

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

Received By  
State Procurement Office  
11/20/2015

To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/Office of Community Services  
*Department/Division/Branch or Office*

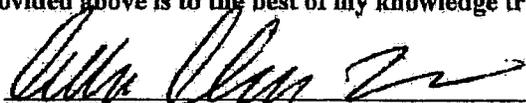
Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

1. Title and description of health and human service(s):	Marketplace Assister Organization (MAO) services for Hawaii residents to access healthcare through the federal marketplace established by the Affordable Care Act if that is the best option for the resident. The MAOs will interview and assist consumers in making an informed decision regarding their healthcare plan and completing the proper forms and applications as necessary.
2. Provider Name and Address:	see attached
3. Total Contract Funds:	\$3,882,289
Contract Funds per Year (if applicable):	Please see attached for breakdown of funds per provider
4. Reference number of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable):	
5. Term of Contract:	Start: 12/1/2015 End: 6/30/16
6. Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:	With the pending shutdown of the Hawaii Health Connector, the State needs to procure services to ensure the continuance of marketplace assistance support to enable Hawaii residents to (re)enroll in the Federal Exchange. Open enrollment began on 11/1/2015 and continues through 1/31/2016 and it is critical for marketplace assistance services to be available in the community to facilitate access to health insurance. The exemption request is necessary to allow the State to continue services with the current providers currently contracted with the Hawaii Health Connector to prevent a lapse in services during the crucial open enrollment period, for the providers to complete the required reporting and allow the State time to procure services for Fiscal Year 2017.
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 providers are the current contracted service providers with the Hawaii Health Connector. The providers' experience providing marketplace assistance is invaluable to the State in ensuring that services continue without interruption.

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8.	Describe the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement: The State will follow the Federal government's Affordable Care Act.
9.	List the state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract: Rona Suzuki, Executive Director of the Office of Community Services
10.	Direct questions to (name & position): Rona Suzuki Phone number: 808.586.8675 e-mail address: rona.m.suzuki@hawaii.gov

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  
 Linda Chu Takayama  
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 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Procurement Officer, State Procurement Office, 1151 Punchbowl St., #230A, Honolulu, HI 96813.

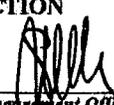
**Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:**

This approval is for the period 12/01/2015 - 06/30/2016 based on the agency's determination that procurement of MAO service providers by competitive means is neither practicable nor advantageous given the impending shut down of the Hawaii Health Connector (HHC) coupled with the on-going, open-enrollment period for the Federal Exchange. This exemption is for the procurement process only. Service providers are required to be compliant with applicable laws and provide proof of compliance, if applicable. This award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System.

Agencies are reminded that personnel engaged in procurement activities require delegation of authority and appropriate training as set forth in Procurement Circular No. 2010-05, Statewide Procurement Training.

If there are any questions, please contact Corinne Higa at 587-4706 or corinne.y.higa@hawaii.gov.

**APPROVED**   
  **DISAPPROVED**   
  **NO ACTION**

  
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 Chief Procurement Officer Signature 11/30/15  
Date

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.