

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

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Client Services Division, Adult Client Services Branch

Name of Requesting Division/Program

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

1. Title and description of health and human service(s):

Supervised Child Visitation/Exchanges for families impacted by domestic violence on Oahu with a secure visitation center.

The program shall coordinate and provide safe visits for children with their non-custodial parents and facilitates the transfer of children from one parent to another when there are concerns for the physical, emotional, and psychological safety of parents and child survivors of domestic violence.

The program must have the following: a) safeguards to provide for the safety of children and parents during visits and exchanges, b) training and minimum qualifications of staff, c) supervision of staff, and d) an affiliation, or proposed affiliation, with a state and/or state domestic violence coalition.

2. Provider Name and Address: Parents and Children Together, Family Visitation Center - Oahu

1300 Halona Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

3. Total Contract Funds: \$111,111.00

Check if estimated: ☐

Contract Funds per Year (if applicable):

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4. Term of Contract From: 10/01/2024 To: 9/30/2025

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

JE24-30

6. Describe how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the Judiciary:

1. The Judiciary requires the program to have the following: a) safeguard to provide for the safety of children and parents during the visits and exchanges, b) training and minimum qualifications of staff, c) supervision of the staff, and d) an affiliation, or proposed affiliation, with a state and/or national supervised visitation network and/or state domestic violence coalition.

2. Clients served are not involved with Child Welfare Services (CWS).

3. The visitation and exchange services are center-based with measures to address safety of clients impacted by domestic violence. Parents and Children Together, Family Visitation Center (PACT FVC) is the only provider who possess the above requirements. They have implemented and maintained the appropriate safeguards to provide for the safety of children and parents during the visitation and exchange. PACT FVC is also the only Provider to provide this particular service to non-CWS clients. Parents and Children Together, Family Visitation Center is the only provider of this particular service for the First Circuit. Furthermore, PACT FVC is currently providing these services to the Judiciary and to change provider would disrupt service provision to families who are already in strained and potentially volatile situations.

7. Describe the reason for the selection of the provider including a description of how the procedure, as much as practicable, ensured maximum fair and open competition:

Parents and Children Together, Family Visitation Center (PACT FVC) is the only provider of this particular service for the First Circuit. They have provided consistent center-based, quality visitation and exchange services to families experiencing domestic violence. They have also implemented and maintained the appropriate safeguards to provide for the safety of children and parents during visitation and exchange. The safeguards include a center safety monitor, a floor plan that takes into account the safety of clients and staff, an emergency alarm system, and an established partnership with the Honolulu Police Department. PACT FVC is currently providing these services and to change provider would disrupt service provision to families who are already in strained and potentially volatile situations.

8. Describe the Judiciary's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:

A notice of Request for Exemption will be posted on a public website for seven calendar days. The Chief Procurement Officer may approve the request after the 7th day from the initial posting on the website.

9. 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/ Dwight S. Sakai

Department/Division/Program Head Signature

1/15/2025

Date

NOTICE

Date Notice Posted: _____

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 9 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 - The Judiciary; Financial Services Department; Contracts & Purchasing Office; 1111 Alakea Street, 6th Floor; Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2807.**

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

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Approved

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Disapproved

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No Action Required

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

Date