

STATE OF HAWAII
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS

To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: Department of Human Services / Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division (VRSBD)
Department/Division/Agency

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Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

Title and description of health and human service(s):

ADMINISTRATION
 STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
 STATE OF HAWAII

State Grants for Technology-Related Assistance to provide information on assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities of all ages and their family members, guardians, advocates and authorized representatives, and service providers in public and private entities that have contact with individuals with disabilities. Increase consumer and service provider skills, involvement and empowerment related to access to provision of, and funding for assistive technology devices and services, with emphasis on underrepresented and rural populations.

Provider Name: Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (ATRC)	Total Contract Funds: \$500,000	Term of Contract: From: To: 10/01/06 09/30/07
Provider Address: 414 Kuwili Street, Suite 104 Honolulu, HI 96817	Contract Funds per Year (as applicable). \$500,000	

Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

The Department of Human Services (DHS), VRSBD, recently received approval of its request for exemption from Chapter 103F, HRS to procure services described above from the Assistive Technology Resource Center of Hawaii in the amount of \$389,056 for the period 10/01/06 to 09/30/07 (PEH No. 07-06 dated 8/23/06). This new request for exemption is a result of the availability of additional federal funds to provide services allowed under this grant. This request for approval increases the amount of contract funds by an additional \$110,944 or from \$389,056 to \$500,000. Other than modifying the contract funds there are to be no other modification including the scope of services and term of the contract.

Continuation of ATRC as the service provider will produce timely and effective program results for the funding year. Procuring by competitive means is expected to disrupt the flow of services to the target beneficiaries, individuals with disabilities during a transfer of responsibilities to any other provider and due to a new provider's difficulty in understanding and complying with the State Plan requirements.

Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the service provider to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

PEH No. 07-06 approved DHS/VRSBD for exemption from Chapter 103F, HRS. This request for exemption is a continuation of that request with no contract change other than increasing the amount of contract funds.

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A description of the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:
The Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator will determine whether the requirements of the federal grant have been met.

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

Joe Cordova, VR Administrator
Guy Tagomori, Staff Specialist

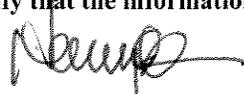
Direct questions to (name & position):
Guy Tagomori, Staff Specialist

Phone number:
(808) 692-7729

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gtagomori@dhs.hawaii.gov

This exemption should be considered for list of exemptions attached to Chapter 3-141, HAR: Yes No

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



Department Head Signature

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Date


Lillian B. Koller, Esq.

Typed Name

Director

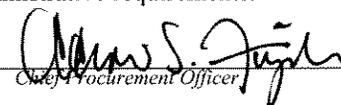
Position Title

Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

Approved

Denied



Chief Procurement Officer

10/4/06

Date

cc: Administrator
State Procurement Office

State of Hawaii
Notice of Request for Exemption from Chapter 103F, HRS

The chief procurement officer is considering this request for exemption and, if there is good cause, the state intends to exempt the purchase as described in the request. Any inquiries regarding the purchase shall be directed to the contact person noted on page two of the request. Any concerns regarding the exemption shall be in writing and received by the chief procurement officer within seven days of the date the notice was first posted. Concerns shall be mailed to: Aaron Fujioka, Chief Procurement Officer, State Procurement Office, 1151 Punchbowl St., #230A, Honolulu, HI 96813.