The President, University of Hawaii, is in the process of reviewing the request from University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Office of the Chancellor for exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, for the following goods and services:

Executive search services to obtain an Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Services shall include assistance in identifying priorities and attributes of the candidate, facilitate meetings to engage constituents, providing highly qualified candidates, providing due diligence and screening, providing guidance during candidate interviews, and drafting correspondence to candidates. In addition, the Contract will provide general consultation through completion of the appointment process.

Vendor: To be determined
(If known)
Address:

Term of Contract: From: To: Cost: $30,000.00 (estimated)
(If known)

Direct any inquiries to:
Department: University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Office of the Chancellor
Contact Name/Title: Kalei Rapoza, Interim Director for Strategic Planning and Government Affairs
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Date Posted: June 1, 2023

Submit written objections to this notice to issue an exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, within seven (7) calendar days from the date posted to:

Office of Procurement Management
1400 Lower Campus Road, Room 15
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822
email: OPM@hawaii.edu
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS

TO: OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

FROM: University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Office of the Chancellor

(Part of Department/Program)

Pursuant to APM Section A8.220, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

Description of goods, services, or construction:
Executive search services to obtain an Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Services shall include assistance in identifying priorities and attributes of the candidate, facilitate meetings to engage constituents, providing highly qualified candidates, providing due diligence and screening, providing guidance during candidate interviews, and drafting correspondence to candidates. In addition, the Contract will provide general consultation through completion of the appointment process.

Estimated Cost: $30,000

(1) Explanation describing how procurement by standard competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the University;
Procurement by standard competitive means, involving the preparation and advertising of a formal request for proposals will not permit the completion of the world-wide recruitment and selection process in time to permit the University to make offers for an interim appointment by Fall 2023 to this key executive leadership position. As a reasonable alternative, it is proposed that invitations be extended to search firms that are members of the American Council for Education Executive Search Firm Roundtable. The informal procedure should provide the University, in a timely manner, with ample numbers for search proposals from firms with the experience necessary to successfully assist the University in its search for an interim executive.

(2) Details of the process or procedures to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure as fair and open competition as practicable;
Identify vendors from a list of the American Council for Education Executive Search Firm Roundtable (attached), vendors will be selected based on the firm's executive search experience. An initial list of 18 were narrowed to 13 based on area of search specialty (interim Provost/Chief Academic Officer). Invitations to Submit Proposals will be forward to all 13 firms. Proposals from responding firms will be reviewed by a group designated by the Chancellor. The group will identify 3 vendors based on 1) experience in academic searches for similar interim positions, 2) prior record of successful placements of interim appointments at other higher education institutions, 3) networking and outreach capabilities, 4) roster of highly qualified and available individuals to fulfill the interim appointment, 5) ability to meet the schedule set by the University, 6) the proposed costs of the services to be provided, and 7) the quality of the proposal, and forward the names of the firms in unranked order to the Chancellor for final selection.
(3) A description of the Department’s internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement; and

The Office of Procurement Management will assist in reviewing a contract for services with the firm determined by the Chancellor to match the needs of and that will be most advantageous to the University. Expenditures will be subject to review, approval, and processing in conformity with specifications of the request for proposals and University expenditure policies and procedures.

(4) A list of Department personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor
Kalei Rapoza, Interim Director for Strategic Planning and Government Affairs

Direct questions to: Kalei Rapoza Phone: 808-932-7348

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, TRUE AND CORRECT.

Bonnie Irwin
Full Name of Principal Investigator, Department Head, or Administrator

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Digitally signed by Bonnie Irwin
Date: 2023.05.28 17:09:57 -07'00"
Signature Date

Carrie P. Masanda
Full Name of Fiscal Administrator

Carrie P Masanda
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APPROVED:

Bonnie Irwin
Full Name of Vice President or Chancellor

Bonnie D. Irwin
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OPM COMMENTS:

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☑ APPROVED ❌ DENIED

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PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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**13 listed**

**Specialty** [Provost/Chief Academic Officer]

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