

SECTION 2 - PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 PROPOSAL FORMS - All proposals shall be made on forms furnished by the Department. All proposals shall give the prices proposed in the spaces provided and shall be signed by the bidder, who shall fill out all blanks in the proposal form as therein required.

2.2 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS CONTAINING ALTERATIONS, ERASURES, OR IRREGULARITIES - Proposals may be rejected if they show any alterations of form, additions not called for, conditional bids, incomplete bids, erasures, or irregularities of any kind.

When proposals are signed by any agent, other than the officer or officers of a corporation authorized to sign contract on its behalf or a member of copartnership, a Power of Attorney must be on file with the Department prior to opening bids or shall be submitted with the proposal; otherwise, the proposal may be rejected as irregular and unauthorized.

Members of a joint venture may be requested to supply the Department with a copy of their joint venture agreement or each member of the joint venture may be required to sign the proposal.

2.3 DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS - Each proposal shall be placed, together with the proposal guaranty, when required, in an envelope and sealed and so marked as to indicate the identity of the project, the name and address of the bidder, and other required information and then delivered as indicated in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals will be received up to the time fixed in the Notice to Bidders for the opening of bids.

2.4 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS - Any proposal may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the Notice to Bidders for the opening of proposals upon the filing of a written request therefor with the Department, executed by the bidder or his duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a proposal shall not preclude a bidder from submitting a new proposal.

2.5 PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS - Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the Notice to Bidders. Bidders or their authorized agents are invited to be present.

2.6 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS - Any of the following reasons may be considered as being sufficient grounds for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his proposal or proposals.

A. More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name.

B. Evidence of collusion among bidders. Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as bidders for any future work of the Department until such participant shall have been reinstated as a qualified bidder.

C. Evidence of assistance from a person who has been an employee of the agency within the preceding two years and who participated while in State office or employment in the matter with which the contract is directly concerned, pursuant to Section 84-15, HRS.

D. Lack of proposal guaranty.

E. Unsigned proposal or proposal not signed in ink by person or persons legally authorized to submit a proposal on behalf of the bidder.

2.7 MATERIAL GUARANTY - The bidder may be required to furnish a complete statement of the origin, composition and manufacture of any or all materials to be used in the prosecution of the work, together with samples. Such samples may be subjected to tests to determine their quality and fitness for the work.

2.8 OUT-OF-STATE BIDDERS - Pursuant to Section 103-53.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, on out-of-state purchases where the bidder or vendor is an out-of-state vendor, not doing business in the State, the bid price of such out-of-state vendor, for the purpose of determining the lowest price bid, shall be increased by the applicable retail rate of general excise tax and the applicable use tax. The lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration the above increases, shall be awarded the contract, but the contract amount of any contract awarded shall be the amount of the bid offered and shall not include the amount of said increases.

Such increases will not be applied in case an out-of-state vendor specifies in its bid that its bid price includes said general excise tax; the bidder will be required to pay said general excise tax and use tax in case the bidder is awarded the contract.

2.9 TAX REQUIREMENTS - Work to be done under this contract is a taxable transaction and bidder receiving award for this work will be required to pay the State of Hawaii General Excise Tax and the State of Hawaii use Tax. Effective as of January 1, 2007, the tax rates are as follows:

<u>General Excise Tax</u>	
Oahu	4.5%
Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Molokai, Kauai	4%
<u>Hawaii Use Tax (all islands)</u>	
	½ of 1%

Additional information regarding the tax rates may be obtained from the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) website at www.hawaii.gov/tax/surcharge.

If awardee is an out-of-state bidder not holding a Hawaii General Excise Tax License, the awardee will have to obtain a Hawaii General Excise Tax License and pay all taxes due to obtain tax clearance required before final contract payment is made by the State.

To obtain the tax license and the tax clearance applications, see subsection 3.1.A. Tax clearance of these Specifications.

Vendors may apply for either a regular or a one-time General Excise Tax License, and if vendor so desires, it could ask for an explanation of the procedures for obtaining tax clearance when a vendor is awarded a State contract.