



**STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D**

SPO received 12/8/2017

**TO:** Chief Procurement Officer

**FROM:** DAGS/SPO  
Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102(b)(4) and HAR chapter 3-120, the Department requests a procurement exemption for the following:

<b>1. Describe the goods, services or construction:</b> Out-of-state air and hotel accommodations, intra-state hotel accommodations. Does not include hotels at which the conference is being held.
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<b>2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:</b> various	<b>3. Amount of Request:</b> \$ 3.65 million
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<b>4. Term of Contract From:</b> 1/1/2018 <b>To:</b> 12/31/2018	<b>5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE):</b> 17-032S
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<b>6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:</b> The current market conditions are volatile and rates fluctuate continuously. There is no advantage to the State to consolidate the executive branch's requirements for out-of-state air and hotel accommodations and intra-state hotel into a competitive sealed bid or proposal, as requirements vary. Reservations can be made through various sources such as internet, direct with airlines or hotel, on-line travel providers/agencies, and traditional travel agencies who can offer competitive rates on an as need basis. Agencies can take advantage of any air and/or hotel specials or web rates that is most economical. Staff can easily compare rates simultaneously online, thereby assuring themselves of obtaining the most economical rates available. Agencies may also use NASPO ValuePoint contracts, as applicable. The State of Hawaii signed an intent to Participate in the NASPO ValuePoint travel agency services solicitation (for the 2018 FY but has not yet materialized) which may also be another option for State of Hawaii travelers. NASPO did a solicitation for airfare but the solicitation was cancelled as there were no responsive offers.
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<b>7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:</b> SPO issued Travel Procedures, through Procurement Circular 2007-03, and amendments 1-4. Agencies are required to complete the travel worksheets, which requires employees to obtain minimum quotes from different sources as directed on the procedures and worksheets. Vendor is selected based on the most economical rates, unless otherwise justified.
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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).

Name	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
Bonnie Kahakui	SPO	587-4702	<a href="mailto:bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov">bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov</a>

All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department. I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

*M.S.*

Dec 8, 2017

Department Head Signature

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 12/8/2017

Inquiries about this request shall be directed to the contact named in No. 8. Submit written objection to this notice to issue an exempt contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

[state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov](mailto:state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov)

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the period 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018 and is for the solicitation process only. Departments are required to complete the applicable SPO Travel Worksheet in accordance with Procurement Circular No. 2007-03, and amendments 1-4 on Intra-State and Out-of-State TRAVEL PROCEDURES. Internal controls and requirements, and approvals are the responsibility of the department and traveler.

If there are any questions, please contact Kevin Takaesu at 586-0566, or email [kevin.s.takaesu@hawaii.gov](mailto:kevin.s.takaesu@hawaii.gov).

Approved

Disapproved

No Action Required

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Dec 20, 2017

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

Date