

HAWAII SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS No. SFA-RFP25-01

SEALED PROPOSALS
TO PROVIDE

SCHOOL IMPACT FEES AND CONSTRUCTION NEEDS ANALYSIS

FOR THE HAWAII SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Will be received through the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HlePRO) at https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov until 1:00 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST)

on June 9, 2025

Or such later date as may be established by an addendum to this Request for Proposals (RFP)

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION TO THE STATE OF HAWAII ePROCUREMENT SYSTEM (HIEPRO) ONLY.

Offerors interested in responding to this electronic solicitation must be registered on the HIePRO (https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov) in order to participate in this procurement. Registration is free. Once registered, Offerors can login to view and respond to the HIePRO solicitation.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on May 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (HST). Attendance is optional but highly recommended. Refer to RFP Section 1.10, Pre-Proposal Conference for more information.

Questions relating to this solicitation may be directed to Kenyon Tam, Administrative Services Officer, at (415) 226-6521 or via email at procurement@hisfa.org.

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1. **OVERVIEW OF PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

1.1. Acronyms, Terms, and Definitions

The Hawaii School Facilities Authority. Also referred to as Authority

"HISFA."

AG Attorney General

BAFO Best and Final Offer

Contract The combination of the signed agreement, solicitation,

including the scope of work, the special conditions, the general conditions, and any addenda to the solicitation; the offer and any best and final offer(s); and any amendments to

the contract; and any terms implied by law.

Contract Administrator The individual designated to manage the various faucets of

> the contract to ensure the Contractor's total performance is in accordance with the contractual commitments and obligations

are fulfilled.

Contractor An individual, partnership, firm, organization, corporation, joint

> venture or other legal entity having a contract with the Hawaii School Facilities Authority and undertaking the execution of work under the terms of the contract and acting directly or

through its agents, employees or sub-contractors.

CPO Chief Procurement Officer

DOE Department of Education

General Conditions The General Conditions issued by the Department of the

Attorney General of the State of Hawaii, referred to as Form AG-008, as revised, and included herein by reference. The applicable Form AG-008, as revised, included by reference, is

the form in effect at the date the solicitation is issued.

HAR Hawaii Administrative Rules

Head of the

The Head of the Purchasing Agency is the Executive Director Purchasing Agency

of HISFA.

HISFA Hawaii School Facilities Authority

HRS Hawaii Revised Statutes

Offer A proposal submitted in response to this solicitation.

Offeror Any individual, partnership, firm, organization, corporation,

joint venture, or other legal entity, submitting an offer in

response to this solicitation.

Proposal The document submitted by an offeror in response to this

solicitation.

RFP Request for Proposal; the entire solicitation document.

including all parts, sections, exhibits, attachments, and Addenda, whether attached or incorporated by reference.

SPO Hawaii State Procurement Office

State State of Hawaii; including its departments, agencies, and

political subdivisions.

1.2. RFP Organization

This RFP is organized as follows:

Section 1. <u>Overview of Procurement Process.</u> Provides Offerors with a general overview of the RFP process.

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Section 2. <u>Purpose and Overview</u>. Provides Offerors with general information about

the objectives of this project and RFP, and critical success factors.

Section 3. <u>Scope of Work and Requirements.</u> Provides Offerors with a general

description of the tasks to be performed, delineates HISFA and CONTRACTOR's responsibilities, stipulates Offeror qualifications, and

defines deliverables.

Section 4. <u>Proposal.</u> Describes the required format and content for the Offeror's

submittal, and establishes requirements for the Budget and Cost

Proposal.

Section 5. Proposal Evaluation. Describes how proposals will be evaluated by

HISFA.

Appendix A. Offeror Identification and Information Form

Appendix B. Offeror Reference Form

Appendix C. State of Hawaii's General Conditions

1.3. Procurement Authority

This procurement is being conducted as a competitive sealed proposals procurement in accordance with the procedures set forth in §103D-303, HRS, and Title 3, Subtitle 11, Chapter 122, Subchapter 6, HAR. The relevant provisions of §103D, HRS, and their associated HAR, are incorporated by reference and made a part of this RFP.

1.4. Issuing Office and RFP Contact Person

The following person from the issuing office listed below is the sole point of contact for this RFP. Communication with any other contact person from the date of release of this

RFP until the selection of the successful Offeror(s) without approval, may result in disqualification.

Issuing Office:

Hawaii School Facilities Authority State of Hawaii 2759 S. King Street, Room H201 Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

RFP Point of Contact:

Kenyon Tam

Email: kenyon.tam@hisfa.org
Phone: (415) 226-6521

1.5. Procurement Timetable

Except as noted, the following schedule represents the STATE's best estimate. All times indicated are Hawaii Standard Time (HST). If any component of this schedule is delayed, the rest of the schedule will likely be amended by the same number of days; however, the STATE reserves the right to amend or revise the timetable without prior written notice when such revision or amendment is in the STATE's best interest.

Activity	Estimated Dates
Public Notice announcing Request for Proposals	May 9, 2025
Pre-Proposal Conference	11:00 a.m. May 21, 2025
Deadline for submission of written questions	On or before 9:00 a.m., May 27, 2025
STATE's responses to written questions	4:00 p.m. on or about May 30, 2025
Proposal Due Date/Time	
Proposals will be received through the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HlePRO) at https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov until 4:30 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST)	1:00 p.m., June 9, 2025
Evaluation of Proposals	June 10 through June 13, 2025
Determination of Priority-Listed Offerors (if necessary)	TBD
Best and Final Offers (if necessary)	TBD
Notice of Award	on or about June 16, 2025
Contract Commencement Date/Notice to Proceed	June 30, 2025

1.6. Cancellation

This RFP may be cancelled and any or all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, without liability to the State, when it is determined to be in the best interest of the STATE.

1.7. Electronic Procurement

- 1.7.1 The STATE utilizes the Hawaii State eProcurement (HlePRO) System to promote an open and transparent system for vendors to compete for contracts electronically. Offerors interested in responding to this solicitation must be registered on HlePRO. Registration information is available at the State Procurement Office (SPO) website: https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov, select HlePRO Vendor Registration Guide.
- 1.7.2 The STATE will use HIePRO to issue the RFP, receive Offers, and issue and Addenda to the RFP. Addenda and the other information and materials shall be provided by the STATE through HIePRO, including additions or changes with respect to the dates specified herein. The STATE is not responsible for any delay or failure of any Offeror to receive any materials regarding this RFP on a timely basis.
- 1.7.3 As part of this procurement process, Offerors are informed that awards made for this solicitation, if any, shall be done through the HlePRO and shall, therefore, be subject to a mandatory .75% (.0075) transaction fee, not to exceed \$5,000 for the total contract term, payable to Tyler Hawaii, the vendor administering HlePRO.
- 1.7.4 Offeror shall review all special instructions located in HIePRO. Offerors are responsible for ensuring that all necessary files are attached to their offer prior to the proposal deadline. Offerors are advised that they should not wait until the last minute to submit their proposal on HIePRO. Offerors should allow ample time to review their submitted proposal, including attachments, prior to the proposal deadline. The State shall not be responsible for responses/attachments that were not uploaded by the due date/time.
- 1.7.5 HlePRO is administered by Tyler Hawaii. Payment must be made to Tyler Hawaii within thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice. Tyler Hawaii is an intended third-party beneficiary of transaction fees, which are used to fund the operation, maintenance and future enhancements of the HlePRO system.

1.8. Required Review and/or Written Questions

It is the Offeror's responsibility to carefully review this solicitation for defects and questionable or objectionable matter. Solicitation documents include this RFP, any attachments, plans referred to herein, and any other relevant documentation.

Comments concerning defects, discrepancies, omissions, questionable or objectionable matter, or questions related to this RFP must be made in writing to allow issuance of any necessary amendments to the RFP. It will also help prevent exposure of Offeror's proposal prepared in response to a defective or inaccurate solicitation upon which award could not be made.

Comments related to this solicitation shall be communicated in writing to the RFP Contact Person identified via e-mail by the date and time established for submission of

written questions to ensure an official response. The STATE will not respond to verbal or informal questions.

Such comments shall contain pertinent information to identify the prospective Offeror, its telephone number, e-mail address, the RFP number, as well as reference to the specific page, section, and/or paragraph as applicable.

The response(s) to the prospective Offerors' written questions received by the scheduled date shall be compiled, shall omit reference to the source(s) of the questions, shall be issued as an addendum to the RFP, and shall become a part of the RFP. The STATE will publish the questions as they are submitted including any background information provided with the question. The STATE at its sole discretion may omit questions which may be combined or may paraphrase questions and background content for clarity.

The STATE's responses shall be communicated in writing via addenda and will be posted on the HIePRO. The STATE is not responsible for delays or non-receipt of any communications by the prospective Offerors.

If an Offeror submits a question after the scheduled date, the STATE may answer the question but does not guarantee that the answer will be provided prior to the Proposal due date.

1.9. RFP Addenda

The STATE reserves the right to amend this RFP at any time prior to the closing date, or prior to the due date for best and final offers. All addenda issued shall be incorporated into the resulting contract. Failure of any Offeror's receipt of any such addenda or interpretations shall not relieve the Offeror of any obligation under this solicitation. The prospective Offeror is responsible for monitoring HlePRO to obtain any RFP addenda or other information relating to the RFP.

1.10. Pre-Proposal Conference

Interested Offerors are invited to participate in the virtual Pre-Proposal Conference. Attendance shall be voluntary but interested Offerors are encouraged to participate to gain an understanding of the breadth and scope of work involved under this RFP. Official responses to questions and revisions to the original terms will be issued in writing as an addendum to this RFP.

Pre-Proposal Conference: May 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. HST.

Offerors may participate in the pre-proposal conference with the following information:

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/
Zoom ID: 923 1768 0648

PIN: 049653

1.11. Deadline for Proposals

Proposals shall be received through HlePRO. Proposals received after the deadline and/or received outside of HlePRO will not be accepted. Timely receipt of offers shall be evidenced by the date and time on HlePRO.

1.12. Proposal Opening

Proposals shall not be opened publicly, but the register of proposals and Offerors' proposals shall be open to public inspection upon posting of the award.

1.13. Disqualification of Offers

The STATE reserves the right to consider as acceptable only those proposals submitted in compliance with all the requirements set forth in this RFP and which demonstrate an understanding of the issues involved and the scope of work.

An Offeror shall be disqualified, and the Offeror's Proposal shall be rejected for any one or more of the following non-exclusive reasons as solely determined by the STATE:

- 1.13.1 Proposal received after specified deadline.
- 1.13.2 Proposals not received on HIePRO.
- 1.13.3 Proposal not properly completed as required herein or containing any unauthorized additions or deletions, defects including but not limited to irregularities of any kind which may make the Proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning (e.g. uninitialed erasures, prices which are obviously unbalanced).
- 1.13.4 A Proposal which is incomplete or conditional proposals including but not limited to a Proposal which includes any other set of terms and conditions, or any terms or conditions contradictory to those included in this RFP.
- 1.13.5 A Proposal signed by other than an authorized individual.
- 1.13.6 More than one Proposal from an Offeror under the same or different names, whereby all proposals from the Offeror shall be rejected.
 - 1.13.6.1 Legally distinct Offerors such as subsidiaries or jointly-owned companies may submit Proposals and these Proposals may be accepted for evaluation and award if such Offerors submit with their Proposal a certificate of non-collusion which affirms that the Proposal is made freely and without collusion with another Offeror.
 - 1.13.6.2 Legally distinct Offerors such as subsidiaries or jointly-owned companies shall submit business registration information indicating that the entities were not created after the RFP was released.
- 1.13.7 Evidence to the STATE's sole satisfaction of collusion among Offerors, lack of responsibility and cooperation to STATE requests during the RFP process or as shown by past work, being in arrears on existing contracts with the State of Hawaii, or defaulting on previous contract(s).
- 1.13.8 Failure to possess proper licenses, facilities, equipment or sufficient experience to provide the proposed solution or to perform the work contemplated.
- 1.13.9 Evidence of any noncompliance with any applicable law or rule.

1.14. Proposal Evaluation

The STATE will conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation of the proposals it receives in response to this RFP. Refer to Section 5 of this RFP for specific requirements and details of the process.

1.15. Proposal as Part of the Contract

This RFP and part or all of the successful proposal may be incorporated into the contract. All proposals shall become the property of the State of Hawaii.

1.16. Additional Terms and Conditions

The STATE reserves the right to add terms and conditions, if any. These terms and conditions will be within the scope of the RFP and will not affect the proposal evaluations.

1.17. Offer Acceptance Period

The STATE's acceptance of a proposal, if any, will typically be made within ninety (90) calendar days after the opening of proposals. Prices quoted by the Offeror shall therefore remain firm for ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of proposals.

1.18. Contract; Contract and Performance Period

The CONTRACTOR receiving the award shall be required to enter into a formal written contract. Upon execution of contract, the STATE will issue a notice to proceed and a fully executed copy of the contract to the CONTRACTOR. No work will be undertaken by the CONTRACTOR prior to the commencement date specified on the contract as the STATE is not liable for any work, contract costs, expenses, loss of profits, or any damages whatsoever incurred by the CONTRACTOR prior to official starting date.

- 1.18.1 <u>Contract Term.</u> The Contract shall commence upon June 30, 2025 and shall end on February 28, 2026.
- 1.18.2 Contract Extensions. The Contract may be extended for not more than two (2) additional twelve-month periods, i) upon mutual written agreement of the parties, ii) prior to expiration and iii) under the same terms and conditions of the original agreement or as negotiated between the STATE and the CONTRACTOR. Contract extension(s) shall be contingent upon i) the need for continued services and ii) funding availability beyond the current fiscal year. As each option(s) to extend is mutually agreed upon, the CONTRACTOR shall be required to execute a supplement to the Contract for each additional period.
- 1.18.3 Contract Changes. During the course of this Contract, the Offeror may be asked to perform additional work that falls within the overall scope of the initial agreement. When additional work is needed, the Contract Administrator will provide the Offeror a written description of the additional work and request the Offeror to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work.
- 1.18.4 <u>Performance Period.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall complete the work within the time limits specified herein. The time specified herein is the maximum time allowed.

1.19. Contract Award

Award, if any, shall be made to the responsible Offeror with the highest number of points and whose proposal the STATE deems most advantageous in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified. Award will be based on the amount of funding available.

Any agreement arising out of this RFP may be subject to the approval of the Department of the Attorney General as to form, and if applicable, is subject to all further approvals, including, the approval of the Governor, required by statute, regulation, rule, order, or other directive.

1.20. Responsibility of Offerors; Hawaii Compliance Express

The Offeror is advised that if awarded under this RFP, Offeror shall, upon award, furnish proof of compliance with the requirements of HRS §103D-310 and HAR § 3-122-112 including:

- Chapter 237, General Excise Tax Law;
- · Chapter 383, Hawaii Employment Security Law;
- Chapter 386, Workers' Compensation Law;
- · Chapter 392, Temporary Disability Insurance;
- Chapter 393, Prepaid Health Care Act; and
- §103D-310(c), Certificate of Good Standing for entities doing business in the State.

Hawaii Compliance Express. Offeror may demonstrate proof of compliance with the above-referenced requirements by submitting a *Certificate of Vendor Compliance* issued by the Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE) online system to HISFA upon award. The HCE service allows vendors to register online through a simple wizard interface at http://vendors.ehawaii.gov. The *Certificate of Vendor Compliance* provides current compliance status as of the issuance date, satisfies requirements of Chapter 103D-310(c), HRS, and is therefore acceptable for contracting purposes. CONTRACTORs that elect to use HCE services are required to pay an estimated annual registration fee of \$12.00.

Due to the time required to obtain the HCE *Certificate of Vendor Compliance*, it is highly recommended that the interested Offeror begin the registration process immediately. If an Offeror is not compliant with the above HRS chapters at the time of award, the Offeror may not receive the award. The STATE reserves the right to move on to the next responsive, responsible Offeror who is compliant. The STATE will verify compliance on Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE). Offerors who do not participate in HCE may submit paper compliance certificates to HISFA at the time of award. The Contractor shall maintain their compliance throughout the term of the Contract.

1.21. Failure to Execute Contract; Timely Submission of Certificates

At time of award, the above *Certificate of Vendor Compliance* and any other documentation and certification shall be submitted to HISFA as soon as possible or by the deadline established by STATE. If a valid certificate or compliant documentation is not submitted on a timely basis for award, award made to an Offeror otherwise responsible may be annulled.

Failure to execute a contract as required within ten (10) calendar days or such further time as the STATE may allow after the Awardee has received the contract for execution shall be just cause for the annulment of the award. STATE may award the contract to the next responsible Offeror or may call for other offers, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the STATE.

1.22. Notification of Award; Non-Selected of Offeror(s)

Upon award to the successful Offeror(s), the STATE shall post publicly, a notice of award on the HlePRO and which may be viewed on the Hawaii Awards and Notices Data System (HANDS) website at https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/awards. Additionally, the STATE will provide notification of the award to any non-selected Offeror(s). The STATE is not responsible for delays or non-receipt of such notification. Failure of any Offeror to

receive any such notification shall not relieve the Offeror of any obligations or requirements herein.

1.23. Debriefing

The purpose of a debriefing is to inform the non-selected Offeror(s) of the basis for the source selection decision and award. An Offeror(s) not selected for award shall submit a written request for a debriefing within three (3) working days after the posting of the award. The debriefing shall be held, to the maximum extent possible, within seven (7) working days after the posting of the award.

1.24. Protest

Pursuant to §103D-701, HRS and §3-126, HAR, a protest of the solicitation must be submitted prior to the date set for receipt of offers, and a protest of an award or proposed award shall be submitted within five (5) working days after the posting of award or within five (5) working days following a debriefing. The award(s), if any, resulting from this solicitation shall be posted on the HlePRO and shall be posted on the Hawaii Awards and Notices Data System (HANDS) website at https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/awards.

Any protest pursuant to §103D-701, HRS and §3-126, HAR shall be submitted in writing to the Hawaii School Facilities Authority, 2759 South King Street, Room H201, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96826.

At a minimum, the protest shall contain the following information:

- Name and address of the protestor;
- Appropriate identification of the procurement;
- A statement of the reasons for the protest: and
- Supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims unless
 not available within the required filing time, in which case the expected
 availability date shall be indicated.

1.25. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall maintain in full force and effect, during the life of this contract, liability and property damage insurance. This insurance shall protect the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors, if any, from claims for damages for personal injury, accidental death and property damage which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. If any subcontractor is involved in the performance of the contract, the insurance policy or policies shall name the subcontractor as additional insured.

As an alternative to the Contractor providing insurance to cover operations performed by a subcontractor and naming the subcontractor as additional insured, Contractor may require subcontractor to provide its own insurance which meets the requirements herein. It is understood that a subcontractor's insurance policy(ies) are in addition to the Contractor's own policy or policies.

The following minimum insurance coverage(s) and limit(s) shall be provided by the Contractor, including its subcontractor(s) where appropriate:

<u>Coverage</u> <u>Limits</u>

General Liability, Commercial \$2,000,000 aggregate

(Occurrence Form) \$1,000,000 combined single limit per

occurrence for bodily injury and property

damage

Automobile Liability \$1,000,000 per accident

Combined Single Limit

Professional Liability: \$1,000,000 per claim and

(Errors and Omissions) \$2,000,000 per annual aggregate

Each insurance policy required by this contract, including a subcontractor's policy, shall contain the following clauses:

- "The State of Hawaii is added as an additional insured with respect to operations performed for the State of Hawaii."
- "It is agreed that any insurance maintained by the State of Hawaii will apply in excess of, and not contribute to, insurance provided by this policy."

The minimum insurance required shall be in full compliance with the Hawaii Insurance Code throughout the entire term of the contract, including supplemental agreements.

Upon execution of the contract, the Contractor agrees to deposit with the STATE certificate(s) of insurance necessary to satisfy the STATE that the insurance provisions of this contract have been complied with and to keep such insurance in effect and the certificate(s) therefore on deposit with the STATE during the entire term of this contract, including those of its subcontractor(s), where appropriate. Upon request by the STATE, Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing a copy of the policy(ies).

Failure of the Contractor to provide and keep in force such insurance shall be regarded as material default under this contract, entitling the STATE to exercise any or all of the remedies provided herein. The procuring of such required insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this contract. Notwithstanding said policy(ies) of insurance, Contractor shall be obligated for the full and total amount of any damage, injury, or loss caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers, or agents, negligence or neglect connected with this contract.

1.26. Payment

Section 103-10, HRS, provides that the STATE shall have thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of an accepted invoice or satisfactory delivery of goods or performance of the services, to make payment. For this reason, the STATE may reject any offer submitted with a condition requiring payment within a shorter period. Further, the STATE may reject any offer submitted with a condition requiring interest payments greater than that allowed by section 103-10, HRS. The STATE will not recognize any requirements established by the Offeror and communicated to the STATE after award, which requires payment within a shorter period or interest payment not in conformance with section 103-10, HRS.

Final Payment. In lieu of submitting separate certificates identified in the General Conditions, Paragraph 17(d), the Contractor may also submit a current Certificate of Vendor Compliance from HCE for final payment.

2. RFP PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

2.1 Purpose and Overview

Hawaii has been administering school impact fees on new residential developments in select geographic areas since around 2010 in accordance with Subpart B, Part VI, Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (the "School Impact Fee Law"). The 2025 Hawaii State Legislature recently passed House Bill 422, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 2, Conference Draft 1 (HB422), which the Authority anticipates to become law soon. HB422, when enacted, will amend the School Impact Fee Law and require the Authority to submit a report to the Legislature on the Authority's findings, recommendations, and evaluation of the benefits and impacts of the School Impact Fee Law as amended by HB422.

While HB422 will require the Authority to submit a report to the Legislature by December 15, 2026, the Authority is planning to submit a report to the Legislature in December 2025. The report will include, as required by HB422, a thorough review of the currently established impact fee districts (hereinafter referred to as the "Comprehensive School Impact Fee Review") and an assessment of the need for new school construction based on demographic projections over the next 25 years (hereinafter referred to as the "New School Construction Needs Assessment").

The Authority is issuing this RFP to solicit proposals from planning, accounting, and/or legal experts to assist the Authority in meeting the requirements of HB422. This includes, but is not limited to, conducting and producing reports for the Comprehensive School Impact Fee Review and the New School Construction Needs Assessment.

2.2 Background and Current-State (Environment)

Act 245 of 2007 first established the School Impact Fee Law and gave the DOE the responsibility to administer school impact fees. The state auditor released a report in 2019 detailing the many shortcomings in the implementation of the school impact fee program ("State Auditor's Report 19-13"). In 2020, the Legislature transferred the program from the DOE to the Authority. However, due to a lack of personnel, the Authority did not begin administering the program until July 1, 2024.

The version of HB422 passed by the House earlier in the 2025 legislative session would have entirely repealed the school impact fee program. However, the House and Senate eventually compromised to repeal only the construction cost component of the school impact fee and to include several more exemptions from school impact fees. The intent of the report required by HB422 is to provide information on the progress made toward the findings in State Auditor's Report 19-13 and where the school impact fee program should go from here.

2.3 Business Goals and Objectives

The Authority desires to contract with a company that has a strong understanding and working, historical knowledge of school impact fees. The ideal Contractor will assist the Authority in determining, informing, and advising the Authority's board and the Legislature of the best course of action for each school impact district and school impact fee program overall.

3. SCOPE OF WORK; PROJECT AND OFFEROR REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Scope of Work

- 3.1.1 Comprehensive School Impact Fee Review
 - 3.1.1.1 School Impact District Analysis. CONTRACTOR shall analyze the five existing school impact districts to:
 - A. Determine whether they meet the rational nexus and rough proportionality requirements.
 - B. Reconsider the elements of the original school impact district written analysis as required by HRS §302A-1604(b).
 - C. Update school site area averages, using the total school land requirement for each individual in a school impact district as calculated pursuant to HRS §302A-1606(b).
 - 3.1.1.2 Feedback. CONTRACTOR shall get feedback from the Authority and DOE on a draft of the analysis and revise the analysis as appropriate in response to the feedback.
 - 3.1.1.3 Recommendations and Updated Fees. Based on its analysis, CONTRACTOR shall make recommendations to either keep, dissolve, or change each existing school impact district and recommend updated school impact fees for each district. Any recommendation shall also describe the implications of the recommendation, including fee revenue implications. The updated fees shall be calculated in accordance with HRS §§302A-1606 and 302A-1612, and the recommendation shall include the fee calculations and figures.
 - 3.1.1.4 Report. CONTRACTOR shall produce a Comprehensive School Impact Fee Review report that includes the final analysis and recommendations. The report shall be provided to the Authority in an accessible electronic format, as determined by the Authority, and as five printed hard copies. The final report shall be provided to the Authority no later than November 21, 2025.
- 3.1.2 New School Construction Needs Assessment
 - 3.1.2.1 CONTRACTOR shall obtain the data necessary to conduct the New School Construction Needs Assessment from the State Land Use Commission and other government agencies.
 - 3.1.2.2 Based on the appropriate demographic projection data and a methodology determined by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall conduct an initial assessment of the need for new school construction in Hawaii over the next 25 years.
 - 3.1.2.3 CONTACTOR shall get feedback from the Authority and DOE on the initial assessment and make revisions as appropriate in response to the feedback.

- 3.1.2.4 CONTRACTOR shall produce a New School Construction Needs Assessment report that describes the data, methodology, findings, and conclusions. The report shall be provided to the Authority in an accessible electronic format, as determined by the Authority, and as five printed hard copies. The final report shall be provided to the Authority no later than November 21, 2025.
- 3.1.3 CONTRACTOR shall present findings and recommendations to the Authority's board in December 2025, and shall present findings and recommendations, as deemed necessary by the Authority, to other key stakeholders, such as legislators or other government officials.
- 3.1.4 Other work related to the Comprehensive School Impact Review, New School Construction Needs Assessment, or the requirements of HB422 may be requested of the CONTRACTOR if determined necessary.
- 3.1.5 Intellectual Property Rights. The State reserves the right to unlimited, irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive licenses to use, modify, reproduce, perform, release, display, create derivative works from, and disclose the work product from the CONTRACTOR, and to transfer the intellectual property to third parties for State purposes.

3.2 Offeror Qualifications

The purpose of the Offeror Qualifications section is to provide the STATE the ability to verify the experience and knowledge claims made in the proposal by the Offeror and to assess the Offeror's prior record in providing services to other organizations.

Failure on the Offeror's part to meet the requirements herein may result in a determination of nonresponsiveness and subsequent disqualification of Proposal. These requirements shall remain in effect throughout the entire contract period. Failure to maintain these requirements may result in cancellation of award or early, partial or full termination of a contract.

Minimum Qualifications of the Offeror are as follows:

- 3.2.1 Offeror shall have regional or statewide planning experience working on government programs or projects, particularly programs or projects related to public schools. Offeror shall have experience analyzing, reviewing, or implementing impact fees (or other similar exactions).
- 3.2.2 Offeror shall have the capacity to manage and monitor administrative contract requirements.
- 3.2.3 Offeror shall obtain and pay for all permits, certificates, and licenses required and necessary for the performance of the work specified herein, shall post all notices required by law, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work specified.
- 3.2.4 The Offeror shall comply with all business registration requirements prior to commencing work under the contract.

4. PROPOSAL

4.1 General Requirements

- 4.1.1 Any and all costs incurred by an Offeror in preparing and submitting a Proposal and conducting discussions, if any, shall be at the Offeror's sole expense and are the Offeror's sole responsibility. This includes the cost of any visits to client references, and STATE locations by an Offeror, but does not include any costs incurred by the STATE or its representatives for Offeror demonstrations or site visits.
- 4.1.2 Before submitting a proposal, each Offeror must examine the solicitation documents thoroughly. Solicitation documents include this RFP, any attachments, and any other relevant documentation.
- 4.1.3 Offerors are charged with presumptive knowledge of all requirements of all cited authorities. Offeror must become familiar with state, local, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may in any manner affect cost, progress, or performance of the work before submitting a proposal. Submission of a proposal by any prospective Offeror shall constitute admission of knowledge on the part of such Offeror.
- 4.1.4 The Scope of Work, Minimum Contract Provisions, General Conditions, and other documents referenced in or attached to the proposal shall be considered a part of the proposal submitted whether or not attached to the proposal at the time of submission. Such documents shall not be altered in any way; any alterations so made by the Offeror may result in rejection of the proposal.
- 4.1.5 Submission of a proposal shall constitute an incontrovertible representation by the Offeror of understanding, acceptance, and compliance with every requirement of this RFP, and that the RFP documents are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey reasonable understanding of all terms and conditions of performance of the work.
- 4.1.6 Any proposal may be withdrawn at any time on the HlePRO prior to the deadline for receipt of offers. The withdrawal of a proposal shall not prejudice the right of an Offeror to submit a new proposal, but any such new proposal must be received before the stated deadline.
- 4.1.7 A proposal that contains any omission, erasure, addition not called for, conditional offer or irregularity of any kind may be rejected. Corrections, if necessary, may be made by submitting a revised proposal on the HlePRO prior to the proposal due date and time.

4.2 Confidential Information in Proposal

The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed during the review, evaluation, or discussion process. Once the notice of the award is posted, all proposals (both successful and unsuccessful) become available for public inspection.

If an Offeror believes that any portion of its proposal contains information that should be withheld as confidential, then the Authority should be so advised in writing. Offeror shall request in writing nondisclosure of designated trade secrets or other proprietary data to

be confidential. Such data shall accompany the Proposal, be clearly marked, and shall be readily separable from the Proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the Proposal.

Whether those parts shall remain confidential will be determined under § 3-122-58(b), HAR and Chapter 92F, HRS. Pursuant to Section 3-122-58, HAR, if a person requests to inspect the portions of a proposal designated as confidential, the head of the purchasing agency or designee shall consult with the Department of the Attorney General and make a written determination in accordance with Chapter 92F, HRS. If the request for confidentiality is denied, such information shall be disclosed as public information, unless the Offeror appeals the denial to the Office of Information Practices in accordance with Section 92F-42(12), HRS.

4.3 Proposal Preparation

One of the objectives of this RFP is to make proposal preparation easy and efficient, giving Offerors ample opportunity to highlight their proposals. The evaluation process must also be manageable and effective. When an Offeror submits a proposal, it shall be considered a complete plan for accomplishing the tasks described in this RFP and any supplemental tasks the Offeror has identified as necessary to successfully meet the obligations outlined in this RFP.

The proposal shall describe in detail the Offeror's ability and availability of services to meet the primary project goal of this RFP as stated herein. Proposals shall be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner and in a format that is reasonably consistent and appropriate to the purpose of this RFP. Emphasis shall be on completeness and clarity of content. If any additional information is required by the STATE regarding any aspect of an Offeror's proposal, such information shall be provided within two (2) working days of the STATE's request unless otherwise stated or directed by the STATE.

4.4 Proposal Security

A Bond is not required if submitting a Proposal.

4.5 Proposal Submission and Format

This section prescribes the standard format for a proposal submitted in response to this RFP.

Offeror shall submit a Proposal using the exact forms or reproductions of such forms as provided and as otherwise instructed by this RFP. Failure to comply may result in a determination that the proposal is nonresponsive.

The standard format will facilitate the STATE's review, comparison, evaluation of proposals, and verification as to whether the minimum requirements are met by each Offeror and the Offeror's Proposal. The format is not intended to limit the content of a proposal in any way. The Offeror may include any additional data or information that is deemed pertinent to this RFP.

This electronically submitted offer shall be considered the original. Any offers received outside of the HlePRO shall not be accepted or considered for award, unless otherwise specified herein. The maximum file size that HlePRO can accept is 100MB. Files larger than 100MB must be reduced into two (2) or more files.

Proposals shall be submitted and received electronically by the specified due date and time through the HIePRO (http://hiepro.hawaii.gov).

4.6 Proposal Organization and Content

Proposals shall be organized in this order:

Table of Contents: The Table of Contents shall clearly identify the material by section and

page number

Section 1: Offeror Identification and Information Form (Appendix A)

Section 2: Executive Summary

Section 3: Offeror Qualifications (including subsections: Offeror History and

Background, Offeror Reference Form (Appendix B), Project Team

Organization, and Project Team Staffing)

Section 4: Subcontractors (if any)

Section 5: Proposed Solution / Technical Proposal (including work samples)

Section 6: Budget and Cost Proposal
Attachment A Proof of Compliance Documents

Additional information about specific requirements of each section follows.

4.7 Offeror Identification and Information Form (Appendix A)

Offeror shall submit the Proposal under the company's exact legal name as registered with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, if applicable, and shall indicate exact legal name in the appropriate space on the Offeror Identification and Information Form. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the proposal or delay proper execution of a resulting contract, if any.

The Offeror's authorized signature on the OFFEROR IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM shall be an original signature in ink, which shall be required before an award, if any, can be made. The submission of the proposal shall indicate Offeror's intent to be bound.

A hard copy (original signature in ink) of the OFFEROR IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM must also be received by the Hawaii School Facilities Authority, 2759 South King Street, Room H201, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96826 within five (5) working days after the proposal due date.

4.8 Executive Summary

The executive summary shall summarize the contents of the Proposal in a way that gives readers a broad understanding of the entire Proposal, including highlighting what makes the Offeror uniquely qualified for the project, and must also contain the following:

<u>Terms and Conditions</u> - A statement that the Offeror understands and shall comply with all terms and conditions of the RFP (including the General Conditions). If an Offeror does not plan to comply with one or more of the terms or conditions of the RFP, this must be stated; ALL exceptions must be listed and fully described. The STATE reserves the right to accept or not accept any exceptions.

<u>Assumptions or Constraints</u> - A statement on whether the Proposal contains any assumptions or constraints and must also identify and describe each such assumption and constraint. If neither assumptions nor constraints are included in the Proposal, a statement to that effect must be made.

<u>Deviations</u> - If the Proposal deviates from the specifications or requirements of the RFP, a statement must be included identifying and describing each such deviation. If no deviations are included in Offeror's Proposal, a statement to that effect must be made.

<u>Subcontracting</u> - A statement that the products and services of the proposed solution shall be provided solely by the Offeror and the Offeror's company or whether a subcontractor(s) shall assist. The Offeror's use of subcontractor(s) requires the prior written approval of the STATE.

<u>Taxable Transaction</u> – Work to be performed under this solicitation is a business activity taxable under Chapter 237, HRS, and vendors are advised that they may be liable for payment of the Hawaii General Excise Tax (GET). If an Offeror is a person exempt by the HRS from paying the GET and therefore not liable for the taxes on this solicitation, Offeror shall state its tax exempt status and cite the HRS chapter or section allowing the exemption.

<u>Pending Litigation</u> – The Offeror shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgment. If applicable, please explain how litigation may materially impact the Offeror or the Offeror's ability to fully perform and complete any work under the contract.

Other Notable Items - The Offeror shall disclose any other items of note that may have material impact the Offeror or the Offeror's ability to fully perform and complete any work under the contract.

4.9 Offeror Qualifications

This section of the Proposal shall include the following:

- 4.9.1 Offeror History and Background. Offeror shall provide a description of its corporate background, including its location, size, resources, and experience relevant to the project. Offeror shall detail their expertise, experience, knowledge, and understanding of regional or statewide planning for government programs or projects, particularly those related to public schools, and of impact fees (or other similar exactions).
- 4.9.2 Offeror References (Appendix B). Offeror shall include at least one (1), but no more than three (3), recent and relevant client references, excluding the Authority, that includes a description of the project/services previously performed by the Offeror and demonstrates Offeror's qualifications and experience, and if applicable, Offeror's understanding of school impact fees. Provide the client name, address, contact information, time period of the project, brief description of work performed, and any other information deemed necessary to understand the project. The STATE reserves the right to inquire with references provided about Offeror's performance and reliability.
- 4.9.3 <u>Project Team Organization.</u> Offeror shall present an organizational chart of staff who will be assigned to work on the contract. Provide descriptive information for

personnel, indicating their titles and major areas of responsibility. Assign the percent of the project work to be completed by each team member, of which the sum of all team members must be 100%.

4.9.4 <u>Project Team Staffing</u>. Offeror shall include specific information regarding the role and function of its assigned staff, including those named in the Project Team Organization. Include each assigned staff's number of years' experience in governmental project/program planning and/or impact fee analysis, review, or implementation.

Offeror shall also provide resumes/vita for key personnel who will be specifically assigned to the contract. Resumes/vita shall include a narrative description of their roles and shall highlight experiences on specific, relevant projects. Resumes should contain information relating to each person's experience, including planning, legal, accounting, and/or speciality experience, education, knowledge, skills, and areas of expertise.

If the Offeror's solution involves use of subcontractors in an amount greater than 10% of the project's budget, resumes of any subcontractors shall also be included.

4.10 Subcontractors

The Offeror may propose to fulfill any of the responsibilities outlined herein by entering into a subcontract with an individual, organization, or other entity that possesses the requisite expertise to fulfill the requirements of the RFP. The Offeror shall retain sole responsibility for the completion of all tasks and for the quality of the work product. The use of subcontractors shall not place additional burdens or demands on the STATE (e.g., coordinating with staff from multiple CONTRACTORS).

For any item listed herein to be fulfilled by a subcontractor, the Offeror shall provide a description of the proposed partner and the subcontractor's capability to meet the demands of the RFP. In the event the Offeror elects to engage the participation of a subcontractor, the STATE retains the right to approve the selection of the subcontractor and the proposed role that the Offeror shall fulfill under this contract.

If a proposal involves the use of any subcontractor, the subcontractor shall also comply with the Offeror qualifications requirements identified in the following sections:

Offeror History and Background Offeror Reference Form Project Team Organization Project Team Staffing

4.11 Proposed Solution; Technical Proposal

The Proposed Solution / Technical Proposal must address the areas described in the scope of work, and any other tasks necessary to complete the work described, and shall be prepared as follows:

4.11.1 Offeror shall describe in detail, a comprehensive approach and plan for accomplishing the work described herein, including details of how the Contractor will obtain, verify, validate, and analyze information and data necessary to

- produce highly informative and actionable reports, highlighting any unique tools or techniques.
- 4.11.2 Offeror shall describe their expertise, experience, knowledge, and understanding of impact fees (or other similar exactions), including the School Impact Fee Law and program. The Offeror shall include at least one (1), but no more than two (2), of its most relevant work samples that demonstrate their expertise, experience, knowledge, and understanding. For each work sample, provide the client name, address, contact information, time period of the project, brief description of work performed, and any other information deemed necessary to understand the project. Work samples may be for clients listed in the Offeror References.
- 4.11.3 Offeror shall describe its capacity to accomplish the work.

4.12 Budget and Cost Proposal

The budget and cost proposal must include a comprehensive breakdown of all costs for the services provided. Pricing shall include labor rates and other fixed assessments, all applicable taxes, except the GET, which should be added as a separate line item and shall not exceed the current rate, and any other costs incurred to provide the specified services. The budget and cost proposal must address tasks described in the scope of work, as well as any other tasks necessary, and specify all costs to be incurred within the contract period. If travel is required to complete the scope of work of the project, travel expenses will be negotiated with the Offeror at the time of award.

In the event the Offeror intends to enter into a partnership with a subcontractor or a technical assistance provider, Offeror shall provide all necessary cost information regarding the subcontracted task.

4.13 Proof of Compliance Documents

Offeror is advised that if awarded under this RFP, Offeror shall, upon award, furnish the required certificates and documentation (refer to RFP section regarding Responsibility of Offerors). In order to expedite contract execution, if any, it is highly recommended that the certificates be submitted with the Offeror's Proposal as follows:

- Certificate of Compliance as issued by the Hawaii Compliance Express online system
- Certificate of Insurance

4.14 Certification of Independent Cost Determination

By submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation, Offeror certifies as follows:

- 4.14.1 The costs in this RFP have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Offeror, as to any matter relating to such costs for the purpose of restricting competition.
- 4.14.2 Unless otherwise required by law, the costs which have been quoted in response to this RFP have not been knowingly disclosed by the Offeror prior to award, directly or indirectly, to any other Offeror or competitor prior to the award of the contract.



5. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The STATE reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, and waive any defects if the STATE believes the rejection or waiver to be in the best interest of the STATE.

The evaluation will be based solely on the evaluation criteria detailed in this RFP, and shall be performed by the selected members of the Evaluation Committee consisting of at least three (3) governmental employees with sufficient qualifications and experience in this area.

Evaluation criteria and the associated points are listed below. Quantitative scoring techniques will be utilized to maximize the objectivity of the evaluation.

A contract may be awarded on the basis of initial Proposals received, without discussion. Therefore, each initial proposal shall contain the Offeror's best terms from a technical and cost/price standpoint.

Proposals may be classified initially as acceptable, potentially acceptable, or unacceptable. Discussions may be conducted with Offerors who submit proposals determined to be acceptable or potentially acceptable of being selected for award, but proposals may be accepted without such discussions.

The final selection of a Successful Offeror(s), if any, will be made in accordance with the evaluation criteria as specified herein.

5.1 Evaluation Process Overview

The Evaluation Committee will apply a numerical rubric to evaluate the proposals. The following sections describe the evaluation process in more detail.

- Phase 1: Preliminary Evaluation of Proposals
- Phase 2: Rating and Determination of Priority-Listed Offerors
- Phase 3: Discussion with Priority-Listed Offerors (at STATE's option)
- Phase 4: Best and Final Offers (at STATE's option)
- Phase 5: Selection and Award

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

Scoring under this RFP shall be based on a total of 104 points and shall be performed in two (2) parts:

- PART I, MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: Proposals must receive four (4) points in PART I to advance to PART II.
- PART II: Proposals must score a minimum of 60 points in PART II to be considered for award.

Proposals that do not score four (4) points in PART I will be rejected and shall not be considered for award. Proposals that score four (4) points in PART I but less than 60 points in PART II will be rejected and shall not be considered for award.

For evaluation purposes, pursuant to §103D-1008, HRS, a tax-exempt proposal submitted in response to a solicitation shall be increased by the applicable retail rate of

general excise tax and the applicable use tax. Under no circumstance shall the dollar amount of the award include the aforementioned adjustment.

Offerors shall be evaluated on the following criteria provided below.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THE PROPOSALS IS 104.

Description	Maximur Points
PART I: Mandatory Requirements. Proposals must score four (4) points in PART I.	
SUBMISSION	
Timely submission of Proposal	1
Compliance with formatting and content requirements	1
REPORTS AND PRESENTATION	
Comprehensive School Impact Review and New School Construction Needs Assessment reports provided to the Authority by the deadline	1
Includes presentation of findings and recommendations to the Authority's board	1
TOTAL POINTS - PART I:	4
ART II: Proposals must score at least 60 points in PART II. WORK PLAN	
Understanding of project objectives and scope	10
Approach, plan, process, and methodology meets the needs of the project	15
Verification and validation process ensures all information and data obtained and	5
used is accurate and appropriate	
QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND CAPACITY	
Expertise, experience, knowledge, and understanding of regional or statewide	15
planning for government programs or projects, particularly those related to public schools	
Expertise, experience, knowledge, and understanding of impact fees (or similar exactions), particularly school impact fees	15
Capability to produce informative and actionable reports and presentations	10
Past performance, work samples, and customer references	10
PRICING	
A total of 20 points will be awarded to the lowest of the submitted price	20
proposals. Proposals with higher costs will receive a fraction of 20 points	
proportional to the ratio of the lowest proposal cost to the respective higher	
cost proposed. The fractional value of points to be assigned will be rounded to one decimal place. The number of points assigned to higher cost proposals	
will be determined by the following formula:	
[(Lowest Proposal Cost) * (20 points)] / (Higher Proposal Cost)]	
Example: Lowest acceptable cost is \$75,000 and receives 20 points. The next	
lowest acceptable cost proposal is \$90,000 and receives 16.7 points.	
TOTAL POINTS - PART II:	100

5.3 Preliminary Evaluation

A preliminary evaluation shall determine whether each proposal is considered responsive, thus justifying further evaluation. In its preliminary evaluation, the STATE will examine the completeness of each proposal, and its compliance with the instructions, terms and conditions in this RFP. Subsequent review and evaluation will be based on the criteria stated in Section 5.2. Any proposals that are incomplete or that do not comply with the instructions or terms and conditions may be rejected by the STATE and excluded from further consideration.

Responsive proposals must meet all submittal requirements and the minimum eligibility requirements described in the RFP.

5.4 Priority-List of Offerors

Before conducting discussions, a priority list shall be generated by the Evaluation Committee. In order to generate a priority list, proposals shall be initially classified as acceptable, potentially acceptable or unacceptable.

All responsive Offerors who submit acceptable proposals or potentially acceptable proposals are eligible for the prioritized listing.

If numerous acceptable and potentially acceptable proposals are submitted, the Evaluation Committee may limit the priority list to at least three (3) responsible Offerors who submitted the highest-ranked proposals.

5.5 Discussions with Priority-Listed Offerors (at STATE's Option)

Discussions <u>may</u> be conducted with Priority-Listed Offerors if deemed advantageous by the STATE. Discussions will be limited to only "priority-listed" Offerors and are held 1) to promote understanding of the STATE requirements and the priority-listed Offeror's proposals and 2) to facilitate arriving at a contract that will provide the best value to the STATE, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. Discussions may include Offeror presentation of its Proposal, interviews with Offeror's key personnel, demonstrations, site visits, or teleconferences. Any discussions shall be conducted in an organized and consistent manner established by the STATE, and in accordance with the following:

- 5.5.1 Priority-listed Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussions and revisions of proposals.
- 5.5.2 Any substantial oral clarification of a proposal shall be reduced to writing by the priority-listed Offeror.
- 5.5.3 If during discussions there is a need for any substantial clarification or change in the RFP, the RFP shall be amended by an addendum to incorporate the clarification or change. Addenda to the RFP shall be distributed only to the priority-listed Offerors.
- 5.5.4 Priority-listed Offerors may be permitted to amend proposals already submitted, limited to the discussions conducted.

- 5.5.5 If in the opinion of the Evaluation Committee a contemplated amendment will significantly change the nature of the procurement, the RFP shall be canceled and a new RFP will be issued.
- 5.5.6 The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing Offerors during the discussion process.

5.6 Best and Final Offers (at STATE's Option)

Following discussions between the Evaluation Committee and the Priority-listed Offerors, each Prioritylisted Offeror <u>may</u> be asked to provide their best and final offer. In that event, the procedure as listed below shall apply.

- 5.6.1 The Evaluation Committee will establish a date and time for submission of best and final offers.
- 5.6.2 Offerors may be afforded the opportunity to revise their proposals, including price, during the best and final offer phase.
- 5.6.3 If an Offeror does not submit a notice of withdrawal or a best and final offer, the Offeror's immediate previous proposal will be construed as their best and final offer.
- 5.6.4 After best and final proposals are received, final evaluations will be conducted for an award.
- 5.6.5 Best and final offers shall be submitted only once, unless the Head of the Purchasing Agency determines that it is in the STATE's best interest to conduct additional discussions or change the STATE's requirements by addendum distributed only to priority-listed offerors and require another submission of best and final offers. Otherwise, no discussion of or change in the best and final offers shall be allowed prior to award.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Offeror Identification and Information Form

Appendix B: Offeror Reference Form

Appendix C: State of Hawaii's General Condition

Appendix AOFFEROR IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

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Address:				
Principal Place of	Business			
(may	not be a P.O. Box):			
Mailing Address (only if different):			
Payment Address	(only if different)			
Offeror's Primary Con	tact Person: Name			
Title				
Telephone Numbe	r		Fax Number	
Email Address			<u> </u>	
Federal Tax Identificat	ion Number:			
State of Hawaii G License Number:	eneral Excise Tax			
Type of Business Entity (check one):	Sole Proprietor Limited Liability	Partnership Company Other	Corporation [Joint Venture
Names of all Offeror's subsidiary organization	•			
	A Hawaii busir OR	ness incorporated or or	ganized under the la	aws of the State of Hawaii
Offeror is either:	State of the State of Hav Registration Div	on (date) waii Department of Comi vision to do business in t	, and, if a merce and Consume he State of Hawaii.	
the following offer to pro and meaning thereof, a solicitation. The under declaring the undersign	vide the goods and/or nd further that the Off signed further underst ed's offer is not in vio	erstands the terms and concept perform the work specifier feror shall comply with a stands and agrees that by plation of Chapter 84, Hartifying that the price(s) sufficiency series and se	ed herein, all in accord all terms, conditions a y submitting this offe awaii Revised Statute	dance with the true intent and requirements of the r, 1) the undersigned is s, concerning prohibited
Authorized (Original in i	nk) Signature	Name (p	orinted)	
Title		 Date		_

Appendix B OFFEROR REFERENCE FORM

Directions:

- 1. Provide information at least one (1), but no more than three (3), recent and relevant client references, excluding the Authority, who may be contacted for whom services were rendered. The Authority reserves the right to contact Offeror's previous clients to inquire about Offeror's performance and reliability.
- 2. Any supplemental information related to this project, although not required, should be attached to the respective Appendix B, Offeror Reference Form.

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Name of Your Company:	
Name of Client:	
Client Address:	
Name of Client Contact Person:	
Client's Phone Number:	
Client's Email Address:	
Date or period of project and/or service:	
Description of project and/or services rendered and hexperience, and, if applicable, understanding of school	
Other information or comments:	

□ check here if supplemental information related to this project is attached.

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Appendix C

STATE OF HAWAII'S GENERAL CONDITIONS

Attached are the General Conditions, revised January 2023, which are made a part of all offers in response to the solicitation for goods and services. These provisions are in addition to the special provisions provided in the individual solicitations. Offerors are cautioned to read and understand all the terms and conditions contained in the General Provisions, as these provisions will also be made part of the Contract for goods and services.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. Coordination of Services by the STATE. The head of the purchasing agency ("HOPA") (which term includes the designee of the HOPA) shall coordinate the services to be provided by the CONTRACTOR in order to complete the performance required in the Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain communications with HOPA at all stages of the CONTRACTOR'S work, and submit to HOPA for resolution any questions which may arise as to the performance of this Contract. "Purchasing agency" as used in these General Conditions means and includes any governmental body which is authorized under chapter 103D, HRS, or its implementing rules and procedures, or by way of delegation, to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods or services or both.
- 2. Relationship of Parties: Independent Contractor Status and Responsibilities, Including Tax Responsibilities.
 - a. In the performance of services required under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR is an "independent contractor," with the authority and responsibility to control and direct the performance and details of the work and services required under this Contract; however, the STATE shall have a general right to inspect work in progress to determine whether, in the STATE'S opinion, the services are being performed by the CONTRACTOR in compliance with this Contract. Unless otherwise provided by special condition, it is understood that the STATE does not agree to use the CONTRACTOR exclusively, and that the CONTRACTOR is free to contract to provide services to other individuals or entities while under contract with the STATE.
 - b. The CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents are not by reason of this Contract, agents or employees of the State for any purpose, and the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents shall not be entitled to claim or receive from the State any vacation, sick leave, retirement, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, or other benefits provided to state employees.
 - c. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the CONTRACTOR'S performance under this Contract. Furthermore, the CONTRACTOR intentionally, voluntarily, and knowingly assumes the sole and entire liability to the CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents, and to any individual not a party to this Contract, for all loss, damage, or injury caused by the CONTRACTOR, or the CONTRACTOR'S employees or agents in the course of their employment.
 - d. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, state, and county taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the CONTRACTOR by reason of this Contract, including but not limited to (i) income taxes, (ii) employment related fees, assessments, and taxes, and (iii) general excise taxes. The CONTRACTOR also is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this Contract.
 - e. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a general excise tax license from the Department of Taxation, State of Hawaii, in accordance with section 237-9, HRS, and shall comply with all requirements thereof. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR have been paid and submit the same to the STATE prior to commencing any performance under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall also be solely responsible for meeting all requirements necessary to obtain the tax clearance certificate required for final payment under sections 103-53 and 103D-328, HRS, and paragraph 17 of these General Conditions.
 - f. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for securing all employee-related insurance coverage for the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents that is or may be required by law, and for payment of all premiums, costs, and other liabilities associated with securing the insurance coverage.

- g. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a certificate of compliance issued by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, State of Hawaii, in accordance with section 103D-310, HRS, and section 3-122-112, HAR, that is current within six months of the date of issuance.
- h. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a certificate of good standing issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, State of Hawaii, in accordance with section 103D-310, HRS, and section 3-122-112, HAR, that is current within six months of the date of issuance.
- i. In lieu of the above certificates from the Department of Taxation, Labor and Industrial Relations, and Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the CONTRACTOR may submit proof of compliance through the State Procurement Office's designated certification process.

3. <u>Personnel Requirements.</u>

- a. The CONTRACTOR shall secure, at the CONTRACTOR'S own expense, all personnel required to perform this Contract.
- b. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the CONTRACTOR'S employees or agents are experienced and fully qualified to engage in the activities and perform the services required under this Contract, and that all applicable licensing and operating requirements imposed or required under federal, state, or county law, and all applicable accreditation and other standards of quality generally accepted in the field of the activities of such employees and agents are complied with and satisfied.
- 4. <u>Nondiscrimination.</u> No person performing work under this Contract, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the CONTRACTOR, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.
- 5. <u>Conflicts of Interest.</u> The CONTRACTOR represents that neither the CONTRACTOR, nor any employee or agent of the CONTRACTOR, presently has any interest, and promises that no such interest, direct or indirect, shall be acquired, that would or might conflict in any manner or degree with the CONTRACTOR'S performance under this Contract.
- 6. <u>Subcontracts and Assignments.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall not assign or subcontract any of the CONTRACTOR'S duties, obligations, or interests under this Contract and no such assignment or subcontract shall be effective unless (i) the CONTRACTOR obtains the prior written consent of the STATE, and (ii) the CONTRACTOR'S assignee or subcontractor submits to the STATE a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR'S assignee or subcontractor have been paid. Additionally, no assignment by the CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR'S right to compensation under this Contract shall be effective unless and until the assignment is approved by the Comptroller of the State of Hawaii, as provided in section 40-58, HRS.
 - a. <u>Recognition of a successor in interest.</u> When in the best interest of the State, a successor in interest may be recognized in an assignment contract in which the STATE, the CONTRACTOR and the assignee or transferee (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee") agree that:
 - (1) The Assignee assumes all of the CONTRACTOR'S obligations;
 - (2) The CONTRACTOR remains liable for all obligations under this Contract but waives all rights under this Contract as against the STATE; and
 - (3) The CONTRACTOR shall continue to furnish, and the Assignee shall also furnish, all required bonds.
 - b. <u>Change of name.</u> When the CONTRACTOR asks to change the name in which it holds this Contract with the STATE, the procurement officer of the purchasing agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency procurement officer") shall, upon receipt of a document acceptable or satisfactory to the

Agency procurement officer indicating such change of name (for example, an amendment to the CONTRACTOR'S articles of incorporation), enter into an amendment to this Contract with the CONTRACTOR to effect such a change of name. The amendment to this Contract changing the CONTRACTOR'S name shall specifically indicate that no other terms and conditions of this Contract are thereby changed.

- c. <u>Reports.</u> All assignment contracts and amendments to this Contract effecting changes of the CONTRACTOR'S name or novations hereunder shall be reported to the chief procurement officer (CPO) as defined in section 103D-203(a), HRS, within thirty days of the date that the assignment contract or amendment becomes effective.
- d. <u>Actions affecting more than one purchasing agency.</u> Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 6a through 6c herein, when the CONTRACTOR holds contracts with more than one purchasing agency of the State, the assignment contracts and the novation and change of name amendments herein authorized shall be processed only through the CPO's office.
- 7. <u>Indemnification and Defense.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, the contracting agency, and their officers, employees, and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense, including all attorneys' fees, and all claims, suits, and demands therefore, arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR'S employees, officers, agents, or subcontractors under this Contract. The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or early termination of this Contract.
- 8. <u>Cost of Litigation.</u> In case the STATE shall, without any fault on its part, be made a party to any litigation commenced by or against the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by or imposed on the STATE, including attorneys' fees.
- 9. <u>Liquidated Damages.</u> When the CONTRACTOR is given notice of delay or nonperformance as specified in paragraph 13 (Termination for Default) and fails to cure in the time specified, it is agreed the CONTRACTOR shall pay to the STATE the amount, if any, set forth in this Contract per calendar day from the date set for cure until either (i) the STATE reasonably obtains similar goods or services, or both, if the CONTRACTOR is terminated for default, or (ii) until the CONTRACTOR provides the goods or services, or both, if the CONTRACTOR is not terminated for default. To the extent that the CONTRACTOR'S delay or nonperformance is excused under paragraph 13d (Excuse for Nonperformance or Delay Performance), liquidated damages shall not be assessable against the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR remains liable for damages caused other than by delay.
- 10. STATE'S Right of Offset. The STATE may offset against any monies or other obligations the STATE owes to the CONTRACTOR under this Contract, any amounts owed to the State of Hawaii by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract or any other contracts, or pursuant to any law or other obligation owed to the State of Hawaii by the CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, the payment of any taxes or levies of any kind or nature. The STATE will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of any offset and the nature of such offset. For purposes of this paragraph, amounts owed to the State of Hawaii shall not include debts or obligations which have been liquidated, agreed to by the CONTRACTOR, and are covered by an installment payment or other settlement plan approved by the State of Hawaii, provided, however, that the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to such exclusion only to the extent that the CONTRACTOR is current with, and not delinquent on, any payments or obligations owed to the State of Hawaii under such payment or other settlement plan.
- 11. <u>Disputes.</u> Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with section 103D-703, HRS, and chapter 3-126, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), as the same may be amended from time to time.
- 12. <u>Suspension of Contract.</u> The STATE reserves the right at any time and for any reason to suspend this Contract for any reasonable period, upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the provisions herein.
 - a. <u>Order to stop performance.</u> The Agency procurement officer may, by written order to the CONTRACTOR, at any time, and without notice to any surety, require the CONTRACTOR to stop all or any part of the performance called for by this Contract. This order shall be for a specified

period not exceeding sixty (60) days after the order is delivered to the CONTRACTOR, unless the parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop performance order issued pursuant to this section. Stop performance orders shall include, as appropriate: (1) A clear description of the work to be suspended; (2) Instructions as to the issuance of further orders by the CONTRACTOR for material or services; (3) Guidance as to action to be taken on subcontracts; and (4) Other instructions and suggestions to the CONTRACTOR for minimizing costs. Upon receipt of such an order, the CONTRACTOR shall forthwith comply with its terms and suspend all performance under this Contract at the time stated, provided, however, the CONTRACTOR shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the performance covered by the order during the period of performance stoppage. Before the stop performance order expires, or within any further period to which the parties shall have agreed, the Agency procurement officer shall either:

- (1) Cancel the stop performance order; or
- (2) Terminate the performance covered by such order as provided in the termination for default provision or the termination for convenience provision of this Contract.
- b. <u>Cancellation or expiration of the order.</u> If a stop performance order issued under this section is cancelled at any time during the period specified in the order, or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the CONTRACTOR shall have the right to resume performance. An appropriate adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule or contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:
 - (1) The stop performance order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the CONTRACTOR'S cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Contract; and
 - (2) The CONTRACTOR asserts a claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of performance stoppage; provided that, if the Agency procurement officer decides that the facts justify such action, any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Contract.
- c. <u>Termination of stopped performance</u>. If a stop performance order is not cancelled and the performance covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop performance order shall be allowable by adjustment or otherwise.
- d. <u>Adjustment of price</u>. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provision of this Contract.

13. Termination for Default.

- a. <u>Default.</u> If the CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the Contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this Contract, the Agency procurement officer may notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the delay or non-performance and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by the Agency procurement officer, such officer may terminate the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed with the Contract or such part of the Contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. In the event of termination in whole or in part, the Agency procurement officer may procure similar goods or services in a manner and upon the terms deemed appropriate by the Agency procurement officer. The CONTRACTOR shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.
- b. <u>CONTRACTOR'S duties.</u> Notwithstanding termination of the Contract and subject to any directions from the Agency procurement officer, the CONTRACTOR shall take timely, reasonable, and

necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of the CONTRACTOR in which the STATE has an interest.

- c. <u>Compensation.</u> Payment for completed goods and services delivered and accepted by the STATE shall be at the price set forth in the Contract. Payment for the protection and preservation of property shall be in an amount agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the Agency procurement officer. If the parties fail to agree, the Agency procurement officer shall set an amount subject to the CONTRACTOR'S rights under chapter 3-126, HAR. The STATE may withhold from amounts due the CONTRACTOR such sums as the Agency procurement officer deems to be necessary to protect the STATE against loss because of outstanding liens or claims and to reimburse the STATE for the excess costs expected to be incurred by the STATE in procuring similar goods and services.
- d. Excuse for nonperformance or delayed performance. The CONTRACTOR shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Contract in accordance with its terms, including any failure by the CONTRACTOR to make progress in the prosecution of the performance hereunder which endangers such performance, if the CONTRACTOR has notified the Agency procurement officer within fifteen (15) days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of a public enemy; acts of the State and any other governmental body in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the goods and services to be furnished by the subcontractor were reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the CONTRACTOR to meet the requirements of the Contract. Upon request of the CONTRACTOR, the Agency procurement officer shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the CONTRACTOR'S progress and performance would have met the terms of the Contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly, subject to the rights of the STATE under this Contract. As used in this paragraph, the term "subcontractor" means subcontractor at any tier.
- e. <u>Erroneous termination for default.</u> If, after notice of termination of the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed under this paragraph, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR was not in default under this paragraph, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 13d, "Excuse for nonperformance or delayed performance," the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to paragraph 14.
- f. <u>Additional rights and remedies.</u> The rights and remedies provided in this paragraph are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

14. <u>Termination for Convenience.</u>

- a. <u>Termination.</u> The Agency procurement officer may, when the interests of the STATE so require, terminate this Contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the STATE. The Agency procurement officer shall give written notice of the termination to the CONTRACTOR specifying the part of the Contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.
- b. <u>CONTRACTOR'S obligations.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated performance and on the date(s) set in the notice of termination the CONTRACTOR will stop performance to the extent specified. The CONTRACTOR shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated performance. The CONTRACTOR shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated performance subject to the STATE'S approval. The Agency procurement officer may direct the CONTRACTOR to assign the CONTRACTOR'S right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the STATE. The CONTRACTOR must still complete the performance not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as necessary to do so.

- c. <u>Right to goods and work product.</u> The Agency procurement officer may require the CONTRACTOR to transfer title and deliver to the STATE in the manner and to the extent directed by the Agency procurement officer:
 - (1) Any completed goods or work product; and
 - (2) The partially completed goods and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the CONTRACTOR has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this Contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall, upon direction of the Agency procurement officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the CONTRACTOR in which the STATE has an interest. If the Agency procurement officer does not exercise this right, the CONTRACTOR shall use best efforts to sell such goods and manufacturing materials. Use of this paragraph in no way implies that the STATE has breached the Contract by exercise of the termination for convenience provision.

d. <u>Compensation.</u>

- (1) The CONTRACTOR shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with the cost or pricing data, submitted to the extent required by chapter 3-122, HAR, bearing on such claim. If the CONTRACTOR fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Agency procurement officer may pay the CONTRACTOR, if at all, an amount set in accordance with subparagraph 14d(3) below.
- (2) The Agency procurement officer and the CONTRACTOR may agree to a settlement provided the CONTRACTOR has filed a termination claim supported by cost or pricing data submitted as required and that the settlement does not exceed the total Contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the STATE, the proceeds of any sales of goods and manufacturing materials under subparagraph 14c, and the Contract price of the performance not terminated.
- (3) Absent complete agreement under subparagraph 14d(2) the Agency procurement officer shall pay the CONTRACTOR the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under subparagraph 14d(2) shall not duplicate payments under this subparagraph for the following:
 - (A) Contract prices for goods or services accepted under the Contract;
 - (B) Costs incurred in preparing to perform and performing the terminated portion of the performance plus a fair and reasonable profit on such portion of the performance, such profit shall not include anticipatory profit or consequential damages, less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted goods or services; provided, however, that if it appears that the CONTRACTOR would have sustained a loss if the entire Contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss;
 - (C) Costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to subparagraph 14b. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with subparagraph 14d(3)(B);
 - (D) The reasonable settlement costs of the CONTRACTOR, including accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the Contract and for the termination of subcontracts thereunder, together with reasonable storage, transportation, and other costs incurred in connection with the protection or disposition of property allocable to the terminated portion of this Contract. The total sum to be paid the CONTRACTOR under this subparagraph shall not exceed the

total Contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the CONTRACTOR reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under subparagraph 14d(2), and the contract price of performance not terminated.

- (4) Costs claimed, agreed to, or established under subparagraphs 14d(2) and 14d(3) shall be in accordance with Chapter 3-123 (Cost Principles) of the Procurement Rules.
- 15. <u>Claims Based on the Agency Procurement Officer's Actions or Omissions.</u>
 - a. <u>Changes in scope.</u> If any action or omission on the part of the Agency procurement officer (which term includes the designee of such officer for purposes of this paragraph 15) requiring performance changes within the scope of the Contract constitutes the basis for a claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion, the CONTRACTOR shall continue with performance of the Contract in compliance with the directions or orders of such officials, but by so doing, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion; provided:
 - (1) <u>Written notice required.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall give written notice to the Agency procurement officer:
 - (A) Prior to the commencement of the performance involved, if at that time the CONTRACTOR knows of the occurrence of such action or omission;
 - (B) Within thirty (30) days after the CONTRACTOR knows of the occurrence of such action or omission, if the CONTRACTOR did not have such knowledge prior to the commencement of the performance; or
 - (C) Within such further time as may be allowed by the Agency procurement officer in writing.
 - (2) <u>Notice content.</u> This notice shall state that the CONTRACTOR regards the act or omission as a reason which may entitle the CONTRACTOR to additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time. The Agency procurement officer, upon receipt of such notice, may rescind such action, remedy such omission, or take such other steps as may be deemed advisable in the discretion of the Agency procurement officer;
 - (3) <u>Basis must be explained.</u> The notice required by subparagraph 15a(1) describes as clearly as practicable at the time the reasons why the CONTRACTOR believes that additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time may be remedies to which the CONTRACTOR is entitled; and
 - (4) <u>Claim must be justified.</u> The CONTRACTOR must maintain and, upon request, make available to the Agency procurement officer within a reasonable time, detailed records to the extent practicable, and other documentation and evidence satisfactory to the STATE, justifying the claimed additional costs or an extension of time in connection with such changes.
 - b. <u>CONTRACTOR not excused.</u> Nothing herein contained, however, shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from compliance with any rules or laws precluding any state officers and CONTRACTOR from acting in collusion or bad faith in issuing or performing change orders which are clearly not within the scope of the Contract.
 - c. <u>Price adjustment</u>. Any adjustment in the price made pursuant to this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provision of this Contract.
- 16. <u>Costs and Expenses.</u> Any reimbursement due the CONTRACTOR for per diem and transportation expenses under this Contract shall be subject to chapter 3-123 (Cost Principles), HAR, and the following guidelines:

- a. Reimbursement for air transportation shall be for actual cost or coach class air fare, whichever is less.
- b. Reimbursement for ground transportation costs shall not exceed the actual cost of renting an intermediate-sized vehicle.
- c. Unless prior written approval of the HOPA is obtained, reimbursement for subsistence allowance (i.e., hotel and meals, etc.) shall not exceed the applicable daily authorized rates for inter-island or out-of-state travel that are set forth in the current Governor's Executive Order authorizing adjustments in salaries and benefits for state officers and employees in the executive branch who are excluded from collective bargaining coverage.

17. Payment Procedures; Final Payment; Tax Clearance.

- a. <u>Original invoices required.</u> All payments under this Contract shall be made only upon submission by the CONTRACTOR of original invoices specifying the amount due and certifying that services requested under the Contract have been performed by the CONTRACTOR according to the Contract.
- b. <u>Subject to available funds.</u> Such payments are subject to availability of funds and allotment by the Director of Finance in accordance with chapter 37, HRS. Further, all payments shall be made in accordance with and subject to chapter 40, HRS.

c. <u>Prompt payment.</u>

- (1) Any money, other than retainage, paid to the CONTRACTOR shall be disbursed to subcontractors within ten (10) days after receipt of the money in accordance with the terms of the subcontract; provided that the subcontractor has met all the terms and conditions of the subcontract and there are no bona fide disputes; and
- (2) Upon final payment to the CONTRACTOR, full payment to the subcontractor, including retainage, shall be made within ten (10) days after receipt of the money; provided that there are no bona fide disputes over the subcontractor's performance under the subcontract.
- d. <u>Final payment.</u> Final payment under this Contract shall be subject to sections 103-53 and 103D-328, HRS, which require a tax clearance from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR have been paid. Further, in accordance with section 3-122-112, HAR, CONTRACTOR shall provide a certificate affirming that the CONTRACTOR has remained in compliance with all applicable laws as required by this section.
- 18. <u>Federal Funds.</u> If this Contract is payable in whole or in part from federal funds, CONTRACTOR agrees that, as to the portion of the compensation under this Contract to be payable from federal funds, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid only from such funds received from the federal government, and shall not be paid from any other funds. Failure of the STATE to receive anticipated federal funds shall not be considered a breach by the STATE or an excuse for nonperformance by the CONTRACTOR.

19. <u>Modifications of Contract.</u>

- a. <u>In writing.</u> Any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract permitted by this Contract shall be made by written amendment to this Contract, signed by the CONTRACTOR and the STATE, provided that change orders shall be made in accordance with paragraph 20 herein.
- b. <u>No oral modification.</u> No oral modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract shall be permitted.

- c. <u>Agency procurement officer.</u> By written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Agency procurement officer may unilaterally order of the CONTRACTOR:
 - (A) Changes in the work within the scope of the Contract; and
 - (B) Changes in the time of performance of the Contract that do not alter the scope of the Contract work.
- d. <u>Adjustments of price or time for performance</u>. If any modification increases or decreases the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Contract, an adjustment shall be made and this Contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined, where applicable, in accordance with the price adjustment clause of this Contract or as negotiated.
- e. <u>Claim barred after final payment.</u> No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if written modification of the Contract is not made prior to final payment under this Contract.
- f. <u>Claims not barred.</u> In the absence of a written contract modification, nothing in this clause shall be deemed to restrict the CONTRACTOR'S right to pursue a claim under this Contract or for a breach of contract.
- g. <u>Head of the purchasing agency approval.</u> If this is a professional services contract awarded pursuant to section 103D-303 or 103D-304, HRS, any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract which increases the amount payable to the CONTRACTOR by at least \$25,000.00 and ten per cent (10%) or more of the initial contract price, must receive the prior approval of the head of the purchasing agency.
- h. <u>Tax clearance</u>. The STATE may, at its discretion, require the CONTRACTOR to submit to the STATE, prior to the STATE'S approval of any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract, a tax clearance from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR have been paid.
- i. <u>Sole source contracts.</u> Amendments to sole source contracts that would change the original scope of the Contract may only be made with the approval of the CPO. Annual renewal of a sole source contract for services should not be submitted as an amendment.
- 20. <u>Change Order.</u> The Agency procurement officer may, by a written order signed only by the STATE, at any time, and without notice to any surety, and subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this Contract in any one or more of the following:
 - (1) Drawings, designs, or specifications, if the goods or services to be furnished are to be specially provided to the STATE in accordance therewith;
 - (2) Method of delivery; or
 - (3) Place of delivery.
 - a. Adjustments of price or time for performance. If any change order increases or decreases the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in the Contract price made pursuant to this provision shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provision of this Contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with the Contract as changed, provided that the Agency procurement officer promptly and duly makes the provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By

- proceeding with the work, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or any extension of time for completion.
- b. <u>Time period for claim.</u> Within ten (10) days after receipt of a written change order under subparagraph 20a, unless the period is extended by the Agency procurement officer in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall respond with a claim for an adjustment. The requirement for a timely written response by CONTRACTOR cannot be waived and shall be a condition precedent to the assertion of a claim.
- c. <u>Claim barred after final payment.</u> No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if a written response is not given prior to final payment under this Contract.
- d. <u>Other claims not barred.</u> In the absence of a change order, nothing in this paragraph 20 shall be deemed to restrict the CONTRACTOR'S right to pursue a claim under the Contract or for breach of contract.

21. Price Adjustment.

- a. <u>Price adjustment.</u> Any adjustment in the contract price pursuant to a provision in this Contract shall be made in one or more of the following ways:
 - (1) By agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
 - (2) By unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
 - By the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the provision, plus appropriate profit or fee, all as specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
 - (4) In such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or
 - (5) In the absence of agreement between the parties, by a unilateral determination by the Agency procurement officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the provision, plus appropriate profit or fee, all as computed by the Agency procurement officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable sections of chapters 3-123 and 3-126, HAR.
- b. <u>Submission of cost or pricing data.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall provide cost or pricing data for any price adjustments subject to the provisions of chapter 3-122, HAR.
- 22. <u>Variation in Quantity for Definite Quantity Contracts</u>. Upon the agreement of the STATE and the CONTRACTOR, the quantity of goods or services, or both, if a definite quantity is specified in this Contract, may be increased by a maximum of ten per cent (10%); provided the unit prices will remain the same except for any price adjustments otherwise applicable; and the Agency procurement officer makes a written determination that such an increase will either be more economical than awarding another contract or that it would not be practical to award another contract.
- 23. <u>Changes in Cost-Reimbursement Contract.</u> If this Contract is a cost-reimbursement contract, the following provisions shall apply:
 - a. The Agency procurement officer may at any time by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following:
 - (1) Description of performance (Attachment 1);
 - (2) Time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.);
 - (3) Place of performance of services;

- (4) Drawings, designs, or specifications when the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the STATE in accordance with the drawings, designs, or specifications;
- (5) Method of shipment or packing of supplies; or
- (6) Place of delivery.
- b. If any change causes an increase or decrease in the estimated cost of, or the time required for performance of, any part of the performance under this Contract, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the Agency procurement officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the (1) estimated cost, delivery or completion schedule, or both; (2) amount of any fixed fee; and (3) other affected terms and shall modify the Contract accordingly.
- c. The CONTRACTOR must assert the CONTRACTOR'S rights to an adjustment under this provision within thirty (30) days from the day of receipt of the written order. However, if the Agency procurement officer decides that the facts justify it, the Agency procurement officer may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment under the Contract.
- d. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under paragraph 11 of this Contract. However, nothing in this provision shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with the Contract as changed.
- e. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions of subparagraphs 23a and 23b, the estimated cost of this Contract and, if this Contract is incrementally funded, the funds allotted for the performance of this Contract, shall not be increased or considered to be increased except by specific written modification of the Contract indicating the new contract estimated cost and, if this contract is incrementally funded, the new amount allotted to the contract.

24. <u>Confidentiality of Material.</u>

- a. All material given to or made available to the CONTRACTOR by virtue of this Contract, which is identified as proprietary or confidential information, will be safeguarded by the CONTRACTOR and shall not be disclosed to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the STATE.
- b. All information, data, or other material provided by the CONTRACTOR to the STATE shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act, chapter 92F, HRS.
- 25. <u>Publicity.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall not refer to the STATE, or any office, agency, or officer thereof, or any state employee, including the HOPA, the CPO, the Agency procurement officer, or to the services or goods, or both, provided under this Contract, in any of the CONTRACTOR'S brochures, advertisements, or other publicity of the CONTRACTOR. All media contacts with the CONTRACTOR about the subject matter of this Contract shall be referred to the Agency procurement officer.
- 26. Ownership Rights and Copyright. The STATE shall have complete ownership of all material, both finished and unfinished, which is developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, and all such material shall be considered "works made for hire." All such material shall be delivered to the STATE upon expiration or termination of this Contract. The STATE, in its sole discretion, shall have the exclusive right to copyright any product, concept, or material developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract.
- 27. <u>Liens and Warranties.</u> Goods provided under this Contract shall be provided free of all liens and provided together with all applicable warranties, or with the warranties described in the Contract documents, whichever are greater.

- 28. <u>Audit of Books and Records of the CONTRACTOR.</u> The STATE may, at reasonable times and places, audit the books and records of the CONTRACTOR, prospective contractor, subcontractor, or prospective subcontractor which are related to:
 - a. The cost or pricing data, and
 - b. A state contract, including subcontracts, other than a firm fixed-price contract.
- 29. <u>Cost or Pricing Data.</u> Cost or pricing data must be submitted to the Agency procurement officer and timely certified as accurate for contracts over \$100,000 unless the contract is for a multiple-term or as otherwise specified by the Agency procurement officer. Unless otherwise required by the Agency procurement officer, cost or pricing data submission is not required for contracts awarded pursuant to competitive sealed bid procedures.

If certified cost or pricing data are subsequently found to have been inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent as of the date stated in the certificate, the STATE is entitled to an adjustment of the contract price, including profit or fee, to exclude any significant sum by which the price, including profit or fee, was increased because of the defective data. It is presumed that overstated cost or pricing data increased the contract price in the amount of the defect plus related overhead and profit or fee. Therefore, unless there is a clear indication that the defective data was not used or relied upon, the price will be reduced in such amount.

30. <u>Audit of Cost or Pricing Data.</u> When cost or pricing principles are applicable, the STATE may require an audit of cost or pricing data.

31. <u>Records Retention.</u>

- (1) Upon any termination of this Contract or as otherwise required by applicable law, CONTRACTOR shall, pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS, destroy all copies (paper or electronic form) of personal information received from the STATE.
- (2) The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain the files, books, and records that relate to the Contract, including any personal information created or received by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the STATE, and any cost or pricing data, for at least three (3) years after the date of final payment under the Contract. The personal information shall continue to be confidential and shall only be disclosed as permitted or required by law. After the three (3) year, or longer retention period as required by law has ended, the files, books, and records that contain personal information shall be destroyed pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS or returned to the STATE at the request of the STATE.
- 32. <u>Antitrust Claims.</u> The STATE and the CONTRACTOR recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the purchaser. Therefore, the CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to STATE any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and materials purchased in connection with this Contract, except as to overcharges which result from violations commencing after the price is established under this Contract and which are not passed on to the STATE under an escalation clause.
- 33. Patented Articles. The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the STATE, and its officers, employees, and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense, including all attorneys fees, and all claims, suits, and demands arising out of or resulting from any claims, demands, or actions by the patent holder for infringement or other improper or unauthorized use of any patented article, patented process, or patented appliance in connection with this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for correcting or curing to the satisfaction of the STATE any such infringement or improper or unauthorized use, including, without limitation: (a) furnishing at no cost to the STATE a substitute article, process, or appliance acceptable to the STATE, (b) paying royalties or other required payments to the patent holder, (c) obtaining proper authorizations or releases from the patent holder, and (d) furnishing such security to or making such arrangements with the patent holder as may be necessary to correct or cure any such infringement or improper or unauthorized use.

- 34. <u>Governing Law.</u> The validity of this Contract and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties to this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Hawaii. Any action at law or in equity to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Contract shall be brought in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 35. <u>Compliance with Laws.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time, that in any way affect the CONTRACTOR'S performance of this Contract.
- 36. <u>Conflict Between General Conditions and Procurement Rules</u>. In the event of a conflict between the General Conditions and the procurement rules, the procurement rules in effect on the date this Contract became effective shall control and are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 37. <u>Entire Contract.</u> This Contract sets forth all of the agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations between the STATE and the CONTRACTOR relative to this Contract. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations, which shall have no further force or effect. There are no agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, or representations, oral or written, express or implied, between the STATE and the CONTRACTOR other than as set forth or as referred to herein.
- 38. <u>Severability.</u> In the event that any provision of this Contract is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms of this Contract.
- 39. <u>Waiver.</u> The failure of the STATE to insist upon the strict compliance with any term, provision, or condition of this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the STATE'S right to enforce the same in accordance with this Contract. The fact that the STATE specifically refers to one provision of the procurement rules or one section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, and does not include other provisions or statutory sections in this Contract shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the STATE'S rights or the CONTRACTOR'S obligations under the procurement rules or statutes.
- 40. <u>Pollution Control.</u> If during the performance of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR encounters a "release" or a "threatened release" of a reportable quantity of a "hazardous substance," "pollutant," or "contaminant" as those terms are defined in section 128D-1, HRS, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the STATE and all other appropriate state, county, or federal agencies as required by law. The Contractor shall take all necessary actions, including stopping work, to avoid causing, contributing to, or making worse a release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, and shall promptly obey any orders the Environmental Protection Agency or the state Department of Health issues in response to the release. In the event there is an ensuing cease-work period, and the STATE determines that this Contract requires an adjustment of the time for performance, the Contract shall be modified in writing accordingly.
- 41. <u>Campaign Contributions.</u> The CONTRACTOR is hereby notified of the applicability of 11-355, HRS, which states that campaign contributions are prohibited from specified state or county government contractors during the terms of their contracts if the contractors are paid with funds appropriated by a legislative body.
- 42. <u>Confidentiality of Personal Information.</u>
 - a. <u>Definitions.</u>

"Personal information" means an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following data elements, when either name or data elements are not encrypted:

- (1) Social security number;
- (2) Driver's license number or Hawaii identification card number; or

(3) Account number, credit or debit card number, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual's financial information.

Personal information does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local government records.

"Technological safeguards" means the technology and the policy and procedures for use of the technology to protect and control access to personal information.

b. <u>Confidentiality of Material.</u>

- (1) All material given to or made available to the CONTRACTOR by the STATE by virtue of this Contract which is identified as personal information, shall be safeguarded by the CONTRACTOR and shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the STATE.
- (2) CONTRACTOR agrees not to retain, use, or disclose personal information for any purpose other than as permitted or required by this Contract.
- (3) CONTRACTOR agrees to implement appropriate "technological safeguards" that are acceptable to the STATE to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to personal information.
- (4) CONTRACTOR shall report to the STATE in a prompt and complete manner any security breaches involving personal information.
- (5) CONTRACTOR agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to CONTRACTOR because of a use or disclosure of personal information by CONTRACTOR in violation of the requirements of this paragraph.
- (6) CONTRACTOR shall complete and retain a log of all disclosures made of personal information received from the STATE, or personal information created or received by CONTRACTOR on behalf of the STATE.

c. Security Awareness Training and Confidentiality Agreements.

- (1) CONTRACTOR certifies that all of its employees who will have access to the personal information have completed training on security awareness topics relating to protecting personal information.
- (2) CONTRACTOR certifies that confidentiality agreements have been signed by all of its employees who will have access to the personal information acknowledging that:
 - (A) The personal information collected, used, or maintained by the CONTRACTOR will be treated as confidential:
 - (B) Access to the personal information will be allowed only as necessary to perform the Contract; and
 - (C) Use of the personal information will be restricted to uses consistent with the services subject to this Contract.
- d. <u>Termination for Cause.</u> In addition to any other remedies provided for by this Contract, if the STATE learns of a material breach by CONTRACTOR of this paragraph by CONTRACTOR, the STATE may at its sole discretion:

- (1) Provide an opportunity for the CONTRACTOR to cure the breach or end the violation; or
- (2) Immediately terminate this Contract.

In either instance, the CONTRACTOR and the STATE shall follow chapter 487N, HRS, with respect to notification of a security breach of personal information.

e. Records Retention.

- (1) Upon any termination of this Contract or as otherwise required by applicable law, CONTRACTOR shall, pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS, destroy all copies (paper or electronic form) of personal information received from the STATE.
- (2) The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain the files, books, and records that relate to the Contract, including any personal information created or received by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the STATE, and any cost or pricing data, for at least three (3) years after the date of final payment under the Contract. The personal information shall continue to be confidential and shall only be disclosed as permitted or required by law. After the three (3) year, or longer retention period as required by law has ended, the files, books, and records that contain personal information shall be destroyed pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS or returned to the STATE at the request of the STATE.