

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

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To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: Health/Developmental Disabilities Division/Community Resources 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):

The Queen's Medical Center (QMC) will be contracted to continue to administer and expand the Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network with the use of telemedicine-based consultation to improve disparities in access to expert stroke care. Stroke is the leading cause of chronic disability in adults. For every 100 patients treated with tPA (Tissue Plasminogen Activator), 28 will be less disabled than if they had not received the medication. In order to benefit stroke patients, tPA must be given as soon as possible after symptom onset, with a maximum interval of 3-4.5 hours. Due in part to the lack of timely, consistent access to neurologists in Emergency Departments (ED) statewide, only 3.6% of stroke patients in Hawaii (99 total patients) were treated with IV tPA prior to initiation of the Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network in 2010. Lack of public education regarding signs and symptoms of stroke, the availability of effective treatment, and the need for immediate evaluation have also contributed to low treatment rates and poor outcomes. Proposed contract key objectives for access, coordination, education and training: to increase access of patients to tPA treatment and expert stroke consultation through expansion of a telemedicine-based regional stroke network; increase public education for recognition of stroke symptoms and the need to seek urgent medical attention by calling 9-1-1; increase training of ED physician and nurse providers on streamlined stroke care; reduce the need for inter-hospital transfer by providing remote consultation through telemedicine and empowering hospitals to safely treat stroke patients; generate a self-sustaining business model beyond the 3-year contract period of public funding through a low monthly subscription fee paid by participating hospitals.

Accomplishments during the Initial Funding Period include: Initiated telestroke services at six hospitals across the state; completed 220 telestroke consults and treated 70 patients with IV tPA by telemedicine; completed multiple public education campaigns to increase recognition of stroke; completed multiple provider education initiatives to improve stroke treatment; increased the percentage of stroke patients treated with tPA from 3.6% to 6.4%.

QMC will continue with the research component as indicated in the initial contract. The outcomes measures are to increase tPA utilization from 6.4% to 10% within 3 years (improved access) and to improve ED arrival-to-treatment time to less than 60 minutes in 90% of stroke patients treated with IV tPA (professional training). Continuous quality improvement analysis will be carried out through two databases, the Hawaii Health Information Corporation database of institutional discharge claims data and the Get With the Guideline-Stroke quality improvement registry.

2. Provider Name and Address: The Queen's Medical Center
1301 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
3. Total Contract Funds: \$474,380
Year 1 - \$179,260
Contract Funds per Year (if applicable): Year 2 - \$147,560
Year 3 - \$147,560
4. Reference number of Previous Request for this Service (if applicable): PEH No. 11-18
5. Term of Contract: Start: 3/1/16
End: 2/28/19

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6. Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:
The QMC is the only designated Level II Trauma Center in the State of Hawaii verified by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and possess the resources necessary to administer a project of this magnitude. QMC has six stroke neurologists who will rotate as on-call stroke neurologists and are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the QMC Transfer Call Center. Additionally, The QMC has committed to the Statewide Stroke Network project and has also extended malpractice insurance coverage for employed physicians at the QMC who participate in the Statewide Stroke Network Project. QMC also provides administrative support through the Queen's Neuroscience Institute and acts as a hub for patient referrals should they need to be transferred to a tertiary care facility.
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:
In 2010, the Statewide Stroke Network Project was presented by QMC at a dedicated meeting of the Hawaii Neurological Society. The Hawaii Neurological Society voted to form a stroke task force led by Drs. Matthew Koenig and Melvin Wong to begin implementing the Statewide Stroke Network. Neurologists from Kaiser Permanente, Straub Clinic and Hospital, and Kuakini Health System were contacted to gauge their interest in administering the initial proposal and support for the Statewide Stroke Network. While the neurologists from Straub and Kuakini were not interested but supported the project, there was no response from the neurologist at Kaiser Permanente. The original contract for the Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network began in March 2011 and will end in February 2016. QMC has requested a new contract in continuation of the original contract.

On Friday, December 18, 2015, Dr. Matthew Koenig of QMC presented the continuation of the contract to the Neurotrauma Advisory Board (NTAB), the advisory board that gives recommendations to the department on how the Neurotrauma Special Fund is administered. The NTAB voted in favor of the contract.
8. Describe the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:
The Department of Health (DOH) maintains the fiduciary responsibility of the Neurotrauma Special Fund, per 321H, HRS. In accordance with 321H, HRS, the Neurotrauma Advisory Board advises the DOH on the expenditure of the Fund. The DOH is responsible to ensure that proposals to obtain funds from the Neurotrauma Special Fund meets the statutory requirements. All proposals are reviewed thoroughly by the DOH upon receipt and presented to the Neurotrauma Advisory Board who in turn makes a recommendation to the DOH for funding. The DOH staff assigned to Neurotrauma are responsible for all contracting and monitoring activities for the duration of each contract. Contractors are required to update DOH Neurotrauma Staff on a monthly basis and provide regular updates on the status of the contract(s) to the Neurotrauma and Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Boards.
9. List the state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:
Wendy Bullard, Contract Specialist
Vanessa Lau, Public Health Administrative Officer
10. Direct questions to (name & position): Wendy Bullard, Contract Specialist
Phone number: 808-586-5841
e-mail address: wendy.bullard@doh.hawaii.gov

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

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Virginia Pressler JAN - 8 2016
Department Head Signature Date
Virginia Pressler
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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.

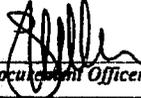
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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

This approval is for the procurement process only. The service provider is required to be compliant with applicable laws, and verified on the Hawaii Compliance Express, if applicable. This award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System.

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

APPROVED DISAPPROVED NO ACTION


Chief Procurement Officer Signature

1/22/16
Date

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.