

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

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: ITSD  
*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:  
Procure services to install. upgrade the operating system on the Power 9 (iSeries) system to the current supported version.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:  
Sirius Computer Solutions

3. Amount of Request:  
\$ 11,988.24

4. Term of Contract From: To:  
2/20/24 - 12/31/24

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:  
This purchase service from CDW/Sirius is for the IBM Power 9 operating system upgrade to version 7.5 which is located in the Data Center in the District Court Building. The operating system upgrade is needed as the current version of the operating system, version 7.2, is end of life and will not be supported after April 30, 2024. Sirius is the vendor that installed, configured, and migrated programs and data of the previous system Power 7 System and they handled also the migration of the Power 7 to the now-existing Power 9 system. Upgrading the operating system, including keeping the existing data and programs requires a detailed understanding of the current configurations, data structures, applications, and their usage. Since Sirius holds this information already, it is not practical nor advantageous to obtain these services from another vendor since the additional ramp-up time they will require will lead to additional cost and will likely lead to a less optimal implementation. Sirius has the best knowledge and expertise of how the system works within our current environment at the Judiciary. To ensure an efficient, effective and problem-free upgrade, soliciting services from another vendor would not be time and cost-effective for the Judiciary. Sirius Computer Solutions would be the most advantageous solution for the Judiciary for these reasons.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:  
Sirius Computer Solutions is the original vendor which installed and configured the existing Power 9 system; and as such, is the vendor most familiar with our installation, has extensive knowledge of the system and, therefore, is best positioned to provide a timely, effective and efficient implementation of the effort.

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.**

Mai Nguyen Van

*Department/Division/Program Head Signature*

01/30/2024

*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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2807

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required

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*Chief Procurement Officer Signature*

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*Date*