

1 Make this section a part of the Standard Specifications:

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3 **"SECTION 102 - BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

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6 **102.01 Prequalification of Bidders.** Prospective bidders shall be capable of
7 performing the work for which they are bidding.

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9 In accordance with HRS Chapter 103D-310, the Department may require
10 any prospective bidder to submit answers to questions contained in the 'Standard
11 Qualification Questionnaire For Prospective Bidders On Public Works Contracts'
12 furnished by the Department, properly executed and notarized, setting forth a
13 complete statement of the experience of such prospective bidder and its
14 organization in performing similar work and a statement of the equipment
15 proposed to be used, together with adequate proof of the availability of such
16 equipment. Whenever it appears to the Department, from answers to the
17 questionnaire or otherwise, that the prospective bidder is not fully qualified and
18 able to perform the intended work, the Department will, after affording the
19 prospective bidder an opportunity to be heard and if still of the opinion that the
20 bidder is not fully qualified to perform the work, refuse to receive or consider any
21 bid offered by the prospective bidder. All information contained in the answers to
22 the questionnaire shall be kept confidential. Questionnaire so submitted shall be
23 returned to the bidders after serving their purpose.

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25 No person, firm or corporation may bid where (1) the person, firm, or
26 corporation, or (2) a corporation owned substantially by the person, firm, or
27 corporation, or (3) a substantial stockholder or an officer of the corporation, or (4)
28 a partner or substantial investor in the firm is in arrears in payments owed to the
29 State or its political subdivisions or is in default as a surety or failure to do
30 faithfully and diligently previous contracts with the State.

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32 **102.02 Contents of Proposal Forms.** The Department will furnish
33 prospective bidders with proposal forms posted in HlePRO stating:

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35 (1) The location,
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37 (2) Description of the proposed work,
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39 (3) The approximate quantities,
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41 (4) Items of work to be done or materials to be furnished,
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43 (5) A schedule of items, and
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45 (6) The time in which the work shall be completed.
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Papers bound with or attached to the proposal form are part of the proposal. The bidder shall not detach or alter the papers bound with or attached to the proposal when the bidder submits its proposal through HlePRO.

Also, the bidder shall consider other documents including the plans and specifications as a part of the proposal form whether attached or not.

102.03 (Unassigned).

102.04 Estimated Quantities. The quantities shown in the contract are approximate and are for the comparison of bids only. The actual quantity of work may not correspond with the quantities shown in the contract. The Department will make payment to the Contractor for unit price items in accordance with the contract for only the following:

(1) Actual quantities of work done and accepted, not the estimated quantities; or

(2) Actual quantities of materials furnished, not the estimated quantities.

The Department may increase, decrease, or omit each scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished. When the Department increases or decreases the estimated quantity of a contract item by more than 15% the Department will make payment for such items in accordance with Subsection 104.06 - Methods of Price Adjustment.

102.05 Examination of Contract and Site of Work. The bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and contract before submitting a proposal.

By the act of submitting a bid for the proposed contract, the bidder warrants that:

(1) The bidder and its Subcontractors have reviewed the contract documents and found them free from ambiguities and sufficient for the purpose intended;

(2) The bidder and its workers, employees and subcontractors have the skills and experience in the type of work required by the contract documents bid upon;

(3) Neither the bidder nor its employees, agents, suppliers or subcontractors have relied upon verbal representations from the Department, its employees or agents, including architects, engineers or consultants, in assembling the bid figure; and

(4) The basis for the bid figure are solely on the construction contract documents.

Also, the bidder warrants that the bidder has examined the site of the work. From its investigations, the bidder acknowledges satisfaction on:

(1) The nature and location of the work;

(2) The character, quality, and quantity of materials;

(3) The difficulties to be encountered; and

(4) The kind and amount of equipment and other facilities needed;

Subsurface information or hydrographic survey data furnished are for the bidders' convenience only. The data and information furnished are the product of the Department's interpretation gathered in investigations made at the specific locations. These conditions may not be typical of conditions at other locations within the project area or that such conditions remain unchanged. Also, conditions found at the time of the subsurface explorations may not be the same conditions when work starts. The bidder shall be solely responsible for assumptions, deductions, or conclusions the bidder may derive from the subsurface information or data furnished.

If the Engineer determines that the natural conditions differ from that originally anticipated or contemplated by the Contractor in the items of excavation, the State may treat the difference in natural conditions, as falling within the meaning of Subsection 104.02 – Changes.

102.06 Preparation of Proposal. The submittal of its proposal shall be on forms furnished by the Department. The bidder shall specify in words or figures:

(1) A unit price for each pay item with a quantity given;

(2) The products of the respective unit prices and quantities

(3) The lump sum amount; and

(4) The total amount of the proposal obtained by adding the amounts of the several items.

The words and figures shall be in ink or typed. If a discrepancy occurs between the prices written in words and those written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.

138 When an item in the proposal contains an option to be made, the bidder
139 shall choose in accordance with the contract for that particular item.
140 Determination of an option will not permit the Contractor to choose again.

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142 The bidder shall sign the proposal properly in ink. A duly authorized
143 representatives of the bidder or by an agent of the bidder legally qualified and
144 acceptable to the Department shall sign, including one or more partners of the
145 bidder and one or more representatives of each entity comprising a joint venture.

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147 When an agent, other than the officer(s) of a corporation authorized to
148 sign contracts for the corporation or a partner of a partnership, signs the
149 proposals, a 'Power of Attorney' shall be on file with the Department or submitted
150 with the proposal. Otherwise, the Department will reject the proposal as irregular
151 and unauthorized.

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153 The bidder shall submit acceptable evidence of the authority of the
154 partner, member(s) or officer(s) to sign for the partnership, joint venture, or
155 corporation respectively with the proposal. Otherwise, the Department will reject
156 the proposal as irregular and unauthorized.

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158 **102.07 Irregular Proposals.** The Department may consider proposals
159 irregular and may reject the proposals for the following reasons:

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161 (1) The proposal is a form not furnished by the Department, altered, or
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164 (2) The proposal contains unauthorized additions, conditions, or
165 alternates. Also, the proposal contains irregularities that may tend to
166 make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous to its meaning;

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168 (3) The bidder adds provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an
169 award. Also, the bidder adds provisions into a contract before an award;

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171 (4) The proposal does not contain a unit price for each pay item listed
172 except authorized optional pay items; and

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174 (5) Prices for some items are out of proportion to the prices for other
175 items.

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177 (6) If in the opinion of the Director, the bidder and its listed
178 subcontractors do not have the Contractor's licenses or combination of
179 Contractor's licenses necessary to complete the work.

Where the prospective bidder is bidding on multiple projects simultaneously and the proposal limits the maximum gross amount of awards that the bidder can accept at one bid letting, the proposal is not irregular if the limit on the gross amount of awards is clear, and the Department selects the awards that can be given.

102.08 Proposal Guaranty. The Department will not consider a proposal of \$25,000 or more unless accompanied by:

(1) A deposit of legal tender; or

(2) A valid surety bid bond, underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in the State of Hawaii, in the form and composed, substantially, with the same language as provided herewith and signed by both parties; or

(3) A certificate of deposit, share certificate, cashier's check, treasurer's check, teller's check, or official check drawn by, or a certified check accepted by and payable on demand to the State by a bank, savings institution, or credit union insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

(a) The bidder may use these instruments only to a maximum of \$100,000.

(b) If the required security or bond amount totals over \$100,000 more than one instrument not exceeding \$100,000 each and issued by different financial institutions shall be acceptable.

(c) The instrument shall be made payable at sight to the Department.

If bidder elects options (1) or (3) above for its bid security, said bid security shall be in its original form and shall be submitted before the bid deadline to the Contract Office, Department of Transportation, Aliiaimoku Hale, 869 Punchbowl Street, Room 105, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Original surety bid bonds do not need to be submitted to the Contracts Office. Bidders are reminded that a copy of its surety bid bond shall be included with its bid submitted and uploaded to HlePRO.

In accordance with HRS Chapter 103D-323, the above shall be in a sum not less than 5% of the amount bid.

227 **102.09 Delivery of Proposal.**

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229 Bidders shall submit and upload the complete proposal to HlePRO
230 prior to the bid opening date and time. Proposals received after said due
231 date and time shall not be considered. Original (wet ink, hard copy) proposal
232 documents are not required to be submitted. Contract award shall be based on
233 evaluation of proposals submitted and uploaded to HlePRO. **Any additional**
234 **support documents explicitly designated as confidential and/or proprietary**
235 **shall be uploaded as a separate file to HlePRO. Do not include confidential**
236 **and/or proprietary documents with the proposal.** The record of each bidder
237 and respective bid shall be open to public inspection.

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239 **FAILURE TO UPLOAD THE COMPLETE PROPOSAL TO HlePRO SHALL BE**
240 **GROUND FOR REJECTION OF THE BID.**

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242 If there is a conflict between the specification document and the HlePRO
243 solicitation, the specifications shall govern and control, unless otherwise
244 specified.

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246 **102.10 Withdrawal or Revision of Proposals.** A bidder may withdraw or
247 revise a proposal after the bidder submits the proposal in HlePRO. Withdrawal
248 or revision of proposal must be completed before the time set for the receiving of
249 bids.

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251 **102.11 Public Opening of Proposals.** Not applicable.

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253 **102.12 Disqualification of Bidders.** The Department may disqualify a bidder
254 and reject its proposal for the following reasons:

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256 (1) Submittal of more than one proposal whether under the same or
257 different name.

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259 (2) Evidence of collusion among bidders. The Department will not
260 recognize participants in collusion as bidders for any future work of the
261 Department until such participants are reinstated as qualified bidders.

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263 (3) Lack of proposal guaranty.

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265 (4) Submittal of an unsigned or improperly signed proposal.

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267 (5) Submittal of a proposal without a listing of subcontractors or
268 containing only a partial or incomplete listing of subcontractors.

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270 (6) Submittal of an irregular proposal in accordance with Subsection
271 102.07 - Irregular Proposals.

(7) 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 HRS Chapter 84-15.

(8) Suspended or debarred in accordance with HRS Chapter 104-25.

(9) Failure to complete the prequalification questionnaire, if applicable.

(10) Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting, if applicable.

102.13 Material Guaranty. The successful bidder may be required to furnish a statement of the composition, origin, manufacture of materials, and samples.

102.14 Substitution of Materials and Equipment Before Bid Opening. See Subsection 106.13 for Substitution Of Materials and Equipment After Bid Opening.

(A) General. When brand names of materials or equipment are specified in the contract documents, they are to indicate a quality, style, appearance, or performance and not to limit competition. The bidder shall base its bid on one of the specified brand names unless alternate brands are qualified as equal or better in an addendum. Qualification of such proposed alternate brands shall be submitted via email to the Contact person listed in HlePRO for the solicitation and also post a question in HlePRO under the question/answer tab referencing the email with the request. The request must be posted in HlePRO no later than 14 calendar days before the bid opening date.

An addendum will be issued to inform all prospective bidders of any accepted substitution in accordance with Subsection 102.17 – Addenda.

(B) Statement of Variances. The statement of variances must list all features of the proposed substitution that differ from the contract documents and must further certify that the substitution has no other variant features. The brochure and information submitted shall be clearly marked showing make, model, size, options, and any other features requested by the Engineer and must include sufficient evidence to evaluate each feature listed as a variance. A request will be denied if submitted without sufficient evidence. If after installing the substituted product, an unlisted variance is discovered, the Contractor shall immediately replace the product with a specified product at no increase in contract price and contract time.

(C) Substitution Denial. Any substitution request not complying with the above requirements will be denied.

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320 **102.15 Preferences.** Preferences shall not apply to this project.
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322 **102.16 Certification for Safety and Health Program for Bids in excess of**
323 **\$100,000.** In accordance with HRS Chapter 396-18, the bidder or offeror, by
324 signing and submitting this proposal, certifies that a written safety and health plan
325 for this project will be available and implemented by the notice to proceed date
326 for this project. Details of the requirements of this plan may be obtained from the
327 State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and
328 Health Division (HIOSH).
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330 **102.17 Addenda.** Addenda issued shall become part of the contract
331 documents. Addenda to the bid documents will be provided to all prospective
332 bidders via HlePRO. Each addendum shall be an addition to the contract
333 documents. The terms and requirements of the bid documents (i.e., drawings,
334 specifications and other bid and contract documents) cannot be changed prior to
335 the bid opening except by a duly issued addendum.”
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338 **END OF SECTION 102**