



STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

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STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer
FROM: Department of Land & Natural Resources
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.
Upgrade the Moloa'a Dairy Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) - Kauai.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider Name (Forestry Technology System Ltd.), Amount of Request (\$13,999.00), Term of contract, and Prior SPO-001, Sole Source (SS) No.

6. Describe in detail the following:
a. The unique features, characteristics, or capabilities of the goods, service or construction.
The Moloaa Dairy RAWS will soon become obsolete, and no longer covered under our maintenance contract we hold with the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) RAWS Depot in Boise, ID. We need to upgrade our system to one that is supported by the BLM RAWS Depot. We also need to be able to program the station and access weather data without a laptop computer through a touch screen interface. Forestry Technology System is the only vendor that meets these two criteria.
b. How the unique features, characteristics or capabilities of the goods, service or construction are essential for the department
It is essential that the RAWS station be maintained to a standard that will accurately record fire weather data. We depend on the accuracy to determine Red Flag warning days.

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 BLM RAWS Depot maintains key components of the RAWS. They used to maintain RAWS manufactured by other vendors. However, they are slowly phasing out stations that dont have FTS components due to the fact that it is easier and simpler to maintain.

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.

The key is the maintenance of the equipment. While other vendors manufacture RAWS equipment, they do not meet the criteria set by the BLM RAWS Depot, who maintain the various components of the RAWS. Without concurrence of the BLM RAWS Depot, we would not be able to send them the components for replacement or repair.

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.**




Department Head Signature

11/26/12

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 11/28/2012

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:

This request is disapproved as the department has not provided sufficient justification for a sole source. Department may submit form SPO-007, with sufficient justification as to why it is not practicable or advantageous to competitively procure the necessary goods or services.

If there are any questions, please contact Bonnie Kahakui at 587-4702, or bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov.

Disapproved

No Action Required

Claudia J. [Signature] 12/12/12
Chief Procurement Officer Signature Date