

HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS

EX-195

1. TO: Chief Procurement Officer

2. FROM: Heath Hollenbeck, Director of Technical Services

Department/Division/Agency Pursuant to §103D-102(b)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-120, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

3. Description of goods, services or construction:

Redundant Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) 500 Mbps

4. Name and Address of Vendor: Hawaiian Telcom, 1177 Bishop St., Honolulu HI	5. Price: \$15,611.28
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6. From: 4/1/24 To: 3/31/25	7. Prior Exemption Ref. No. EX-144
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8. Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or advantageous to the State:

Currently HHSC has a primary Internet connection, provided by TW Telecom. Should this circuit go down, critical HHSC and EMR/HIS services and patient care will be negatively impacted. A second, redundant Internet connection with Hawaiian Telecom is required to provide the required connectivity.

There are only two Internet providers in the state of Hawaii; TW Telecom and Hawaiian Telecom and a limited number of Internet access "re-sellers". HHSC already has TW Telecom as our primary Internet service provider and our requirement is to have a different service provider to meet our backup Internet requirements. The "re-seller" is also more expensive than contracting directly with Hawaiian Telecom. Hawaiian Telecom connects directly to our demark; and avoids the "re-seller" handoff, latency and added complexity. A competitive procurement would not resolve the identified technological constraints that are inherent with access from "re-sellers" selling the same service HHSC can purchase directly from Hawaiian Telcom.

9. Details of the process or procedures to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

Please see explanation in Box #8.

10. A description of the agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:

This exemption shall be from HRS, Section 103D-303, and all other guidelines, rules and policies under chapter 103D shall be upheld. HHSC policies and procedures will be followed and periodic reviews of contract action will be performed.

11. A list of agency personnel, by position, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

Name	Position	Involvement in Process	
A. Stransky	Contracts Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration
Heath Hollenbeck	Director Tech Srvcs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration

12. Direct inquiries to:

Contact Name: Heath Hollenbeck
Email: Hhollenbeck@hhsc.org

Agency shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements
13. I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.



Jun 17, 2024

Department Head (Heath Hollenbeck, Director of Technical Services) Date

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14 .Date Notice Posted: _____

The CPO is in the process of reviewing this request for exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS. Submit written objections to this notice to issue an exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, within seven (7) calendar days or as otherwise allowed from the above posted date to: Chief Procurement Officer, HHSC, 3675 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

15. APPROVED

DISAPPROVED:

NO ACTION REQUIR

HHSC Chief Procurement Officer - Signature

Date