

STATE OF HAWAII

**REQUEST FOR RESTRICTIVE PURCHASE OF SERVICE 24 A.1
PURSUANT TO §103F-403, HRS**

To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: Department of Human Services/Vocational Rehabilitation Division
Department/Division/Agency

Pursuant to §103F-403, HRS and Chapter 3-144, HAR, the Department Head has made a determination that an adequate basis for a restrictive purchase of services exists and requests approval to make a restrictive purchase for the following:

Title and description of health and human service(s):
National Federation of the Blind (NFB)-Newsline newspaper service provides distribution of newspaper articles in digital text or digital audio formats provided by cooperating news organizations or other suppliers. Each newspaper is updated as soon as practicable by the Federation following the receipt of electronic files from cooperating news organizations to include the current or most recent day's edition.

Provider Name: National Federation of the Blind	Total Contract Funds: 108,000.00	Term of Contract: From: <i>cyh</i> 12/24/08 To: 12/01/2008 9/30/2011
Provider Address: 1800 Johnson Street Baltimore Maryland 21230	Contract Funds per Year (if applicable) N/A	

Brief description of the circumstances justifying a restrictive purchase:
NFB-Newsline is copyrighted and is only available from the National Federation of the Blind.

Subscribers will be able to call via a local or toll free number to the NFB headquarters, enter their pass code and then select the paper to which they want to listen. The Honolulu Advertiser is one of the papers listed. The service provides access to newspaper information and local announcements of interest to subscribers. It enables people, who would otherwise not have access, the opportunity to learn what is in the newspaper at the same time or before people who can see and can turn pages without assistance. Information about the job market, and current events is made available. Newsline will make the world much more accessible to those who cannot see or turn paper pages on their own, thereby enhancing their self-sufficiency. Consequently students will have access to material that helps them keep up with classmates and job seekers will have access to job leads. In Hawaii there are over 3,000 people that are legally blind and many more that have severe visual impairments and others with orthopedic challenges that could benefit from this service.

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Description of efforts to determine availability of other providers and results:
N/A

A list of state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:
Joe Cordova, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator
Guy Tagomori, Vocational Rehabilitation Staff Specialist
David Eveland, VR Services for the Blind Branch Administrator

Direct questions to (name & position): David Eveland, Services for the Blind Branch Administrator	Phone number: (808) 586-5311	e-mail address: develand@dhs.hawaii.gov
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A copy of the public notice is attached and contains all information required by §3-144-303, HAR.

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



Department Head Signature

DEC 22 2008

Date



Lillian B. Koller

Typed Name

Director

Position Title

Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

Approved Denied



Chief Procurement Officer

11/12/09

Date

Procurement Notice
Notice of Restrictive Purchase of Service of Health and Human Services

The *Department of Human Services (DHS), Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division (VRSBD)* intends to make a Restrictive Purchase of Service of health and human services without issuing a request for proposals pursuant to §103F-403, Hawaii Revised Statutes and §3-144, Hawaii Administrative Rules. The services to be contracted are *the distribution of newspaper articles in digital text or digital audio formats provided by cooperating news organizations or other suppliers. Each newspaper is updated as soon as practicable by the National Federation of the Blind following the receipt of electronic files from cooperating news organizations to include the current or most recent day's edition.*

The provider to be awarded is *National Federation of the Blind*

The contract will begin on *December 1, 2008* and end on *September 30, 2011.*

The contract amount is *\$108,000.00.*

Any person may file a written protest under the procedures established under §3-148, Hawaii Administrative Rules, located on the web at www.spo.hawaii.gov, click on *Procurement of Health and Human Services.*

Protests must be hand delivered or postmarked by US mail no later than **November 14, 2008**. If hand delivered it must be submitted by **4:30 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)**.

Protests must be submitted to:

***Procurement Officer for this Procurement
Joe D. Cordova, VR Administrator
Department of Human Services
Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for
the Blind Division
601 Kamokila Blvd., Room 515
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707***

***Head of Purchasing Agency
Lillian B. Koller., Director
Department of Human Services
1390 Miller Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813***

Should you have any questions, please contact:

***David Eveland
(808) 586-5311
develand@dhs.hawaii.gov.***

NOTICE OF REQUEST
FOR RESTRICTIVE PURCHASE OF SERVICE
PURSUANT TO HRS §103F-403

Pursuant to §103F-403, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 3-144, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Department of Human Services, Vocational and Rehabilitation oand Services to the Blind Division, has submitted a request to the chief procurement officer for a restrictive purchase of service for health and human services, and if approved, intends to purchase the service without issuing a request for proposals. (To see the request, go back to the State and County Procurement Notices page and click on "More Info. ")

Any person may file a written protest under the procedures established under Chapter 3-148, Hawaii Administrative Rules, located on the web at <http://hawaii.gov/spo>, click "Statutes and Rules," then "Chapter 103F, Procurement of Health and Human Services." Protests shall be hand delivered or postmarked by United States Postal Service within seven days after the date this notice is first published on the Internet. If hand delivered, it must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time, within seven days from the date this notice is first published. Protests must be submitted to the procurement officer and head of the purchasing agency as specified in the request. Protest forms and instructions are on the web at <http://hawaii.gov/spo>, click on "Health and Human Services, Chapter 103F..." then "Forms and Instructions for Private Providers/Applicants." Questions should be directed to the contact person noted in item 9 of the request.