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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

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1. TO: Chief Procurement Officer
2. FROM: Department of Agriculture/ADD/Market Development Branch
Department/Division/Agency

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

3. Description of goods, services, or construction: To develop protocols for the production and marketing of certified organic seed from local specific fruit and vegetable varieties under the terms of a competitive FSMIP Federal Grant.	
4. Vendor Name: Hawaii Cooperative of Organic Farmers Address: P.O. Box 728 Waialua, HI 96791	5. Price: <u>\$28,500.00</u>
6. Term of Contract: (mm/dd/yyyy) From: <u>09/01/2006</u> To: <u>08/31/2008</u>	7. Prior Sole Source Ref No.
8. Feature: The good, service, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities: Unique features are organic local specific fruits and vegetables selected for and adapted to Hawaii's environment. These local organic varieties are expected to be more tolerant to pests and diseases found in Hawaii.	
9. Essential features. How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work: The Hawaii Cooperative of Organic Farmers (HICOF) is the only state organic farmers cooperative with the purpose of developing the organic industry. This local specific organic seed project was initiated and conceived by HICOF, and it qualified for and won the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) grant.	

11. Alternate source. The following other possible sources for the good, service, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because: The closest alternatives are regular farmers associations, but they are not involved in organic farming. Organic farming is a specialty that does not mix with non-organic farming.

12. Direct any inquiries to:

Department: Agriculture/ADD/MDB

Contact Name/Title: Abel Konan, Economic Development Specialist

13 Phone Number:

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Expenditure may be processed with a purchase order: Yes No If no, a contract must be executed and funds certified.

Agency shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements.

14 I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.


Department Head

11/1/06
Date

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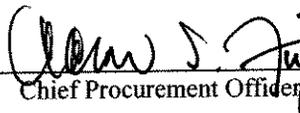
15 Date Notice Posted: 11/06/06

Submit written objections to this intent to issue a sole source contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from the above posted date to: Chief Procurement Officer
State Procurement Office
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810-0119

16. Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

17.

APPROVED DISAPPROVED NO ACTION REQUIRED


Chief Procurement Officer

11/13/06
Date