

**THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION
FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D**

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: DWI Court Program, District Court of the First Circuit
Name of Requesting Division/Program

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102 (b)(4) and HAR Chapter 3-120, The Judiciary requests a procurement exemption for the following:

1. Describe the goods, services or construction:

Process evaluation of the Driving While Impaired (DWI) Court Program to review the operations of the Program and assess the extent to which the Program follows the basic components of an effective treatment court and is implementing research based best practices. Evaluation activities include administration of an online assessment of drug court practices, a site visit to the DWI Court to observe staffing meetings and court sessions, a focus group with DWI Court participants, interviews in person and by telephone with the DWI Court Team members and other staff and facilitated discussions of the process evaluation findings including commendations and recommendations with the DWI Court Team.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:
Northwest Professional Consortium, Inc.

3. Amount of Request:
not to exceed \$71,510

4. Term of Contract From: To:
01/01/2023 - 09/30/2023

5. Prior Judiciary Procurement Exemption No.
(if applicable):

6. Explain in detail why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the Program/Division to procure by competitive means:

NPC Research provides human services research, evaluation, training, and technical assistance. NPC Research has 25 years of experience in research-based information to guide public policy, program development, and program improvement. NPC Research has completed research and evaluation projects with more than 200 drug treatment courts located in Oregon, California, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Vermont, and Guam. It would not be practicable or advantageous for the program to use another vendor with less qualifications in this niche area of expertise.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:

NPC Research was recommended by the State of Hawaii Highway Safety Office and the Honorable Judge Richard A. Vlavianos of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin. Judge Vlavianos started San Joaquin County's DUI Court Program and utilized NPC Research in a study of their DUI Court. Their program went on to be chosen to be a model court, included in the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

8. Identify the primary responsible staff person(s) conducting and managing this procurement. (Appropriate delegated procurement authority and completion of mandatory training required).

*Point of contact (Place asterisk after name of person to contact for additional information).

Name	Division/Program	Phone Number	email address
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All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the Division/Program. I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

/s/ Iris Lim

Department/Division/Program Head Signature

11/29/2022

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: _____

Inquiries about this request shall be directed to the contact named in Item 8. Submit written objection to this NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION within seven (7) calendar days, or as otherwise allowed, from the Date Notice Posted to:

Chief Procurement Officer – The Judiciary
Financial Services Department
Contracts & Purchasing Office
1111 Alakea Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2807

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

Date