- 1 Make this section a part of the Standard Specifications:
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"SECTION 103 - AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

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6 **103.01 Consideration of Proposals.** The Department will compare the 7 proposals in terms of the summation of the products of the approximate quantities 8 and the unit bid prices after the submittal date and time established in HIePRO. If 9 a discrepancy occurs between the unit bid price and the bid price, the unit bid price 10 shall govern.

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12 The Department reserves the right to reject proposals, waive technicalities 13 or advertise for new proposals, if the rejection, waiver, or new advertisement favors 14 the Department.

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103.02 Award of Contract. The award of contract, if it be awarded, will be made within 60 calendar days after the opening of bids, to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets all the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids. (Through HIePRO). The successful bidder will be notified by letter mailed to the address shown in its proposal, that its proposal has been accepted, and that it has been awarded the contract.

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(1) Requirement for Award. To be eligible for award, the apparent low bidder will be contacted to submit copies of the documents listed below to demonstrate compliance with HRS Section 103D-310(c). The documents shall be submitted to the Department within 14 days after bid opening unless otherwise specified in the invitation for bids or an extension is granted in writing by the Department. If a valid certificate/clearance is not submitted on a timely basis for award of a contract, a bidder otherwise responsive and responsible may not receive the award. See also Subsection 108.03 – Preconstruction Data Submittal.

The Department may request the bidders to allow the Department to consider the bids for the issuance of an award beyond the 60 calendar day period. Agreement to such an extension must be made by a bidder in writing. Only bidders who have agreed to such an extension will be eligible for the award.

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Tax Clearance. Pursuant to HRS Sections 103D-310(c), 103-53 41 (A) and 103D-328, the successful bidder shall be required to submit a certified 42 copy of its tax clearance issued by the Hawaii State Department of Taxation 43 (DOTAX) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to demonstrate its 44 compliance with HRS Chapter 237. A tax clearance is valid for six (6) 45 months from the most recent approval stamp date on the tax clearance and 46 must be valid on the bid's first legal advertisement date or any date 47 thereafter up to the bid opening date. 48 49 FORM A6, TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE, is available at 50 51 the following website: 52 53 https://tax.hawaii.gov/ 54 To receive DOTAX Forms by fax or mail, phone 55 (808) 587-7572 or 1-800-222-7572. 56 57 The application for the Tax Clearance Certificate is the responsibility 58 of the bidder and must be submitted directly to the DOTAX or IRS. The 59 60 approved certificate may then be submitted to the Department. 61 DLIR Certificate of Compliance. Pursuant to HRS Section 103D-62 **(B)** 310(c), the successful bidder shall be required to submit a copy (faxed 63 copies are acceptable) of its approved certificate of compliance issued by 64 the Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to 65 demonstrate its compliance with unemployment insurance (HRS Chapter 66 383), workers' compensation (HRS Chapter 386), temporary disability 67 insurance (HRS Chapter 392), and prepaid health care (HRS Chapter 393). 68 The certificate is valid for six (6) months from the most recent approval 69 stamp date on the certificate and must be valid on the bid's first legal 70 advertisement date or any date thereafter up to the bid opening date. For 71 certificates which receive a "pending" approval stamp, a DLIR approval 72 73 stamp is required prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. 74 75 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF FORM LIR#27, COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3-122-112. HAR, is available at the 76 77 following website: 78 79 http://labor.hawaii.gov/ 80 81 More information is available by calling the DLIR Unemployment Insurance 82 Division at (808) 586-8926. 83 Inquiries regarding the status of a LIR#27 Form may be made by 84 85 calling the DLIR Disability Compensation Division at (808) 586-9200. 86

- The application for the Certificate of Compliance is the responsibility 87 of the bidder and must be submitted directly to the DLIR. The approved 88 certificate may then be submitted to the Department. 89
- (C) DCCA Certificate of Good Standing. Pursuant to HRS Section 103D-310(c), the successful bidder shall be required to submit a copy 92 (faxed copies are acceptable) of its approved Certificate of Good Standing 93 issued by the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs 94 (DCCA). Business Registration Division (BREG) to demonstrate that it is 95 either: 96
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> (1) Incorporated or organized under the laws of the State; or

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103 The Certificate of Good Standing is valid for six (6) months from the approval date on the certificate and must be valid on the bid's first legal 104 advertisement date or any date thereafter up to the bid opening date. A 105 106 Hawaii business that is a sole proprietorship, however, is not required to register with the BREG, and therefore not required to submit a Certificate of 107 Good Standing. Bidders are advised that there are costs associated with 108 registering and obtaining a Certificate of Good Standing from the DCCA. 109

- To purchase a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING, go to On-Line Services at the following website:
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http://cca.hawaii.gov/

The application for the Certificate of Good Standing is the responsibility of the bidder and must be submitted directly to the DCCA. The approved certificate may then be submitted to the Department.

Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE). In lieu of the certificates (D) referenced above, the bidder may make available proof of compliance through the Hawaii Compliance Express or any other designated Bidders may apply and register at the "Hawaii certification process. Compliance Express" website:

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https://vendors.ehawaii.gov/hce/

128 103.03 **Cancellation of Award.** The Department reserves the right to cancel 129 the award of contracts before the execution of said contract by the parties. There will be no liability to the awardee and to other bidders. 130

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103.04 **Return of Proposal Guaranty.** The Department will return the proposal 132 133 guaranties, except those of the three lowest bidders, after the Department checks the proposals. The Department will return the proposal guaranties of the remaining 134 135 two lowest bidders, not awarded the contract, within five working days following the execution of the contract. The Department will return the successful bidder's 136 proposal guaranty after the successful bidder furnishes a bond and executes the 137 contract. 138

- 103.05 Requirement of Contract Bond. At the time of execution of the 140 contract, the successful bidder shall file a good and sufficient performance bond 141 and a payment bond on the forms furnished by the Department conditioned for 142 the full and faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the terms and 143 intent thereof and for the prompt payment to all others for all labor and material 144 furnished by them to the bidder and used in the prosecution of the work provided 145 for in the contract. The bonds shall be of an amount equal to 100 percent of the 146 147 amount of the contract price and include 5 percent of the contract amount 148 estimated to be required for extra work. The bidder shall limit the acceptable performance and payment bonds to the following: 149
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- (a) Legal tender;
- Surety bond underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in (b) the State of Hawaii; or
- 155 A certificate of deposit; share certificate; cashier's check; treasurer's 156 (C) check, teller's check drawn by or a certified check accepted by and payable 157 on demand to the State by a bank savings institution or credit union insured 158 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the National Credit 159 Union Administration (NCUA). 160
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 - 1. The bidder may use these instruments only to a maximum of \$100,000.
- 2. If the required security or bond amount totals over \$100,000 more than one instrument not exceeding \$100,000 each and issued 166 by different financial institutions shall be acceptable.
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Such bonds shall also by the terms inure to the benefit of any and all 169 170 persons entitled to file claims for labor done or material furnished in the work so as to give them a right of action as contemplated by HRS Section 103D-324. 171

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173 103.06 **Execution of the Contract.** The contract bond and HRS Chapter 104 174 - Compliance Certificate, similar to a copy of the same annexed hereto, shall be executed by the successful bidder and returned within ten days after the award of 175 the contract or within such further time as the Director may allow after the bidder 176 has received the contract for execution. 177

The contract shall not bind the Department unless said parties execute the contract and the Director of Finance endorses the bidder's certificate in accordance with HRS Section 103-39.

103.07 Failure to Execute Contract. Failure to execute the contract and file acceptable bonds shall be cause for the cancellation of the award in accordance with Subsection 103.06 - Execution of the Contract. Also, the Contractor forfeits the proposal guaranty which becomes the property of the Department. This is not a penalty, but liquidated damages sustained by the State. The Department may then make award to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder or the Department may readvertise and construct the work under contract."

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