UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS

The President, University of Hawaii, is in the process of reviewing the request from Information Technology Services (Department/Campus) for exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, for the following goods, services, or construction:

Operations and Maintenance for 2 x 10Gbps Ethernet circuits from the Maui Research Technology Center to Haleakala Summit.

Vendor: Hawaiian Telcom
(If known) 1177 Bishop Street
Address: Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Term of Contract: From: annually renewable To: Cost: $43,200.00/year(est.)

Direct any inquiries to:
Department: Information Technology Services
Contact Name/Title: Christopher Zane, Manager
Address: 2520 Correa Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Phone Number: (808) 956-0974
Fax Number: (808) 956-7483

Date Posted: March 25, 2014

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 and Real Property Management
1400 Lower Campus Road, Room 15
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS

TO: OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

FROM: Information Technology Services

(Participant/Program)

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

Description of goods, services, or construction:

Operations and Maintenance for 2 x 10Gbps Ethernet circuits from MRTC to Haleakala Summit. The increased capacity that the two 10Gbps circuits provide will greatly enhance the usability of the University resources located on the Haleakala summit.

Estimated Cost: $43,200/year

(1) Explanation describing how procurement by standard competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the University;

The only vendor who has the ability to reach the summit of Haleakala through fiber optic cables is HawaiianTel. No other vendor or entity has fiber to the summit. The high bandwidth requirements of the telescopes on Haleakala required fiber access. The University through its Federal grants had an opportunity to procure the non-recurring (i.e. one time setup) costs for two 10Gbps circuits to enhance the connectivity to the telescopes at the Haleakala summit. By utilizing Federal funds to procure the non-recurring costs, the University would only need to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance costs of the 10Gbps circuits.

(2) Details of the process or procedures to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure as fair and open competition as practicable;

The University processed a sole source procurement through RCUH for the non-recurring costs of the two 10Gbps circuits to Haleakala. Only HawaiianTel owns fiber to the Haleakala summit. 10Gbps circuits can only be provided over fiber. A competitive bid would have resulted in only a single vendor responding and that would have been HawaiianTel. No other alternatives are available to the University at this time that can offer comparable connection services.
A description of the Department's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement; and

The availability of these services is monitored to ensure that ITS understands and is familiar with the capabilities of all potential vendors able to offer this class of services to the University. All such requirements are reviewed internally with the University's Chief Information Officer (ITS) to ensure that the approach and selection are sound; any selection and justification are also reviewed by ITS Fiscal Administration and OPRPM in accordance with current University administrative procedures.

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

Chris Zane, Network Engineering Manager
Craig Shinsato, Fiscal officer

Direct questions to: Chris Zane Phone: x60974

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

Chris Zane
Full Name of Principal Investigator, Department Head, or Administrator

Signature Date

Craig Shinsato
Full Name of Fiscal Officer

Signature Date

APPROVED:

Steven Smith
Full Name of Vice President or Chancellor

Signature Date

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OPRPM COMMENTS:

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APPROVED DENIED

APRIL 8, 2014

PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII DATE