrombie with a Memorandum of Agreement (see attached). As the only SDE the HHIE is uniquely qualified and recognized by CMS to promote exchange of health information by Medicaid providers. Specifically the HHIE assists providers participating in the Medicaid EHR program with the development of electronic interfaces between EHRs and the HHIE infrastructure.

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.

As the HHIE is the only State Designated Entity for the promotion and facilitation of electronic exchange of health information in the state, there is no alternative. In addition the CMS will only provide enhanced federal funding to assist Medicaid providers to the state's SDE.

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.**

Kurhaj Beawel

Department Head Signature

06/06/16
Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 6/9/2016

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:

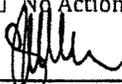
state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the period effective 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017 and is based on the department's determination 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. Sole Source contracts in excess of \$100,000 requires cost or pricing data pursuant to HAR chapter 3-122, subchapter 15. 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 provide proof of compliance and may use the Hawaii Compliance Express), and the award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System. Copies of compliance and the awards posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file.

If there are any questions, please contact Stanton Mato at 586-0566, or email stanton.d.mato@hawaii.gov.

Approved Disapproved No Action Required

 6/21/16
Chief Procurement Officer Signature Date