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STATE OF HAWAII

NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
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To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: Department of Health, Tobacco Settlement Project, Chronic Disease Management and Control Branch
Department/Division/Branch or Office

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

1. Title and description of health and human service(s):		Title: Childhood Rural Asthma Project Description: The project will focus on building community capacity within Community Health Centers (CHC) to control factors which contribute to asthma severity, and will develop strategies to control indoor environmental asthma triggers that exacerbate asthma. The purpose of the project is to improve indoor air quality for children with asthma by reducing exposure to known allergens and irritants. The project will identify children served by CHCs with current physician-diagnosed asthma, and will train outreach workers to implement a comprehensive home-based asthma intervention.
2. Provider Name and Address:		Hawaii Primary Care Association 345 Queen Street Honolulu, HI 96813
3. Total Contract Funds:		$200,000
Contract Funds per Year (if applicable):		$0
4. Reference number of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable):		PEH No. 10-01
5. Term of Contract:	Start:	upon approval
	End:	9/29/11

6. Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

Current funding appropriation for the 2010-2011 proposed project stems from a FY2010 federal congressional earmark. The congressional language states that resources will be used to improve the care for children with asthma in rural areas. The purpose of the project is to build the capacity of CHCs to effectively identify, treat, and educate pediatric asthma suffers and their families in the State of Hawaii. This project focuses on improving the health, quality of life, and functional status of Hawaii's children living in medically-underserved communities served by the community health centers." This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of environmental health, occupational safety and health, and respiratory diseases.

This earmark was first awarded in 2002. The intent of the earmark then, as now, has been to insure that funding gets to the CHC level. The HPCA has the background knowledge and experience to identify which CHC has the capacity to carry out the intent of the earmark and serves as a key organization that represents all CHCs statewide.

Procurement by competitive means is not practicable because the HPCA is already positioned to provide the administrative oversight needed to work with the CHCs on this type of project. They have the involvement and expertise to identify, engage, and develop agreements with the appropriate CHCs. As federal funding continues, this project will be replicated statewide to other CHCs. HPCA would serve as the lead agency to identify the future sites and assure dissemination of acquired knowledge and expertise. The oversight and coordination they bring to this project provide a distinct advantage to the state that would be lost if these functions were assigned to another entity.

On June 10, 2009, the DOH's exemption request for the Childhood Rural Asthma Project was approved (PEH No. 10-01). The DOH currently has a contract with the HPCA to facilitate the project. Upon approval of this exemption request, the DOH plans to do another contract modification to include these new funds from the CDC as they become available in September 2010. Upon receipt of the funding opportunity announcement from CDC, the DOH will develop and submit an application naming the providers. This application will be a continuation of the current contract.

7. Describe the reason for the selection of the provider including a description of how the procedure ensured the maximum fair and open competition practicable:

The HPCA is a key organization in the State that represents community health organizations and providers focused on primary care for medically underserved people, such as low-income families, immigrants, the homeless, Native Hawaiians, and those without health insurance. Their core membership consists of non-profit multi-service CHCs and Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems founded and governed by the communities they serve. These core members see more than 117,211 patients annually on seven islands. Members also include physicians, hospitals, schools, HMO's, and other entities with a special interest in primary care for the underserved. HPCA strives to initiate and support action that achieves access to quality community-based primary care and that eliminates health disparities throughout Hawaii. In previous years of this earmark, the HPCA has served as the lead coordinating agency in partnership with DOH and the CHCs.

8. Describe the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:

The State and the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) will enter into a contract. This contract is in line with the mandates contained in the CDC Notice of Award, US DHHS Public Health Service Grants Policy Statement, as well as with other applicable Federal and State rules and regulations.

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

Gregg Kishaba, Coordinator, Hawaii State Asthma Control Program
Danette Wong Tomiyasu, Chief, Chronic Disease Management and Control Branch
Lola Irvin, Manager, Tobacco Settlement Project
Sharon Abe, Chief, ASO
Chiyome Leinaala Fukio, M.D., Director of Health

10. Direct questions to (name & position): Danette Wong Tomiyasu, Chief, CDMCB

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

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Department Head Signature *Date*

Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, MD
Typed Name

NOTICE

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 in item 10 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.

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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

☑ **APPROVED** ☐ **DISAPPROVED** ☐ **NO ACTION**

Chief Procurement Officer Signature 3/8/2010 *Date*

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

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