

**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: Monitoring of fire alarm system and all related fire equipment at Ka'ahumanu Hale</p>	
<p>2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider: Island Signal and Sound, Inc. 335 Ho'okela Pl Honolulu, HI 96819</p>	<p>3. Amount of Request: \$4,765.44 (tax included)</p>
<p>4. Term of Contract From: To: 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027</p>	<p>5. Prior Judiciary Procurement Exemption No. (if applicable): JE26-04</p>
<p>6. Explain in detail why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the Program/Division to procure by competitive means: It is not practicable or not advantageous to procure by competitive means because all software that monitors the fire alarm system at Ka'ahumanu Hale are held by Island Signal and Sound, Inc. a Authorized Edwards Strategic Partner to sell, order, install, maintain, and service all Edwards Fire and Life Safety products in Hawaii. Island Signal and Sound is factory trained and certified by Edwards Strategic Partners, they also have access to 24/7 technical support, and firmware upgrades. If Judiciary were to go out and bid for another vendor to install a software comparable to what is already in place would mean higher cost on an annual basis. Island Signal and Sound, Inc. is the original fire alarm vendor which furnished and commissioned the fire alarm system at Ka'ahumanu Hale .</p>	
<p>7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider: Ka'ahumanu Hale fire alarm system had been deemed antiquated per HFD in 2011. To be in compliance with HFD's findings Facilities requested a similar fire alarm system like Kapolei Judiciary Complex which Island Signal and Sound is the authorized strategic vendor for Edwards Strategic system. A letter from Edward Detection and Alarm confirms Island Signal & Sound as a Factory Authorized Edward Strategic Partner for the fire alarm system.</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

5/7/2026

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