

The Judiciary

State of Hawaii

Request for Proposals

RFP No. J16184 To Provide Civil Legal Services For Indigent Persons

July 31, 2015

Note: *It is the applicant's responsibility to check the public procurement notice website, the request for proposals website, or to contact the RFP point-of-contact identified in the RFP for any addenda issued to this RFP. The State shall not be responsible for any incomplete proposal submitted as a result of missing addenda, attachments or other information regarding the RFP.*

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

This solicitation is provided to you for information purposes. If interested in responding to this solicitation, you may choose to submit your offer on the downloaded document provided. **You must register** your company by fax or email for this specific solicitation. If you do not register your company, you will not receive addenda, if any, and your offer **may be** rejected and not considered for award.

Registration

Submit FAX or Email to: FAX No.: (808) 538-5802
 Email: Jonathan.H.Wong@courts.hawaii.gov

Provide the following information:

- Name of Company
- Telephone Number
- Solicitation Number
- Mailing Address
- FAX Number
- Fedex (or equivalent) account number (document will be sent by U.S. Postal Service first class mail if this is not provided.)
- Name of Contact Person
- Email Address

July 31, 2015

To: All Applicants

From: Janell M. Kim, Financial Services Director
The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Subject: Notice of Request for Proposals No. J16184
Health & Human Services for providing civil legal services to indigent persons

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, is requesting competitive sealed proposals from qualified applicants to provide Health & Human Services for the period October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, subject to availability of funds. The proposal application and contract award procedures are in accordance with Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Multiple contracts may be awarded pursuant to the service specification under this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The attached packet of materials outlines the requirements for proposal applications. It includes the administrative requirements, service specifications, application form, and other information. This RFP is available on our Judiciary web site at <http://www.courts.state.hi.us> under "General Information / Business with the Judiciary", or from the Contracts & Purchasing Office listed below, or from the contact persons listed in the RFP Section Two - Service Specifications.

Persons or organizations must submit 4 sets (Orig. + 3 copies) of their completed proposal applications (in hard copy or in PDF format on CD) and postmarked by US Postal Service on or before **August 31, 2015** and received no later than 10 days from the submittal deadline. Hand delivered proposals shall be received **no later than 4:00 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time, on August 31, 2015.**

Deliveries by private mail services such as FEDEX shall be considered hand deliveries. Hand deliveries shall not be accepted if received after 4:00 p.m., **August 31, 2015**.

Proposals will be received at:

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii
Financial Services Division, Contracts & Purchasing Office
Kauikeaouli Hale (District Court Building)
1111 Alakea Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813-2807

Proposals postmarked or hand delivered after the appropriate dates and times shall be considered late and rejected, and will be returned to the applicant unopened. (See Section 1.9.8 - Proposal Submittal, for postmark or hand delivery restrictions.)

The actual funding of the contract will be based on the proposal applications submitted by the applicants and the service required by the Judiciary. The Administrative Director of the Courts reserves the right and power to award the contract in any manner which he deems to be in the best interest of the Judiciary.

The Judiciary will conduct an orientation meeting on the following date, location and time indicated:

August 11, 2015 Oahu	Supreme Court	9:00 am - 10:30 pm
	Ali'iolani Hale	
	417 S. King Street, Room 216	
	Honolulu, HI 96813	
	Contact: Jonathan Wong	Ph. 808-538-5805
	Email: Jonathan.H.Wong@courts.hawaii.gov	

All prospective applicants are encouraged to attend this orientation and to bring their RFP packets with them.

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Section 1

Administrative Overview

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Administrative Overview

Applicants are encouraged to read each section of the RFP thoroughly. While sections such as the administrative overview may appear similar among RFPs, state purchasing agencies may add additional information as applicable. It is the responsibility of the applicant to understand the requirements of *each* RFP.

1.1 Procurement Timetable

Note that the procurement timetable represents the Judiciary's best estimated schedule. If an activity on this schedule is delayed, the rest of the schedule will likely be shifted by the same number of days. Contract start dates may be subject to the issuance of a notice to proceed.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Scheduled Date</u>
Public notice announcing Request for Proposals (RFP)	July 31, 2015
Distribution of RFP	July 31, 2015 – August 31, 2015
RFP orientation session	August 11, 2015
Closing date for submission of written questions for written responses	August 13, 2015
State purchasing agency's response to applicants' written questions	On or about August 18, 2015
Proposal submittal deadline	August 31, 2015
Proposal evaluation period	September 2015
Provider selection	September 2015
Notice of statement of findings and decision	September 2015
Contract start date (tentative)	October 1, 2015

1.2 Website Reference

Item	Website
1 Procurement of Health and Human Services	http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/methods-of-procurement/health-human-services/competitive-purchase-of-services-procurement-method/cost-principles-table-hrs-chapter-103f-2/
2 RFP website	http://hawaii.gov/spo2/health/rfp103f/
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) for Purchases of Health and Human Services	http://spo.hawaii.gov Click on the “References” tab.
4 General Conditions, AG-103F13	http://hawaii.gov/forms/internal/department-of-the-attorney-general/ag-103f13-1/view
5 Forms	http://spo.hawaii.gov Click on the “Forms” tab.
6 Cost Principles	http://spo.hawaii.gov Search: Keywords “Cost Principles”
7 Protest Forms/Procedures	http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/protests-for-health-and-human-services/
8 Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE)	http://spo.hawaii.gov/hce/
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes	http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent
10 Department of Taxation	http://tax.hawaii.gov
11 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations	http://labor.hawaii.gov
12 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration	http://cca.hawaii.gov click “Business Registration”
13 Campaign Spending Commission	http://ags.hawaii.gov/campaign/
14 Internal Revenue Service	http://www.irs.gov/
(Please note: website addresses may change from time to time. If a State link is not active, try the State of Hawaii website at http://hawaii.gov)	

1.3 Authority

This RFP is issued under the provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 103F and its administrative rules. All prospective applicants are charged with presumptive knowledge of all requirements of the cited authorities. Submission of a valid executed proposal by any prospective applicant shall constitute admission of such knowledge on the part of such prospective applicant.

1.4 RFP Organization

This RFP is organized into five sections:

Section 1, Administrative Overview: Provides applicants with an overview of the procurement process.

Section 2, Service Specifications: Provides applicants with a general description of the tasks to be performed, delineates applicant responsibilities, and defines deliverables (as applicable).

Section 3, Proposal Application Instructions: Describes the required format and content for the proposal application.

Section 4, Proposal Evaluation: Describes how proposals will be evaluated by the Judiciary.

Section 5, Attachments: Provides applicants with information and forms necessary to complete the application.

1.5 Contracting Office

The Contracting Office is responsible for receiving and for the execution of the contract(s) resulting from this RFP. The Contracting Office is:

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii
Financial Services Division
Contracts and Purchasing Office
1111 Alakea Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813-2807
Phone: (808)538-5805 Fax: (808)538-5802
Email: Jonathan.H.Wong@courts.hawaii.gov

1.6 Orientation

An orientation for applicants in reference to the request for proposals will be held as follows:

Date: August 11, 2015 **Time:** 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Location: 417 S. King St., Room 216, Honolulu, HI 96813

Applicants are encouraged to submit written questions prior to the orientation. Impromptu questions will be permitted at the orientation and spontaneous answers provided at the Judiciary's discretion. However, answers provided at the orientation are only intended as general direction and may not represent the Judiciary's position. Formal official responses will be provided in writing. To ensure a written response from the Judiciary, any questions should be submitted in writing following the close of the

orientation, but no later than the date indicated in Section 1.1 of the Procurement Timetable.

1.7 Submission of Questions

Applicants may submit questions to the RFP Contact Person identified in the Service Specifications in Section 2 of this RFP. The deadline for submission of written questions and to receive written responses from the Judiciary to those questions are indicated in Section 1.1 – Procurement Timetable.

1.8 Submission of Proposals

1.8.1 Forms/Formats - Forms, with the exception of program specific requirements, may be found on the State Procurement Office website at www.spo.hawaii.gov, click on “Forms.” To narrow the search, choose “Vendor” in the “Audience” box and choose “Health and Human Services” in the “Category” box. Please refer to the Proposal Application Checklist (Section 5, Attachment A) for the location of information on: a) where to obtain the forms/instructions; b) additional program specific requirements; and c) the order in which all components of the application shall be assembled and submitted to the Judiciary. Proposals must contain the following components

1.8.1.1 Proposal Application Identification (Form SPOH-200). Provides applicant proposal identification. Although a hard copy of the Judiciary Proposal Application Identification Form is included in Attachment B of this RFP, applicants may use the form available (and writeable) on the SPO website.

1.8.1.2 Proposal Application Checklist. The checklist provides applicants with information on where to obtain the required forms, information on program specific requirements, which forms are required, and the order in which all proposal components should be assembled and submitted to the Judiciary.

1.8.1.3 Table of Contents. A sample table of contents for proposals is located in Section 5, Attachment B. This is a sample and meant as a guide. The table of contents may vary depending on the RFP.

1.8.1.4 Proposal Application (Form SPOH-200A). A sample application showing the format of the application headings is located in Section 5, Attachment B. Applicant shall submit comprehensive narratives that address all of the issues contained in the Proposal Application Instructions, including a cost proposal/budget, if required. (Refer to Section 3 of this RFP.)

1.8.2 Program Specific Requirements. Additional program specific requirements are included in Section 2, Service Specifications, and Section 3, Proposal

Application, as applicable. If Federal and/or State certifications are required, they are listed on the Proposal Application Checklist in Section 5.

1.8.3 Multiple or Alternate Proposals. Multiple or alternate proposals shall not be accepted unless specifically provided for in Section 2 of this RFP. In the event alternate proposals are **not** accepted and an applicant submits alternate proposals, but clearly indicates a primary proposal, the primary proposal shall be considered for award as though it were the only proposal submitted by the applicant.

1.8.4 Provider Compliance. All providers shall comply with all laws governing entities doing business in the State.

1.8.4.1 Tax Clearance. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §103-53, as a prerequisite to entering into contracts of \$25,000 or more, providers are required to have a tax clearance from the Hawaii State Department of Taxation (DOTAX) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for DOTAX and IRS website address.

1.8.4.2 Labor Law Compliance. Pursuant to HRS §103-55, providers shall be in compliance with all applicable laws of the federal and state governments relating to workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, payment of wages, and safety. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) website address.

1.8.4.3 Business Registration. Prior to contracting, owners of all forms of business doing business in the state except sole proprietorships, charitable organizations, unincorporated associations and foreign insurance companies shall be registered and in good standing with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Business Registration Division. Foreign insurance companies must register with DCCA, Insurance Division. More information is on the DCCA website. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for DCCA website address.

Providers may register with Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE) for online compliance verification from the DOTAX, IRS, DLIR, and DCCA. There is a nominal annual registration fee (currently \$12) for the service. The HCE's online "Certificate of Vendor Compliance" provides the registered provider's current compliance status as of the issuance date, and is accepted for both contracting and final payment purposes. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference, for HCE's website address.

Providers not utilizing the HCE to demonstrate compliance shall provide paper certificates to the purchasing agency. All applications for applicable clearances are the responsibility of the providers. All certificates must be valid on the date it is received by the purchasing agency. The tax clearance certificate shall have an original green certified copy stamp and shall be valid for six months from the most

recent approval stamp date on the certificate. The DLIR certificate is valid for six months from the date of issue. The DCCA certificate of good standing is valid for six months from date of issue.

1.8.4.4 Wages Law Compliance. If applicable, by submitting a proposal, the applicant certifies that the applicant is in compliance with HRS §103-55, Wages, hours, and working conditions of employees of contractors performing services. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for statutes and DLIR website address.

1.8.5 Campaign Contributions by State and County Contractors. HRS §11-355 prohibits campaign contributions from certain State or county government contractors during the term of the contract if the contractors are paid with funds appropriated by a legislative body. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for statutes and Campaign Spending Commission website address.

1.8.6 Confidential Information. If an applicant believes any portion of a proposal contains information that should be withheld as confidential, the applicant shall request in writing nondisclosure of designated proprietary data to be confidential and provide justification to support confidentiality. Such data shall accompany the proposal, be clearly marked, and shall be readily separable from the proposal to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential sections of the proposal.

Note that price is not considered confidential and will not be withheld.

1.8.7 Proposal Submittal. Applicants are required to submit an original and three (3) copies of a proposal. All mail-ins shall be postmarked by the United States Postal System (USPS) and received by the Judiciary Contracts & Purchasing Office by no later than the submittal deadline indicated in Section 1.1 – Procurement Timetable. All hand deliveries shall be received by the Judiciary Contracts & Purchasing Office by the date and time designated in Section 1.1 – Procurement Timetable. Proposals shall be rejected when:

1. Postmarked after the designated date; or
2. Postmarked by the designated date but not received within 10 days from the submittal deadline; or
3. If hand delivered, received after the designated date and time.

Deliveries by private mail services such as FEDEX shall be considered hand deliveries and shall be rejected if received after the submittal deadline. Dated USPS shipping labels are not considered postmarks.

Proposals on CD – As an option to submitting hard copies of your entire proposal, proposals may be submitted on CD (4 copies of CD) in Adobe's pdf format, along with hard copies of the Proposal Application Identification Form. (See Section 5, Attachment B, Form SPOH-200.)

1.9 Discussions with Applicants

1.9.1 Prior to Submittal Deadline. Discussions may be conducted with potential applicants to promote understanding of the Judiciary's requirements.

1.9.2 After Proposal Submittal Deadline. Discussions may be conducted with applicants whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, but proposals may be accepted without discussions, in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §3-143-403.

1.10 Opening of Proposals

Upon the Judiciary's receipt of a proposal at a designated location, proposals, modifications to proposals, and withdrawals of proposals shall be date-stamped, and when possible, time-stamped. All documents so received shall be held in a secure place by the Judiciary and not examined for evaluation purposes until the submittal deadline.

Procurement files shall be open to public inspection after a contract has been awarded and executed by all parties.

1.11 Additional Materials and Documentation

Upon request from the Judiciary, each applicant shall submit additional materials and documentation reasonably required by the Judiciary in its evaluation of the proposals.

1.12 RFP Amendments

The Judiciary reserves the right to amend this RFP at any time prior to the closing date for final revised proposals.

1.13 Final Revised Proposals

If applicable to this RFP, applicant's final revised proposal must be postmarked or hand delivered by the proposal submission deadline indicated in Section 1.1 – Proposal Timetable. Any final revised proposal that is postmarked or received after the designated date and time shall be rejected. If a final revised proposal is not submitted, the previous submittal shall be construed as the applicant's best and final offer/proposal. Only the section(s) of the proposal that are amended shall be submitted by the applicant, along with the Proposal Application Identification form (SPOH-200). After final revised proposals are received, final evaluations will be conducted for an award.

1.14 Cancellation of Request for Proposal

The RFP may be canceled and any or all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Judiciary.

1.15 Costs for Proposal Preparation

Any costs incurred by applicants in preparing or submitting a proposal are the applicants' sole responsibility.

1.16 Provider Participation in Planning

Provider participation in the Judiciary's efforts to plan for or to purchase health and human services prior to the release of a request for proposals, including the sharing of information on community needs, best practices, and providers' resources, shall not disqualify providers from submitting proposals, if conducted in accordance with HAR §§ 3-142-202 and 3-142-203.

1.17 Rejection of Proposals

The Judiciary reserves the right to consider as acceptable only those proposals submitted in accordance with all requirements set forth in this RFP and which demonstrate an understanding of the problems involved and comply with the service specifications. Any proposal offering any other set of terms and conditions contradictory to those included in this RFP may be rejected without further notice.

A proposal may be automatically rejected for any one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) Rejection for failure to cooperate or deal in good faith. (HAR §3-141-201)
- (2) Rejection for inadequate accounting system. (HAR §3-141-202)
- (3) Late proposals (HAR §3-143-603)
- (4) Inadequate response to request for proposals (HAR §3-143-609)
- (5) Proposal not responsive (HAR §3-143-610(a)(1))
- (6) Applicant not responsible (HAR §3-143-610(a)(2))

1.18 Notice of Award

A statement of findings and decision shall be provided to all applicants by mail upon completion of the evaluation of competitive purchase of service proposals.

Any agreement arising out of this solicitation is subject to the approval of the Judiciary Staff Attorney as to form.

No work is to be undertaken by the awardee prior to the contract commencement date. The Judiciary is not liable for any costs incurred prior to the official starting date.

1.19 Proposals and Awards

HRS §103F-401.5 states:

Proposals and awards. (a) No contract proposals shall be accepted from any applicant who lacks any license necessary to conduct the business being sought by the request for

proposals, with the exception of proposals from applicants to operate a child care program required to be licensed pursuant to HRS section 346-161.

(b) Proposals submitted under this chapter shall include all costs, fees, and taxes, and any award or contract shall be for the amount of the proposal. No award or contract shall include any other payment, rebate, or direct or indirect consideration that is not included in the proposal, such as insurance premium or general excise tax rebates to or waivers for an applicant or bidder.

If a Provider is required to be licensed, accredited, or certified to perform the services being solicited under this RFP, the proposal shall include written verification or proof from the appropriate licensing, accrediting, or certifying body, of an active license, accreditation, or certification. Proposals submitted by an applicant without the requisite licensure, accreditation, or certification will be rejected and shall not be evaluated. A Provider who enters into a contract with the Judiciary shall maintain the necessary license, accreditation, or certification for the duration of the contract period. Provider's failure to maintain the necessary license/accreditation/certification may result in termination.

1.20 Protests

Pursuant to HRS §103F-501 and HAR Chapter 148 of Title 3, an applicant aggrieved by an award of a contract may file a protest. The Notice of Protest form, SPOH-801, and related forms are available on the SPO website. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for website address. Only the following matters may be protested:

- (1) The Judiciary's failure to follow procedures established by Chapter 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) The Judiciary's failure to follow any rule established by Chapter 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) The Judiciary's failure to follow any procedure, requirement, or evaluation criterion contained in the RFP.

The Notice of Protest shall be postmarked by USPS or hand delivered to the head of the state purchasing agency conducting the protested procurement, as indicated below, within five working days of the postmark of the Notice of Findings and Decision sent to the protestor. Delivery services other than USPS shall be considered hand deliveries and considered submitted on the date of actual receipt by the Judiciary.

Susan Pang Gochros
Chief Staff Attorney/Intergovernmental & Community Relations Department Director
Ali`iolani Hale
417 S. King St., Room 209
Honolulu, HI 96813-2943

1.21 Availability of Funds

The award of a contract and any allowed renewal or extension thereof, is subject to allotments made by the Administrative Director of the Courts, and subject to the availability of State and/or Federal funds.

1.22 Monitoring and Evaluation

The criteria by which the performance of the contract will be monitored and evaluated are:

- (1) Performance/Outcome measures
- (2) Output measures
- (3) Quality of services
- (4) Financial management
- (5) Administrative requirements

1.23 General and Special Conditions of Contract

The general conditions that will be imposed contractually are on the SPO website. Special conditions may also be imposed contractually by the state purchasing agency, as deemed necessary

1.24 Cost Principles

To promote uniform purchasing practices among state purchasing agencies procuring health and human services under HRS Chapter 103F, state purchasing agencies will utilize standard cost principles as outlined on the SPO website. Refer to Section 1.2 Website Reference for website address. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create an exemption from any cost principle arising under federal law.

END OF SECTION

Section 2

Service Specifications

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Service Specifications

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Description of the service goals

The goal of the requested service is to provide civil legal services without charge to the indigent population in the State of Hawai‘i. Legal services shall be provided for the types of matters in which indigent persons need the most assistance, particularly in the areas of housing, government benefits, family law, and consumer issues.

2.1.2 Description of the target population to be served

The target population consists of indigent persons throughout the State of Hawai‘i. “Indigent person” is defined as follows:

- (1) Any individual whose income is not greater than one hundred twenty-five per cent of the official poverty line established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Community Services Block Grant Act, 42 U.S.C. section 9902; or
- (2) Any individual who is eligible for free services under the Older Americans Act or Developmentally Disabled Act.

2.1.3 Geographic coverage of service

Service areas include the following:

First Circuit	Oahu
Second Circuit	Maui, Lanai, and Molokai
Third Circuit	Island of Hawai‘i
Fifth Circuit	Kauai

The applicant shall demonstrate actual capacity to provide the required services in the area(s) in which it is applying.

Applicants may propose to service clients in one or more geographic areas. Applicants are not required to submit separate proposals for each circuit/island. If an applicant proposes to service clients from one or more circuits/islands, the proposal shall indicate the specific services and capacity it is proposing for each circuit/island.

2.1.4 Probable funding amounts, source, and period of availability

State general funds in the total amount of \$600,000.00 are available during fiscal year 2016. Applicants shall propose funding amounts based on their best estimates for the cost of providing the services as described in their proposal. Applicants may submit proposals to receive funding for the entire \$600,000.00 or for amounts less than \$600,000.00. Applicants may also submit scalable proposals, e.g., for \$100,000.00, applicant can provide X services; for \$200,000.00, applicant can provide XY services; for \$400,000.00 applicant can provide XYZ services. The contract(s) awarded pursuant to this RFP shall be effective upon execution and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2016. Funds are only available for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Contingent upon appropriation by the legislature, however, the contract may be extended for an additional twelve (12) months.

2.2 General Requirements

2.2.1 Specific qualifications or requirements, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation

- (1) The proposed services must meet all required licensing or certification standards, provide assurances for fair hearing and grievance procedures for clientele, civil rights compliance, information and safeguarding practices, and provide proof of insurance coverage.
- (2) Four (4) sets (original plus 3 copies) of the completed proposal must be submitted to the Financial Services Division.
- (3) The applicant shall submit in a timely manner any additional information requested by the Judiciary to make a decision on applicant's proposal. The Judiciary may request an oral discussion or presentation in support of the proposal.
- (4) The applicant shall comply with Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Cost Principles for Purchase of Health and Human Services which can be found on the State Procurement Office website by typing "Cost Principles" in the search box. (See Section 5, Proposal Application Checklist, for the website address.)
- (5) The applicant shall have an accounting system in compliance with generally accepted accounting practices.

2.2.2 Secondary purchaser participation (Refer to HAR §3-143-608)

After-the-fact secondary purchases will not be allowed.

2.2.3 Multiple or alternate proposals

(Refer to HAR §3-143-605)

Allowed Not allowed

Applicants may submit scalable proposals as described in Section 2.1.4. Applicants who submit scalable proposals shall combine all proposals into one proposal (combined proposal). A combined proposal shall clearly state that multiple scalable proposals are being submitted and shall clearly delineate each separate proposal.

2.2.4 Single or multiple contracts to be awarded

(Refer to HAR §3-143-206)

Single Multiple Single & Multiple

Criteria for multiple awards: Awards will be based on the applicant’s ability to provide necessary services in one or more of the geographic area(s) set forth in Section 2.1.3 above.

2.2.5 Single or multi-term contracts to be awarded

(Refer to HAR §3-143-302)

Single term (2 years or less) Multi-term (more than 2 years)

Contract terms:
The contract term will cover the period during Fiscal Year 2016 from execution of the contract until June 30, 2016. Funds are only available for this initial term of the contract. The contract may be extended for an additional twelve (12) months, subject to the appropriation and availability of funds and satisfactory performance of services by providers. Execution of a contract amendment is required to extend the contract for another term.

2.2.6 RFP Contact Persons

The individuals listed below are the points of contact from the date of release of this RFP until the award of the contracts to providers. Written questions should be submitted to the RFP contact persons listed below and must be received on or before the date and time specified in Section 1.1 (Procurement Timetable) of this RFP.

For technical questions related to the Request for Proposals process, please contact the following individual:

Judiciary Contracts and Purchasing Office
Jonathan Wong
Phone: (808)538-5805; Fax: (808)538-5802
Email: Jonathan.H.Wong@courts.hawaii.gov

For programmatic questions regarding the requested services, please contact the following individual:

Administrative Staff Attorney's Office
Lynn Inafuku
Phone: (808)539-4990; (808)539-4794
Email: Lynn.M.Inafuku@courts.hawaii.gov

2.3 Scope of Work

The scope of work encompasses the following tasks and responsibilities:

2.3.1 Service Activities

Service activities shall consist of direct legal services provided by attorneys or attorney-supervised staff to indigent persons in civil matters, including but not limited to housing, applying for and/or maintaining government benefits, family/domestic issues, and consumer issues. Services may include pro bono, judicial, and administrative advocacy and providing legal advice and information. "Indigent person" is defined as follows:

- (1) Any individual whose income is not greater than one hundred twenty-five per cent of the official poverty line established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Community Services Block Grant Act, 42 U.S.C. section 9902; or
- (2) Any individual who is eligible for free services under the Older Americans Act or Developmentally Disabled Act.

2.3.2 Management Requirements (Minimum and/or mandatory requirements)

2.3.2.1 Personnel

- (1) All legal services shall be provided by attorneys licensed in the State of Hawaii, or by staff who are supervised by an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii. Organizations that utilize volunteer attorneys to provide legal services shall ensure that the attorneys are accepted as volunteers through established procedures and that there is appropriate monitoring of the volunteer attorneys. Applicants' personnel must have the requisite

training, knowledge, and experience to effectively resolve the problems of their clientele.

- (2) The applicant shall conduct a criminal history record check based on a search of www.ecrim.ehawaii.gov (Adult Criminal Conviction Information System, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center) for any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor who provides the services described in applicant's proposal. In addition, the applicant will conduct a search of the State and National Sex Offender Registries, <http://sexoffenders.ehawaii.gov> (State Sex Offender Registry), and www.nsopr.gov (National Sex Offender Public Registry), for any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor who provides the services described in applicant's proposal. The record check shall be conducted at the outset of the contract period if such checks have never been conducted. A prior record check that was conducted within four (4) years of the effective date of the contract shall be valid. Results of all criminal history and sex offender registry record checks shall be maintained by the applicant and shall be available for the Judiciary to review. The applicant shall have a written plan for addressing any findings that result from a criminal history and/or sex offender registry record check of an officer, employee volunteer or subcontractor who provides described in applicant's proposal.

2.3.2.2 Administrative

Applicants must meet the following administrative requirements:

- (1) Must be duly organized in accordance with applicable laws.
- (2) Have bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which business is conducted, and policies that relate to nepotism and management of conflict of interest situations.
- (3) Have sound financial management systems, a client grievance procedure, and a method of monitoring the quality of legal services provided.

2.3.2.3 Quality assurance and evaluation specifications

Applicants shall have a quality assurance plan which identifies the mission of the organization, what services will be provided, how they are delivered, and what standards are used to assess or evaluate the quality and utilization of services. Applicants shall agree that the Judiciary may conduct a program evaluation and/or audit to assess the legal services provided to indigent clients.

2.3.2.4 Output and performance/outcome measurements

Output measures: Applicants shall maintain a record of all clients served and services provided.

Outcome measures: Applicants shall utilize measurement tools by which effectiveness of the services may be determined.

2.3.2.5 Experience

Applicants must have demonstrated competence or qualifications to perform the required services. Applicants must have a minimum of one (1) year experience in providing civil legal services to indigent persons.

2.3.2.6 Reporting requirements for program and fiscal data

Applicants shall submit written periodic reports and a year-end report, summarizing output and outcome data, performance accomplishments, challenges and actual expenditures of funds. Periodic reports shall be due on January 31, 2016, and April 30, 2016. A year-end report shall be due on July 31, 2016.

Reports shall consist information on the number of clients served, the services that were provided to clients, identification of any immediate problems, and plans for resolving the problems. If requested by the Judiciary, applicants shall be required to meet with Judiciary representatives to discuss matters relating to the contract.

2.4 Compensation and Method of Payment

The first payment will be made during the latter part of 2015, the second payment will be made in early 2016, and final payment will be made upon completion of the contract. Payment shall be made upon submission of an invoice to the Contract Administrator, certifying that services were performed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and upon submission of reports.

2.5 Contract Monitoring and Evaluation

The criteria by which the performance of the contract will be monitored and evaluated are:

- (1) Performance/Outcome Measures
- (2) Output Measures
- (3) Quality of Services
- (4) Financial Management
- (5) Administrative Requirements

END OF SECTION

Section 3

Proposal Application Instructions

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Proposal Application Instructions

General instructions for completing applications:

- *Proposal Applications shall be submitted to the state purchasing agency using the prescribed format outlined in this section.*
- *The numerical outline for the application, the titles/subtitles, and the applicant organization and RFP identification information on the top right hand corner of each page should be retained. The instructions for each section however may be omitted.*
- *Page numbering of the Proposal Application should be consecutive, beginning with page one and continuing through for each section. See sample table of contents in Section 5.*
- *Proposals may be submitted in a three ring binder (Optional).*
- *Tabbing of sections (Recommended).*
- *Applicants must also include a Table of Contents with the Proposal Application. A sample format is reflected in Section 5, Attachment B of this RFP.*
- *A written response is required for **each** item unless indicated otherwise. Failure to answer any of the items will impact upon an applicant's score.*
- *Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to review evaluation criteria in Section 4, Proposal Evaluation when completing the proposal.*
- *This form (SPOH-200A) is available on the SPO website (Refer to Section 1.2 Website Reference). However, the form will not include items specific to each RFP. If using the website form, the applicant must include all items listed in this section.*

The Proposal Application is comprised of the following sections:

- *Proposal Application Identification Form*
- *Table of Contents*
- *Program Overview*
- *Experience and Capability*
- *Project Organization and Staffing*
- *Service Delivery*
- *Financial*
- *Other*

3.1 Program Overview

Applicant shall give a brief overview of the services being offered.

3.2 Experience and Capability

3.2.1 Necessary Skills

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, and knowledge relating to the delivery of the proposed services.

3.2.2 Experience

The applicant shall describe projects/services in which it has been involved in the past year that demonstrate its ability to provide the proposed services.

3.2.3 Quality Assurance and Evaluation

The applicant shall describe its own plans for quality assurance and evaluation for the proposed services, including methodology.

3.3 Project Organization and Staffing

3.3.1 Staffing

3.3.1.1 Proposed Staffing

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern, client/staff ratio and proposed caseload capacity appropriate for the viability of the services. (Refer to the personnel requirements in Section 2, Service Specifications, as applicable.)

3.3.1.2 Staff Qualifications

The applicant shall provide the minimum qualifications (including experience) for staff assigned to the program. (Refer to the qualifications in Section 2, Service Specifications, as applicable)

3.3.2 Project Organization

3.3.2.1 Supervision and Training

The applicant shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction to its staff and/or volunteers relative to the delivery of the proposed services.

3.3.2.2 Organization Chart

The applicant shall reflect the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. (Include position title, name and full time equivalency) Both the “Organization-wide” and “Program” organization charts shall be attached to the Proposal Application.

3.4 Service Delivery

Applicant shall include a detailed discussion regarding its ability to provide civil legal services to indigent persons and its approach to providing such services. This discussion should include but is not limited to, the following:

Description of applicant’s past and current activities in providing civil legal services;
Description of applicant’s current staff;
A statement of the need for the proposed services, and statistical or other information that supports this statement;
If awarded a contract, an explanation of how applicant will use the funds to provide the services pursuant to this RFP, including the specific types of services that will be provided and the geographic area(s) in which services will be provided.

3.5 Financial

3.5.1 Pricing Structure

Applicant shall submit a cost proposal based on a reasonable estimate of services it can provide for which it has sufficient operating capacity (e.g., space, equipment, and staff). The following forms, which are available on the State Procurement Office website on the “Procurement Forms and Instructions for State Agencies” page, shall be submitted with the Proposal Application:

Budget – SPOH-205

Personnel – Salaries and Wages – SPOH-206A

Personnel – Payroll Taxes, Assessments, and Fringe Benefits – SPOH-206B

Budget Justification, Travel – Inter-Island-SPOH-206C (If applicable)

Budget Justification, Travel – Out of State-SPOH-260D (If applicable)

Budget Justification, Contractual Services-Administrative-SPOH-206E (If applicable)

Budget Justification, Contractual Services-Subcontracts-SPOH-206F (If applicable)

Budget Justification, Program Activities-SPOH-206H (If applicable)

Budget Justification, Equipment Purchases-SPOH-206I (If applicable)

Budget Justification, Motor Vehicle-SPOH-206J (If applicable)

To access these forms, go the State Procurement Office website and click on “Forms.” In the box titled “Audience,” select “Vendor,” and in the box titled “Category,” select “Health and Human Services.”

3.5.2 Accounting System

To determine the adequacy of the applicant’s accounting system as required under the administrative rules, the applicant shall provide its most recent financial audit as part of the Proposal Application. The document may be attached to the Proposal Application.

3.6 Other

The applicant shall disclose and explain any pending litigation in which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgment.

END OF SECTION 3

Section 4

Proposal Evaluation

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Proposal Evaluation

4.1 Introduction

The evaluation of proposals received in response to this RFP will be conducted comprehensively, fairly, and impartially. Structural, quantitative scoring techniques will be utilized to maximize the objectivity of the evaluation.

4.2 Evaluation Process

The Judiciary will assemble an evaluation committee to review and evaluate proposals. The evaluation committee will be comprised of individuals with experience in, knowledge of, and/or program responsibility for program service and financing.

The evaluation will be conducted in three phases as follows:

- Phase 1 - Evaluation of Proposal Requirements
- Phase 2 - Evaluation of Proposal Application
- Phase 3 - Recommendation for Award

Evaluation Categories and Thresholds

<u>Evaluation Categories</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
<i>Administrative Requirements</i>	
<i>Proposal Application</i>	
Program Overview	0 points
Experience and Capability	20 points
Project Organization and Staffing	15 points
Service Delivery	55 points
Financial	10 Points
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100 Points

4.3 Evaluation Criteria

4.3.1 Phase 1 - Evaluation of Proposal Requirements

4.3.1.1 Administrative Requirements

- Application Checklist

4.3.1.2 Proposal Application Requirements

- Proposal Application Identification Form (Form SPOH-200)
- Table of Contents
- Program Overview
- Experience and Capability
- Project Organization and Staffing
- Service Delivery
- Financial (All required forms and documents)
- Program Specific Requirements (as applicable)

4.3.2 Phase 2 - Evaluation of Proposal Application (100 Points)

4.3.2.1 Program Overview: No points are assigned to Program Overview. The intent is to give the applicant an opportunity to orient evaluators as to the services being offered.

4.3.2.2 Experience and Capability (20 Points)

The evaluation committee will evaluate the applicant's experience and capability relevant to the proposal contract, which shall include:

- Demonstrated skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the delivery of the proposed services.
 - Sufficiency of quality assurance and evaluation plans for the proposed services
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4.3.2.3 Project Organization and Staffing (15 Points)

The evaluation committee will evaluate the applicant's overall staffing approach to the service that shall include:

- The proposed staffing pattern, client/staff ratio, proposed service and/or caseload capacity is reasonable to ensure that quality services are provided.
- Minimum qualifications (including experience) for staff assigned to the program.
- Demonstrated ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction to staff relative to the delivery of the proposed services.
- Organization Chart (Approach and rationale for the structure, functions, and staffing of the proposed organization for the overall service activity and tasks.)

4.3.2.4 Service Delivery (55 Points)

The evaluation committee will assess the applicant's overall plan to provide civil legal services to indigent persons. Assessment will be made of applicant's explanation of the legal issues confronting the target population in the geographic area(s) to be served, and how applicant's proposal addresses the needs of that population. Assessment will also be made of the scope and seriousness of the issues, and the extent to which the applicant can provide services in multiple geographic areas.

4.3.2.5 Financial (10 Points)

The evaluation committee will assess the applicant's proposal budget and whether it is reasonable, given program resources and operational capacity. Assessment will include review of the salaries and fringe benefits of applicant's staff and other administrative expenses. The assessment will also include a review of the applicant's financial audit to determine the adequacy and integrity of applicant's financial and accounting practices.

4.3.3 Phase 3 - Recommendation for Award

Each notice of award shall contain a statement of findings and decision for the award or non-award of the contract to each applicant.

END OF SECTION

Section 5

Attachments

- A. Proposal Application Checklist
- B. Sample Table of Contents
- C. General Conditions and Special Conditions

Proposal Application Checklist

Applicant: _____ RFP No.: _____

The applicant's proposal must contain the following components in the order shown below. Return this checklist to the purchasing agency as part of the Proposal Application. SPOH forms are on the SPO website.

Item	Reference in RFP	Format/Instructions Provided	Required by Purchasing Agency	Applicant to place "X" for items included in Proposal
General:				
Proposal Application Identification Form (SPOH-200)	Section 1, RFP	SPO Website*	X	
Proposal Application Checklist	Section 1, RFP	Attachment A	X	
Table of Contents	Section 5, RFP	Section 5, RFP	X	
Proposal Application (SPOH-200A)	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*	X	
Provider Compliance	Section 1, RFP	SPO Website*		
Cost Proposal (Budget)				
SPO-H-205	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-205A	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website* Special Instructions are in Section 5		
SPO-H-205B	Section 3, RFP,	SPO Website* Special Instructions are in Section 5		
SPO-H-206A	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206B	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206C	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206D	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206E	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206F	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206G	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206H	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206I	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
SPO-H-206J	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website*		
Certifications:				
Federal Certifications		Section 5, RFP		
Debarment & Suspension		Section 5, RFP		
Drug Free Workplace		Section 5, RFP		
Lobbying		Section 5, RFP		
Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act		Section 5, RFP		
Environmental Tobacco Smoke		Section 5, RFP		
Program Specific Requirements:				

*Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for website address.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTS

1. Representations and Conditions Precedent

1.1 Contract Subject to the Availability of State and Federal Funds.

1.1.1 State Funds. This Contract is, at all times, subject to the appropriation and allotment of state funds, and may be terminated without liability to either the PROVIDER or the STATE in the event that state funds are not appropriated or available.

1.1.2 Federal Funds. To the extent that this Contract is funded partly or wholly by federal funds, this Contract is subject to the availability of such federal funds. The portion of this Contract that is to be funded federally shall be deemed severable, and such federally funded portion may be terminated without liability to either the PROVIDER or the STATE in the event that federal funds are not available. In any case, this Contract shall not be construed to obligate the STATE to expend state funds to cover any shortfall created by the unavailability of anticipated federal funds.

1.2 Representations of the PROVIDER. As a necessary condition to the formation of this Contract, the PROVIDER makes the representations contained in this paragraph, and the STATE relies upon such representations as a material inducement to entering into this Contract.

1.2.1 Compliance with Laws. As of the date of this Contract, the PROVIDER complies with all federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time, that in any way affect the PROVIDER's performance of this Contract.

1.2.2 Licensing and Accreditation. As of the date of this Contract, the PROVIDER holds all licenses and accreditations required under applicable federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations to provide the Required Services under this Contract.

1.3 Compliance with Laws. The PROVIDER shall comply with all federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time, that in any way affect the PROVIDER's performance of this Contract, including but not limited to the laws specifically enumerated in this paragraph:

1.3.1 Smoking Policy. The PROVIDER shall implement and maintain a written smoking policy as required by Chapter 328K, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), or its successor provision.

1.3.2 Drug Free Workplace. The PROVIDER shall implement and maintain a drug free workplace as required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

- 1.3.3 Persons with Disabilities. The PROVIDER shall implement and maintain all practices, policies, and procedures required by federal, state, or county law, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq.), and the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. §701, et seq.).
- 1.3.4 Nondiscrimination. No person performing work under this Contract, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the PROVIDER, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.
- 1.4 Insurance Requirements. The PROVIDER shall obtain from a company authorized by law to issue such insurance in the State of Hawai'i commercial general liability insurance ("liability insurance") in an amount of at least TWO MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) coverage for bodily injury and property damage resulting from the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract. The PROVIDER shall maintain in effect this liability insurance until the STATE certifies that the PROVIDER's work under the Contract has been completed satisfactorily.
- The liability insurance shall be primary and shall cover the insured for all work to be performed under the Contract, including changes, and all work performed incidental thereto or directly or indirectly connected therewith.
- A certificate of the liability insurance shall be given to the STATE by the PROVIDER. The certificate shall provide that the STATE and its officers and employees are Additional Insureds. The certificate shall provide that the coverages being certified will not be cancelled or materially changed without giving the STATE at least 30 days prior written notice by registered mail.
- Should the "liability insurance" coverages be cancelled before the PROVIDER's work under the Contract is certified by the STATE to have been completed satisfactorily, the PROVIDER shall immediately procure replacement insurance that complies in all respects with the requirements of this section.
- Nothing in the insurance requirements of this Contract shall be construed as limiting the extent of PROVIDER's responsibility for payment of damages resulting from its operations under this Contract, including the PROVIDER's separate and independent duty to defend, indemnify, and hold the STATE and its officers and employees harmless pursuant to other provisions of this Contract.
- 1.5 Notice to Clients. Provided that the term of this Contract is at least one year in duration, within 180 days after the effective date of this Contract, the PROVIDER shall create written procedures for the orderly termination of services to any clients receiving the Required Services under this Contract, and for the transition to services supplied by another provider upon termination of this Contract, regardless of the circumstances of such termination. These procedures shall include, at

the minimum, timely notice to such clients of the termination of this Contract, and appropriate counseling.

- 1.6 Reporting Requirements. The PROVIDER shall submit a Final Project Report to the STATE containing the information specified in this Contract if applicable, or otherwise satisfactory to the STATE, documenting the PROVIDER’s overall efforts toward meeting the requirements of this Contract, and listing expenditures actually incurred in the performance of this Contract. The PROVIDER shall return any unexpended funds to the STATE.
- 1.7 Conflicts of Interest. In addition to the Certification provided in the Standards of Conduct Declaration to this Contract, the PROVIDER represents that neither the PROVIDER nor any employee or agent of the PROVIDER, presently has any interest, and promises that no such interest, direct or indirect, shall be acquired, that would or might conflict in any manner or degree with the PROVIDER’s performance under this Contract.

2. Documents and Files

- 2.1 Confidentiality of Material.
 - 2.1.1 Proprietary or Confidential Information. All material given to or made available to the PROVIDER by virtue of this Contract that is identified as proprietary or confidential information shall be safeguarded by the PROVIDER and shall not be disclosed to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the STATE.
 - 2.1.2 Uniform Information Practices Act. All information, data, or other material provided by the PROVIDER to the STATE shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act, chapter 92F, HRS, and any other applicable law concerning information practices or confidentiality.
- 2.2 Ownership Rights and Copyright. The STATE shall have complete ownership of all material, both finished and unfinished that is developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the PROVIDER pursuant to this Contract, and all such material shall be considered “works made for hire.” All such material shall be delivered to the STATE upon expiration or termination of this Contract. The STATE, in its sole discretion, shall have the exclusive right to copyright any product, concept, or material developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the PROVIDER pursuant to this Contract.
- 2.3 Records Retention. The PROVIDER and any subcontractors shall maintain the books and records that relate to the Contract, and any cost or pricing data for three (3) years from the date of final payment under the Contract. In the event that any litigation, claim, investigation, audit, or other action involving the records retained under this provision arises, then such records shall be retained for three (3) years from the date of final payment, or the date of the resolution of the action, whichever occurs later. During the period that records are retained under this section, the

PROVIDER and any subcontractors shall allow the STATE free and unrestricted access to such records.

3. Relationship between Parties

- 3.1 Coordination of Services by the STATE. The STATE shall coordinate the services to be provided by the PROVIDER in order to complete the performance required in the Contract. The PROVIDER shall maintain communications with the STATE at all stages of the PROVIDER's work, and submit to the STATE for resolution any questions which may arise as to the performance of this Contract.
- 3.2 Subcontracts and Assignments. The PROVIDER may assign or subcontract any of the PROVIDER's duties, obligations, or interests under this Contract, but only if (i) the PROVIDER obtains the prior written consent of the STATE and (ii) the PROVIDER's assignee or subcontractor submits to the STATE a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, and the Internal Revenue Service showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law against the PROVIDER's assignee or subcontractor have been paid. Additionally, no assignment by the PROVIDER of the PROVIDER's right to compensation under this Contract shall be effective unless and until the assignment is approved by the Comptroller of the State of Hawai'i, as provided in section 40-58, HRS.
- 3.3 Change of Name. When the PROVIDER asks to change the name in which it holds this Contract, the STATE, shall, upon receipt of a document acceptable or satisfactory to the STATE indicating such change of name such as an amendment to the PROVIDER's articles of incorporation, enter into an amendment to this Contract with the PROVIDER to effect the change of name. Such amendment to this Contract changing the PROVIDER's name shall specifically indicate that no other terms and conditions of this Contract are thereby changed, unless the change of name amendment is incorporated with a modification or amendment to the Contract under paragraph 4.1 of these General Conditions.
- 3.4 Independent Contractor Status and Responsibilities, Including Tax Responsibilities.
- 3.4.1 Independent Contractor. In the performance of services required under this Contract, the PROVIDER is an "independent contractor," with the authority and responsibility to control and direct the performance and details of the work and services required under this Contract; however, the STATE shall have a general right to inspect work in progress to determine whether, in the STATE's opinion, the services are being performed by the PROVIDER in compliance with this Contract.
- 3.4.2 Contracts with Other Individuals and Entities. Unless otherwise provided by special condition, the STATE shall be free to contract with other individuals and entities to provide services similar to those performed by the Provider under this Contract, and the

PROVIDER shall be free to contract to provide services to other individuals or entities while under contract with the STATE.

3.4.3 PROVIDER's Employees and Agents. The PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents are not by reason of this Contract, agents or employees of the State for any purpose. The PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents shall not be entitled to claim or receive from the STATE any vacation, sick leave, retirement, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, or other benefits provided to state employees. Unless specifically authorized in writing by the STATE, the PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents are not authorized to speak on behalf and no statement or admission made by the PROVIDER or the PROVIDER's employees or agents shall be attributed to the STATE, unless specifically adopted by the STATE in writing.

3.4.4 PROVIDER's Responsibilities. The PROVIDER shall be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract.

Furthermore, the PROVIDER intentionally, voluntarily, and knowingly assumes the sole and entire liability to the PROVIDER's employees and agents, and to any individual not a party to this Contract, for all loss, damage, or injury caused by the PROVIDER, or the PROVIDER's employees or agents in the course of their employment.

The PROVIDER shall be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, state, and county taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the PROVIDER by reason of this Contract, including but not limited to (i) income taxes, (ii) employment related fees, assessments, and taxes, and (iii) general excise taxes. The PROVIDER also is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this Contract.

The PROVIDER shall obtain a general excise tax license from the Department of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, in accordance with section 237-9, HRS, and shall comply with all requirements thereof. The PROVIDER shall obtain a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, and the Internal Revenue Service showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law against the PROVIDER have been paid and submit the same to the STATE prior to commencing any performance under this Contract. The PROVIDER shall also be solely responsible for meeting all requirements necessary to obtain the tax clearance certificate required for final payment under section 103-53, HRS, and these General Conditions.

The PROVIDER is responsible for securing all employee-related insurance coverage for the PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents that is or may be required by law, and for payment of all premiums, costs, and other liabilities associated with securing the insurance coverage.

3.5 Personnel Requirements.

3.5.1 Personnel. The PROVIDER shall secure, at the PROVIDER's own expense, all personnel required to perform this Contract, unless otherwise provided in this Contract.

3.5.2 Requirements. The PROVIDER shall ensure that the PROVIDER's employees or agents are experienced and fully qualified to engage in the activities and perform the services required under this Contract, and that all applicable licensing and operating requirements imposed or required under federal, state, or county law, and all applicable accreditation and other standards of quality generally accepted in the field of the activities of such employees and agents are complied with and satisfied.

4. **Modification and Termination of Contract**

4.1 Modification of Contract.

4.1.1 In Writing. Any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract permitted by this Contract shall be made by written amendment to this Contract, signed by the PROVIDER and the STATE.

4.1.2 No Oral Modification. No oral modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision or condition of this Contract shall be permitted.

4.1.3 Tax Clearance. The STATE may, at its discretion, require the PROVIDER to submit to the STATE, prior to the STATE's approval of any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract, a tax clearance from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, and the Internal Revenue Service showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state and federal law against the PROVIDER have been paid.

4.2 Termination in General. This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part because of a reduction of funds available to pay the PROVIDER, or when, in its sole discretion, the STATE determines (i) that there has been a change in the conditions upon which the need for the Required Services was based, or (ii) that the PROVIDER has failed to provide the Required Services adequately or satisfactorily, or (iii) that other good cause for the whole or partial termination of this Contract exists. Termination under this section shall be made by a written notice sent to the PROVIDER ten (10) working days prior to the termination date that includes a brief statement of the reason for the termination. If the Contract is terminated under this paragraph, the PROVIDER shall cooperate with the STATE to effect an orderly transition of services to clients.

- 4.3 Termination for Necessity or Convenience. If the STATE determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary or convenient, this Contract may be terminated in whole or in part at the option of the STATE upon ten (10) working days' written notice to the PROVIDER. If the STATE elects to terminate under this paragraph, the PROVIDER shall be entitled to reasonable payment as determined by the STATE for satisfactory services rendered under this Contract up to the time of termination. If the STATE elects to terminate under this section, the PROVIDER shall cooperate with the STATE to effect an orderly transition of services to clients.

- 4.4 Termination by PROVIDER. The PROVIDER may withdraw from this Contract after obtaining the written consent of the STATE. The STATE, upon the PROVIDER's withdrawal, shall determine whether payment is due to the PROVIDER, and the amount that is due. If the STATE consents to a termination under this paragraph, the PROVIDER shall cooperate with the STATE to effect an orderly transition of services to clients.

- 4.5 STATE's Right of Offset. The STATE may offset against any monies or other obligations that STATE owes to the PROVIDER under this Contract, any amounts owed to the State of Hawai'i by the PROVIDER under this Contract, or any other contract, or pursuant to any law or other obligation owed to the State of Hawai'i by the PROVIDER, including but not limited to the payment of any taxes or levies of any kind or nature. The STATE shall notify the PROVIDER in writing of any exercise of its right of offset and the nature and amount of such offset. For purposes of this paragraph, amounts owed to the State of Hawai'i shall not include debts or obligations which have been liquidated by contract with the PROVIDER, and that are covered by an installment payment or other settlement plan approved by the State of Hawai'i, provided, however, that the PROVIDER shall be entitled to such exclusion only to the extent that the PROVIDER is current, and in compliance with, and not delinquent on, any payments, obligations, or duties owed to the State of Hawai'i under such payment or other settlement plan.

5. Indemnification

- 5.1 Indemnification and Defense. The PROVIDER shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Hawai'i, the contracting agency, and their officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost, expense, including all attorneys' fees, claims, suits, and demands arising out of or in connection with the acts or omissions of the PROVIDER or the PROVIDER's employees, officers, agents, or subcontractors under this Contract. The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or early termination of this Contract.

- 5.2 Cost of Litigation. In case the STATE shall, without any fault on its part, be made a party to any litigation commenced by or against the PROVIDER in connection with this Contract, the PROVIDER shall pay any cost and expense incurred by or imposed on the STATE, including attorneys' fees.

6. Publicity

- 6.1 Acknowledgment of State Support. The PROVIDER shall, in all news releases, public statements, announcements, broadcasts, posters, programs, computer postings, and other printed, published, or electronically disseminated materials relating to the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract, acknowledge the support by the State of Hawai'i and the purchasing agency.
- 6.2 PROVIDER's Publicity Not Related to Contract. The PROVIDER shall not refer to the STATE, or any office, agency, or officer thereof, or any state employee, or to the services or goods, or both provided under this Contract, in any of the PROVIDER's publicity not related to the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract, including but not limited to commercial advertisements, recruiting materials, and solicitations for charitable donations.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 7.1 Nondiscrimination. No person performing work under this Contract, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the PROVIDER, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.
- 7.2 Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings appearing in this Contract have been inserted for the purpose of convenience and ready reference. They shall not be used to define, limit, or extend the scope or intent of the sections to which they pertain.
- 7.3 Antitrust Claims. The STATE and the PROVIDER recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the purchaser. Therefore, the PROVIDER hereby assigns to the STATE any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and materials purchased in connection with this Contract, except as to overcharges which result from violations commencing after the price is established under this Contract and which are not passed on to the STATE under an escalation clause.
- 7.4 Governing Law. The validity of this Contract and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties to this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Hawai'i. Any action at law or in equity to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Contract shall be brought in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 7.5 Conflict between General Conditions and Procurement Rules. In the event of a conflict between the General Conditions and the Procurement Rules or a Procurement Directive, the Procurement Rules or any Procurement Directive in effect on the date this Contract became effective shall control and are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 7.6 Entire Contract. This Contract sets forth all of the contracts, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations between the STATE and the PROVIDER relative to this Contract. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements, conditions, understandings,

promises, warranties, and representations, which shall have no further force or effect. There are no contracts, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, or representations, oral or written, express or implied, between the STATE and the PROVIDER other than as set forth or as referred to herein.

- 7.7 Severability. In the event that any provision of this Contract is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms of this Contract.
- 7.8 Waiver. The failure of the STATE to insist upon the strict compliance with any term, provision, or condition of this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the STATE’s right to enforce the same in accordance with this Contract. The fact that the STATE specifically refers to one provision of the Procurement Rules or one section of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, and does not include other provisions or statutory sections in this Contract shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the STATE’s rights or the PROVIDER’s obligations under the Procurement Rules or statutes.
- 7.9 Execution in Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one instrument.

8. Confidentiality of Personal Information

8.1 Definitions.

8.1.1 Personal Information. “Personal Information” means an individual’s first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following data elements, when either name or data elements are not encrypted:

- 1) Social Security number;
- 2) Driver’s license number or Hawaii identification card number; or
- 3) Account number, credit or debit card number, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual’s financial information.

Personal information does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local government records.

8.1.2 Technological Safeguards. “Technological safeguards” means the technology and the policy and procedures for use of the technology to protect and control access to personal information.

8.2 Confidentiality of Material.

8.2.1 Safeguarding of Material. All material given to or made available to the PROVIDER by the STATE by virtue of this Contract which is identified as personal information, shall be safeguarded by the PROVIDER and shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the STATE.

8.2.2 Retention, Use, or Disclosure. PROVIDER agrees not to retain, use, or disclose personal information for any purpose other than as permitted or required by this Contract.

8.2.3 Implementation of Technological Safeguards. PROVIDER agrees to implement appropriate “technological safeguards” that are acceptable to the STATE to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to personal information.

8.2.4 Reporting of Security Breaches. PROVIDER shall report to the STATE in a prompt and complete manner any security breaches involving personal information.

8.2.5 Mitigation of Harmful Effect. PROVIDER agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to PROVIDER because of a use or disclosure of personal information by PROVIDER in violation of the requirements of this paragraph.

8.2.6 Log of Disclosures. PROVIDER shall complete and retain a log of all disclosures made of personal information received from the STATE, or personal information created or received by PROVIDER on behalf of the STATE.

8.3 Security Awareness Training and Confidentiality Agreements.

8.3.1 Certification of Completed Training. PROVIDER certifies that all of its employees who will have access to the personal information have completed training on security awareness topics related to protecting personal information.

8.3.2 Certification of Confidentiality Agreements. PROVIDER certifies that confidentiality agreements have been signed by all of its employees who will have access to the personal information acknowledging that:

- 1) The personal information collected, used, or maintained by the PROVIDER will be treated as confidential;
- 2) Access to the personal information will be allowed only as necessary to perform the Contract; and
- 3) Use of the personal information will be restricted to uses consistent with the services subject to this Contract.

8.4 Termination for Cause. In addition to any other remedies provided for by this Contract, if the STATE learns of a material breach by PROVIDER of this paragraph by PROVIDER, the STATE may at its sole discretion:

- 1) Provide an opportunity for the PROVIDER to cure the breach or end the violation; or
- 2) Immediately terminate this Contract.

In either instance, the PROVIDER and the STATE shall follow chapter 487N, HRS, with respect to notification of a security breach of personal information.

8.5 Records Retention.

8.5.1 Destruction of Personal Information. Upon any termination of this Contract, PROVIDER shall, pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS, destroy all copies (paper or electronic form) of personal information received from the STATE.

8.5.2 Maintenance of Files, Books, Records. The PROVIDER and any subcontractors shall maintain the files, books, and records, that relate to the Contract, including any personal information created or received by the PROVIDER on behalf of the STATE, and any cost or pricing data, for three (3) years after the date of final payment under the Contract. The personal information shall continue to be confidential and shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the STATE. After the three (3) year retention period has ended, the files, books, and records that contain personal information shall be destroyed pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS.

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Insurance. In addition to Paragraph 1.4, Insurance, General Conditions, the PROVIDER further agrees to the following:

In order to protect the PROVIDER as well as the State of Hawaii, the STATE, and their officers and employees covered under the indemnification provision in this Contract, the PROVIDER shall obtain and keep in force throughout the period of this Contract the following automobile insurance:

Automobile liability insurance for automobiles owned or leased by the PROVIDER and used to carry out services specified in this Contract shall be obtained from a company authorized to do business in the State, or meet Section 431:8-301, Hawaii Revised Statutes if utilizing an insurance company not licensed by the State of Hawaii, and complying with the Hawaii No Fault Insurance Law. The combined amount shall be at least ONE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) with respect to bodily injury and to property damage. The PROVIDER's policy shall name the STATE, the State of Hawaii, and their officers and employees as additional insured. Prior to or upon execution of this Contract, the PROVIDER shall furnish the STATE with a Certificate of Insurance, verifying the existence of such insurance. Such certificate shall also expressly provide that such insurance shall not be canceled unless the insurance company has first given to the STATE thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of the intended cancellation.

If the PROVIDER is authorized by the STATE to subcontract, subcontractor(s) is not excused from the Indemnification and/or Insurance provisions of this Contract. The PROVIDER agrees to require its subcontractor(s) to obtain insurance in order to indemnify the STATE.

Failure of the PROVIDER to provide and keep in force such insurance shall be regarded as material default under this Contract, entitling the STATE to exercise any or all of the remedies provided in this Contract for default of the PROVIDER.

The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit the PROVIDER's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. Notwithstanding said policy or policies of insurance, the PROVIDER shall be obliged for the full and total amount of any damage, injury, or loss caused by the negligent act or omission of the PROVIDER or its authorized representatives.