

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

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Second 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: Replace the portable JAVS recording system at the Lanai District Court.	
2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider: Justice AV Solutions Inc. dba JAVS 13020 Middletown Industrial Blvd Louisville, KY 40223	3. Amount of Request: \$16,268.22
4. Term of Contract From: To: Not applicable	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: 1. Operational Continuity and Standardization The Second Circuit Court (2CC) has been using JAVS recording systems for over 20 years, and a JAVS portable system ensures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform recording quality and format• Consistent case scheduling and management procedures 2. Staff Training and Familiarity All court personnel involved in courtroom technology operations have already been trained on the JAVS platform. This includes administrators, courtroom clerks, and IT support staff. Procuring a different vendor's portable recording system would necessitate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant retraining of personnel• Updates to operational procedures• A period of reduced productivity as staff become familiar with the new system Maintaining a consistent platform avoids these issues entirely. Staff can begin using the portable system immediately without additional software training and minimal hardware training, will not disrupt court operations and ensuring continued reliability in court proceedings.	

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3. Functional Similarity and User Experience

The portable JAVS recorder operates using the same software platform as the Court's full courtroom JAVS systems located at Hoapili Hale, Lahaina District Court, and Molokai District Court. Therefore, users will experience no difference in functionality with regard to:

- Recording (single or multi-channel)
- Viewing or playback
- Scheduling of recordings
- Copying or exporting proceedings for case records

This ensures that users have a consistent and predictable interface, and reduces the chance of operational errors that could arise from switching between dissimilar systems.

4. Technical Support and Maintenance

JAVS has provided technical support to the Court for over two decades and has an established track record of timely and effective service. Procuring the portable system from the same vendor:

- Maintains a single point of contact for support and warranty issues
- Avoids the administrative burden of managing multiple vendor relationships

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

2CC has been using the JAVS recording systems for over 20 years. Staff have been adequately trained on and are familiar with the JAVS software platform, which is used in all the 2CC's courtrooms. JAVS is currently the maintenance service provider for the recording systems at Hoapili Hale, Lahaina District Court and Molokai District Court and has provided consistent service to 2CC for many years. Selecting JAVS is the most beneficial vendor for the Judiciary due to operational, technical, and practical considerations that focus on the Second Circuit's infrastructure, staff expertise and service needs.

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).

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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/ Sandy S. Kozaki

Department/Division/Program Head Signature

08/13/2025

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, 6th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2807

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

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No Action Required

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

Date