

SECTION 3 - AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

3.1 AWARD OF CONTRACT - The State reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the public.

The award of contract, if it be awarded, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days after the opening of bids to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose proposal complies with all the prescribed requirements. The successful bidder will be notified, by letter mailed to the address shown in its proposal, that its proposal has been accepted and it has been awarded the contract.

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 Section 103D-310(c), HRS. The documents should be submitted to the Department as soon as possible. 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.

A. Tax Clearance.

Pursuant to §103D-310(c), 103-53 and 103D-328, HRS, the successful bidder shall be required to submit a certified copy of its tax clearance issued by the Hawaii State Department of Taxation (DOTAX) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to demonstrate its compliance with Chapter 237, HRS. A tax clearance is valid for six (6) months from the most recent approval stamp date on the tax clearance and must be valid on the bid's first legal advertisement date or any date thereafter up to the bid opening date.

FORM A6, TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE, is available at the following website:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/tax/>

To receive DOTAX Forms by fax or mail, phone (808)587-7572 or 1-800-222-7572.

The application for the Tax Clearance Certificate is the responsibility of the bidder, and must be submitted directly to the DOTAX or IRS. The approved certificate may then be submitted to the Department.

B. DLIR Certificate of Compliance.

Pursuant to §103D-310(c), HRS, the successful bidder shall be required to submit a copy (faxed copies are acceptable) of its approved Certificate of Compliance issued by the Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to demonstrate its compliance with unemployment insurance (Chapter 383, HRS), workers' compensation (Chapter 386, HRS), temporary disability insurance (Chapter 392, HRS), and prepaid health care (Chapter 393, HRS). The certificate is valid for six (6) months from the most recent approval stamp date on the certificate and must be valid on the bid's first legal advertisement date or any date thereafter up to the bid opening date. For certificates which receive a "pending" approval stamp, a DLIR approval stamp is required prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

FORM LIR#27, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3-122-112, HAR, is available at the following website:

www.hawaii.gov/labor

More information is available by calling the DLIR Unemployment Insurance Division at (808) 586-8926.

Inquiries regarding the status of a LIR#27 Form may be made by calling the DLIR Disability Compensation Division at (808)586-9200.

The application for the Certificate of Compliance is the responsibility of the bidder, and must be submitted directly to the DLIR. The approved certificate may then be submitted to the Department.

C. DCCA Certificate of Good Standing.

Pursuant to §103D-310(c), HRS, the successful bidder shall be required to submit a copy (faxed copies are acceptable) of its approved Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Business Registration Division (BREG) to demonstrate that it is either:

- (1) incorporated or organized under the laws of the State; or
- (2) registered to do business in the State as

a separate branch or division that is capable of fully performing under the contract.

A 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 advertisement date or any date thereafter up to the bid opening date. A Hawaii business that is a sole proprietorship, is not required to register with the BREG, and therefore not required to submit a Certificate of Good Standing. Bidders are advised that there are costs associated with registering and obtaining a Certificate of Good Standing from the DCCA.

To purchase a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING, go to On-Line Services at the following website:

www.hawaii.gov/dcca/

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.

3.2 CANCELLATION OF AWARD - The State reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract any time before the execution of said contract by all parties without any liability to the successful bidder or any other bidder.

3.3 RETURN OF PROPOSAL GUARANTY - All proposal guaranties, except those of the lowest two (2) bidders, will be returned immediately following the opening and checking of the proposals. The retained proposal guaranty of the second lowest bidder, if not a bid bond, will be returned within ten (10) calendar days following execution of contract by the successful bidder. The successful bidder's proposal guaranty, if not a bid bond, will be returned after a satisfactory contract bond has been furnished and the contract has been executed.

3.4 REQUIREMENT OF CONTRACT BOND - Only when required by the proposal, the successful bidder at the time of the execution of the contract shall file good and sufficient performance and payment bonds on the forms furnished by the Department, or a facsimile thereof, conditioned for the full and faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the terms and intent thereof and also for the prompt payment to all others for all labor and materials furnished by them to it and use in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract, in the manner, form and amount required by Section 3-122-

224(b)(2), H.A.R., which bonds shall be in an amount equal to fifty per cent (50%) of the contract price, including amounts estimated to be required for extra work, or in the case of price-term, open-end, or requirements contract under which the total amount to be paid to the Contractor cannot be accurately estimated at the time the contract is to be awarded, the bond amounts shall be as designated in the bid documents. Such bonds shall also by their terms inure to the benefit of any and all persons entitled to file claims for labor performed or materials furnished in the work so as to give them a right of action as contemplated by Section 103D-324, H.R.S.

The bidder shall limit the acceptable performance and payment bonds to the following:

- (a) Legal tender; or
- (b) Surety bond underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in the State of Hawaii; or
- (c) A certificate of deposit; share certificate,; cashier's check; treasurer's check; teller's 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).

1. The bidder may use these instruments only to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

2. If the required security or bond amount totals over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) more than one instrument not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each and issued by different financial institutions shall be acceptable.

3.5 EXECUTION OF CONTRACT - The contract and the "Certificate for Performance of Services", similar to a copy of the same annexed hereto, shall be executed by the successful bidder and returned, together with the contract bonds, when required, within ten (10) days after the award of the contract or within such further time as the Director may allow after the bidder has received the contract for execution.

Pursuant to Section 103D-309, H.R.S., the contract shall not bind the State in any way unless said contract has been fully and properly executed by all the parties thereto and the Comptroller has endorsed thereon a certificate that there

is available an unexpended appropriation over and above all outstanding contracts, sufficient to cover the amount required by the contract.

3.6 FAILURE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT - Failure to execute the contract, Certificate for Performance of Services and file acceptable bonds, when required, within ten (10) days after the award of the contract, or within such further time as the Director may allow, shall be cause for the cancellation of the award and the forfeiture of the proposal guaranty. Award of the contract may then be made to the next lowest responsible bidder.