NOTICE TO BIDDERS

(Chapter 103D, HRS)

SEALED BIDS for KAAWALII GULCH TREE AND SHRUB TRIMMING, PROJECT NO. 19H-02-04M, DISTRICT OF NORTH HILO, ISLAND OF HAWAII will be received at the Contracts Office, Department of Transportation, 869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or at the Office of the District Engineer - Hawaii, 50 Makaala Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720, until 2:00 P.M., June 30, 2004, at which time and place(s) they will be publicly opened and read.

The project includes trimming of trees and shrubs, disposing of the debris, treating the remnant stumps with herbicides, and traffic control.

Plans and specifications may be examined and borrowed at the appropriate offices. Borrowed plans and specifications shall be returned in good condition within thirty (30) calendar days after the bid opening date.

To be eligible to bid, bidders must possess a valid State of Hawaii Specialty Contractor's "C-27" or "C-27b" license.

A pre-bid meeting and on-site inspection will be held at 10:00 a.m., June 23, 2004, at the Hawaii District Office, 50 Makaala Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720. All prospective bidders or their representatives are strongly encouraged to attend, but attendance is not mandatory.

The Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 21) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be

awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by said Department.

In accordance with Section 3-124-4, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Hawaii Products Preference is applicable to this project. The Hawaii Product List may be examined at the State Procurement Office, Kalanimoku, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

For additional information on this project, contact Mr. Robert Taira at (808) 933-8866 or by facsimile at (808) 933-8869, 50 Makaala Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in said proposals for the best interest of the public.

RODNEY K. HARAGA Director of Transportation

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