

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

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: 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:

<p>1. Describe the goods, services or construction:</p> <p>Replacement of one (1) 250-Ton Chiller, one (1) Chilled Water Pump, one (1) Condenser Water Pump, and eight (8) Shut-off Valves at Kauikeaouli Hale.</p>	
<p>2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:</p> <p>Oahu Air Conditioning & Service PO Box 17010 Honolulu, HI 96817</p>	<p>3. Amount of Request:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$2,235,241.00</p>
<p>4. Term of Contract From: To: 7/01/2026 - 6/30/2027</p>	<p>5. Prior Judiciary Procurement Exemption No. (if applicable):</p>
<p>6. Explain in detail why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the Program/Division to procure by competitive means:</p> <p>Oahu Air Conditioning (OAC) has a contract with First Circuit to service and maintain "incomplete and satisfactory operations", the AC system at Judiciary related buildings on Oahu, including Kauikeaouli Hale. Their contract stipulates that they will "replace all worn, failed or doubtful components with new that are of "similar design and quality to maintain system integrity and serviceability". In the event replacement is required, OAC will provide new parts with those exceeding \$4,000.00 to be paid by the Judiciary. Chiller continues to operate, but new/ refurbished replacement parts are no longer available. If Chiller is to become inoperable the facility will not be able to operate with one (1) Chiller. It was recommended that replacement of Chiller and pumps be replaced. Shut-off valves are aged and have started to leak with concerns that shut-off valves are inoperable and unable to shut off water supply to Chiller and pumps. Being that OAC is already under contract to service and maintain our AC systems as well as provide replacement equipment at our cost, it is not practical or advantageous to procure or install to Chiller system by competitive means. Allowing another vendor to work on our system exposes the Judiciary to potential multi-vendor conflicts which may impair the functioning and maintenance of the Air Conditioning System.</p>	
<p>7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:</p> <p>Oahu Air Conditioning (OAC) submitted a competitive sealed bid, to provide air conditioning and ventilation system maintenance service and chemical water treatment of air conditioning equipment at various Judiciary facilities on Oahu, that was accepted by the Judiciary as the lowest responsive and responsible bid based on criteria set forth in IFB No. J23013.</p>	

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/ Lori Okita

Department/Division/Program Head Signature

02/19/2026

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