

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

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: First Judicial 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:

<p>1. Describe the goods, services or construction:</p> <p>Upgrading the current FTR recording system and integrating with hardware to provide audio and video recording of court proceedings, and provide video conferencing in Courtrooms 3, 6, and 11 located at Ka`ahumanu Hale.</p>	
<p>2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:</p> <p>The Audio Visual Company (AVCO) 98-810 Moanalua Road Aiea, HI 96701</p>	<p>3. Amount of Request:</p> <p>\$396,848.01</p>
<p>4. Term of Contract From: To:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TBD</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>AVCO installed the original FTR recording system to the courtrooms located at Ka`ahumanu Hale. We are currently seeking to upgrade 3 courtrooms only as those systems seem to be failing. The upgrade will enhance the quality of the video and audio connections for courtroom proceedings. The FTR recording systems are critical to court records. AVCO is uniquely qualified to deliver the specialized expertise required to integrate audio and video components, enabling the effective use of the FTR system for digital recording or courtroom proceedings. Given the critical nature of judicial proceedings and the Judiciary's growing emphasis on digital court recording, it is imperative that the selected vendor is capable, fully qualified and trained to provide, install, service and maintain the FTR recording system. It is advantageous to have one party responsible for the proper functioning of the recording system. Allowing another vendor to work on our system exposes the Judiciary to potential multi-vendor conflicts which may impair the functioning and efficiency of the recording system at Ka`ahumanu Hale; there, it is not practicable or not advantageous to procure by competitive means.</p>	
<p>7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:</p> <p>AVCO was the original installer of the FTR recording system and is familiar with the system at Ka`ahumanu Hale. AVCO understands the challenges of securing the FTR recording system at Ka`ahumanu Hale and has the knowledge, expertise and background in the building's infrastructure to ensure there are no disruptions to courtroom proceedings.</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

4/23/2026

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