

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

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: First Circuit Facilities Management  
*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:*

<b>1. Describe the goods, services or construction:</b> Monitoring of Fire Alarm System and Inspection of all related Fire Equipment located at Kapolei Court Complex.	
<b>2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:</b> Island Signal and Sound, Inc. 335 Ho'okela Pl Honolulu, HI 96819	<b>3. Amount of Request:</b> \$38,100.83
<b>4. Term of Contract</b> From: To: 7/01/2025 - 6/30/2026	<b>5. Prior Judiciary Procurement Exemption No.</b> (if applicable): JE25-09
<b>6. Explain in detail why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the Program/Division to procure by competitive means:</b> It is not practicable or not advantageous to procure by competitive means because all software that monitors the fire alarm system at Kapolei Judiciary Complex are held by Island Signal and Sound, Inc. an Authorized Edwards Strategic Partner to sell, order, install, maintain, and service all Edwards Fire and Life Safety products throughout Hawaii. If Judiciary were to go out and bid competitively for another vendor to install software comparable to what is currently in place would result in higher costs on an annual basis. Island Signal and Sound, Inc. is the original fire alarm vendor which furnished and commissioned the fire alarm system at Kapolei Judiciary Complex.	
<b>7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:</b> Island Signal and Sound, Inc. were the initial vendors that delivered the Edwards Strategic system that the Judiciary had already envisioned to have at Kapolei Judiciary Complex. During construction period of Kapolei Judiciary Complex in 2009, General contractor of KJC, Constructors Hawaii Inc., subcontracted the designing and installation of fire alarm system to Island Signal and Sound who in turn completed the project with all of their Edwards Strategic authorized equipment. The attached letter from Edwards Detection and Alarm confirms Island Signal & Sound as a Factory Authorized Edwards Strategic Partner for the fire alarm system.	

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
Kaili Soon*	Facilities Manager	539-4005	Kaili.B.Soon@courts.hawaii.gov
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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/ Lori Okita

Department/Division/Program Head Signature

03/13/2025

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:

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Approved

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Disapproved

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No Action Required

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Chief Procurement Officer Signature

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Date



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March 4, 2025

Re: Island Signal and Sound, Edwards Strategic Partner

Dear Sir or Madam:

At Edwards we believe that the success of a life safety system installation depends on properly trained individuals, from the early bid and application stage, through the life cycle of the product, including retrofit. Properly trained technicians ensure that the project is managed with the highest quality standards and that the site owner is satisfied that the equipment meets his or her needs. Most importantly, properly trained employees ensure that the life safety system operates flawlessly in an emergency situation and protects the ultimate customer.

As a Factory Authorized Edwards Strategic Partner they are authorized and supported by Edwards to sell, order, install, maintain, and service all Edwards Fire & Life Safety products throughout the Hawaiian Islands. As an Edwards Strategic Partner they also enjoy exclusive access to many Edwards services including but not limited to 24/7 technical support, firmware upgrades, and of course factory training to certify and ensure their personnel have the knowledge and resources available to install and maintain an Edwards life/safety system.

This letter is to confirm **Island Signal and Sound** as a Factory Authorized Edwards Strategic Partner serving Hawaii for 2025.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JS", written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Sweiss  
Edwards District Manager