

THE JUDICIARY  
STATE OF HAWAII

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NO. J24043

(RFP-J24043-CC1)

TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT  
SERVICES FOR JUVENILE CLIENT AND  
FAMILY SERVICES,  
FIRST CIRCUIT,  
THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the Applicant to obtain all solicitation documents from the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HIePRO). The Judiciary shall not be responsible for any missing addenda, clarifications, attachments or other information regarding this solicitation if a proposal is submitted from an incomplete solicitation document.

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

**NOTICE TO PROVIDERS THROUGH THE  
STATE OF HAWAII ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (HiePRO)**

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TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE CLIENT AND  
FAMILY SERVICES, FIRST CIRCUIT, THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII**

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, is requesting competitive sealed proposals from qualified applicants to provide **Mental Health Assessment Services for Juvenile Client and Family Services, First Circuit, The Judiciary, State of Hawaii** for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, subject to availability of funds. The proposal application and contract award procedures are in accordance with Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Multiple contracts may be awarded under this Request for Proposals (RFP).

Proposals will be received electronically only THROUGH THE STATE OF HAWAII ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (Hie PRO) at <https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov/welcome.html> no later than the date and time indicated in Hie PRO.

Proposals received after the date and time specified in Hie PRO or at a location other than the Hie PRO website indicated above will not be considered.

The First Circuit Court will be conducting an orientation meeting on February 28, 2023, 9:00AM via WebEx.

WebEx Meeting link:

<https://judhi.webex.com/judhi/j.php?MTID=mcde70c65acdec506aa975326e8779496>

Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726 United States Toll Free

Meeting number (access code): 2492 431 3071

Meeting password: 5805

All prospective applicants are encouraged to attend the orientation and have their RFP packets with them.

Questions shall be submitted in HiePRO by the day and time specified in HiePRO.



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Terri Gearon  
Financial Services Director

# SECTION ONE

## ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

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## SECTION ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

Applicants are encouraged to read each section of this RFP thoroughly. While sections such as the administrative overview may appear similar among RFPs, state purchasing agencies may add additional information as applicable. It is the responsibility of the applicant to understand the requirements of this RFP.

### 1.1 Procurement Timetable

**Note that the procurement timetable represents the Judiciary’s best estimated schedule. If an activity on this schedule is delayed, the rest of the schedule will likely be shifted by the same number of days. Contract start dates may be subject to the issuance of a notice to proceed.**

Activity	Scheduled Date
A. Public Notice Announcing RFP	February 14, 2023
B. Distribution of RFP	February 14, 2023 – March 15, 2023
C. RFP Orientation Session(s)	February 28, 2023
D. Deadline for Submission of Applicants’ Written Questions in HiePRO for Written Responses	12:00 p.m. March 1, 2023
E. Judiciary’s Response in HiePRO to Applicants’ Written Questions	4:30 p.m. March 10, 2023
F. Discussions with Applicants Prior to Submittal Deadline (optional).	February 14, 2023 – March 15, 2023
<b>G. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE IN HiePRO</b>	<b>2:00 pm March 15, 2023</b>
H. Discussions with Applicants After Submittal Deadline (optional)	March 2023
I. Final Revised Proposals (optional)	March 2023
J. Proposal Evaluation Period	March 2023 – April 2023
K. Provider Selection and Award	April 2023
L. Notice of Statement of Findings and Decisions	April 2023
M. Contract Development	April– May 2023
N. Contract Start Date (tentative)	July 1, 2023

## 1.2 Website Reference

The Judiciary Website is <http://www2.hawaii.gov/jud> under “Doing Business with the Judiciary/Solicitations”.

Item	Website
1 Procurement of Health and Human Services	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/methods-of-procurement/health-human-services/competitive-purchase-of-services-procurement-method/cost-principles-table-hrs-chapter-103f-2/">http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/methods-of-procurement/health-human-services/competitive-purchase-of-services-procurement-method/cost-principles-table-hrs-chapter-103f-2/</a>
2 RFP website	<a href="http://hawaii.gov/spo2/health/rfp103f/">http://hawaii.gov/spo2/health/rfp103f/</a>
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) for Purchases of Health and Human Services	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov">http://spo.hawaii.gov</a> Click on the “References” tab.
4 General Conditions, AG-103F13	<a href="http://hawaii.gov/forms/internal/department-of-the-attorney-general/ag-103f13-1/view">http://hawaii.gov/forms/internal/department-of-the-attorney-general/ag-103f13-1/view</a>
5 Forms	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov">http://spo.hawaii.gov</a> Click on the “Forms” tab.
6 Cost Principles	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov">http://spo.hawaii.gov</a> Search: Keywords “Cost Principles”
7 Protest Forms/Procedures	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/protests-for-health-and-human-services/">http://spo.hawaii.gov/for-vendors/vendor-guide/protests-for-health-and-human-services/</a>
8 Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE)	<a href="http://spo.hawaii.gov/hce/">http://spo.hawaii.gov/hce/</a>
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes	<a href="http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent">http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent</a>
10 Department of Taxation	<a href="http://tax.hawaii.gov">http://tax.hawaii.gov</a>
11 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations	<a href="http://labor.hawaii.gov">http://labor.hawaii.gov</a>
12 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration	<a href="http://cca.hawaii.gov">http://cca.hawaii.gov</a> click “Business Registration”
13 Campaign Spending Commission	<a href="http://ags.hawaii.gov/campaign/">http://ags.hawaii.gov/campaign/</a>
14 Internal Revenue Service	<a href="http://www.irs.gov/">http://www.irs.gov/</a>
<b>(Please note: website addresses may change from time to time. If a State link is not active, try the State of Hawaii website at <a href="http://hawaii.gov">http://hawaii.gov</a>)</b>	

## 1.3 Authority

This RFP is issued under the provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 103F and its

administrative rules. All prospective applicants are charged with presumptive knowledge of all requirements of the cited authorities. Submission of a valid executed proposal by any prospective applicant shall constitute admission of such knowledge on the part of the prospective applicant.

#### 1.4 RFP Organization

This RFP is organized into five sections:

**SECTION ONE: Administrative Overview**--Provides applicants with an overview of the procurement process.

**SECTION TWO: Service Specifications**--Provides applicants with a general description of the tasks to be performed, delineates applicant responsibilities, and defines deliverables (as applicable).

**SECTION THREE: Proposal Application**--Describes the required format and content for the proposal application.

**SECTION FOUR: Proposal Evaluation**--Describes how proposals will be evaluated by the Judiciary.

**SECTION FIVE: Attachments** --Provides applicants with information and forms necessary to complete the application.

#### 1.5 Contracting Office

The Contracting Office is responsible for receiving and for the execution of the contract(s) resulting from this RFP. The Contracting Office is:

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii  
Financial Services Division  
Contracts and Purchasing Office  
1111 Alakea Street, 6th Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813-2807  
Phone: (808)538-5805

Email: [Noreen.K.Miyasato@courts.hawaii.gov](mailto:Noreen.K.Miyasato@courts.hawaii.gov)

#### 1.6 Orientation

Orientation meeting for applicants will be held on the date and at the location and time indicated in the "NOTICE TO PROVIDERS THROUGH THE STATE OF HAWAII ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (HiePRO)" of this RFP.

**Applicants attending the orientation should have their RFP packets with them.** Applicants are encouraged to submit written questions prior to the orientation to HiePRO.

Impromptu questions will be permitted and spontaneous answers provided at the orientation at the Judiciary's discretion. Verbal answers provided at the orientation are only intended as general direction and may not represent the Judiciary's position. Formal official responses will be provided in writing.

To ensure a written response from the Judiciary, questions should be submitted in writing following the close of the orientation, but no later than the date indicated in HIePRO, in order to generate a written Judiciary response. All questions shall be submitted through HIePRO.

## 1.7 Submission of Questions

Applicants shall submit all questions through HIePRO by the due date and time indicated in HIePRO.

## 1.8 Submission of Proposals

### 1.8.1 Forms/Formats

Forms, with the exception of program specific requirements, may be found on the State Procurement Office website at: [www.spo.hawaii.gov](http://www.spo.hawaii.gov), click *Procurement of Health and Human Services* and *For Private Providers*. Please refer to the Proposal Application Checklist (SECTION FIVE, ATTACHMENT A) for the location of program for information on: 1) where to obtain the forms/instructions; 2) additional program specific requirements; and 3) the order in which all components of the application should be assembled and submitted to the Judiciary. Proposals must contain the following components:

- (1) **Proposal Application Identification Form** - Provides applicant proposal identification. Although a hard copy of the Judiciary Proposal Application Identification Form is included in Attachment B of this RFP, applicants may use the form available (and writeable) on the SPO website.
- (2) **Proposal Application Check List** – Provides applicants with information on where to obtain the required forms; information on program specific requirements; which forms are required and the order in which all components should be assembled and submitted to the Judiciary.
- (3) **Table of Contents** - A sample table of contents for proposals is located in SECTION FIVE: ATTACHMENT B. This is sample and meant as a guide. The table of contents may vary depending on the RFP.
- (4) **Proposal Application (Form SPO-H-200A)** - A sample application showing the format of the application headings is located in SECTION FIVE, ATTACHMENT B. Applicant shall submit comprehensive narratives that addresses all of the issues contained in the Proposal Application Instructions, including a cost proposal/budget if required. (Refer to Section 3 of this RFP)

**1.8.2 Program Specific Requirements** - Additional program specific requirements are included in SECTION TWO, Service Specifications, and/or SECTION THREE, Proposal Application, as applicable. If Federal and/or State certifications are required, they are listed on the Proposal Application Checklist located in Section 5.

**1.8.3 Multiple or alternate proposals** - Multiple or alternate proposals shall **not** be accepted unless specifically provided for in SECTION TWO of this RFP. In the event alternate proposals are **not** accepted and an applicant submits alternate proposals, but clearly indicates a primary

proposal, it shall be considered for an award as though it were the only proposal submitted by the applicant.

**1.8.4 Provider Compliance.** All providers shall comply with all laws governing entities doing business in the State.

- **Tax Clearance.** Pursuant to HRS §103-53, as a prerequisite to entering into contracts of \$25,000 or more, providers are required to have a tax clearance from the Hawaii State Department of Taxation (DOTAX) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for DOTAX and IRS website address.
- **Labor Law Compliance.** Pursuant to HRS §103-55, providers shall be in compliance with all applicable laws of the federal and state governments relating to workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, payment of wages, and safety. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) website address.
- **Business Registration.** Prior to contracting, owners of all forms of business doing business in the state except sole proprietorships, charitable organizations, unincorporated associations and foreign insurance companies shall be registered and in good standing with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Business Registration Division. Foreign insurance companies must register with DCCA, Insurance Division. More information is on the DCCA website. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for DCCA website address.

Providers may register with Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE) for online compliance verification from the DOTAX, IRS, DLIR, and DCCA. There is a nominal annual registration fee for the service. The HCE's online "Certificate of Vendor Compliance" provides the registered provider's current compliance status as of the issuance date, and is accepted for both contracting and final payment purposes. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference, for HCE's website address.

Providers not utilizing the HCE to demonstrate compliance shall provide paper certificates to the purchasing agency. All applications for applicable clearances are the responsibility of the providers. All certificates must be valid on the date it is received by the purchasing agency. The tax clearance certificate shall have an original green certified copy stamp and shall be valid for six months from the most recent approval stamp date on the certificate. The DLIR certificate is valid for six months from the date of issue. The DCCA certificate of good standing is valid for six months from date of issue.

**1.8.5 Wages Law Compliance** - If applicable, by submitting a proposal, the applicant certifies that the applicant is in compliance with HRS §103-55, Wages, hours, and working conditions of employees of contractors performing services. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for statutes and DLIR website address.

**1.8.6 Campaign Contributions by State and County Contractors** - HRS §11-355 prohibits campaign contributions from certain State or county government contractors during the term of the contract if the contractors are paid with funds appropriated by a legislative body. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for statutes and Campaign Spending Commission website

address.

- 1.8.7 Confidential Information** - If an applicant believes any portion of a proposal contains information that should be withheld as confidential, the applicant shall request in writing non-disclosure of designated proprietary data to be confidential and provide justification to support confidentiality. Such data shall accompany the proposal, be clearly marked, and shall be readily separable from the proposal to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential sections of the proposal.

**Note that price is not considered confidential and will not be withheld.**

- 1.8.8 Proposal Submittal** - All proposals and proposal forms shall be submitted electronically through the State of Hawaii Electronic Procurement System (HIePRO) at <https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov/welcome.html>.

## **1.9 Discussions with Applicants**

- 1.9.1 Prior to Submittal Deadline** - Discussions may be conducted with potential applicants to promote understanding of the purchasing agency's requirements.
- 1.9.2 After Proposal Submittal Deadline** - Discussions may be conducted with applicants whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for an award, but proposals may be accepted without discussions, in accordance with the administrative rules (Section 3-143-403, HAR.).

## **1.10 Opening of Proposals**

Proposals shall be received electronically through HIePRO. HIePRO shall make available to the Judiciary documents after the proposal deadline. The HIePRO system does not allow access to documents received by the Judiciary until after the proposal deadline.

Procurement files shall be open to public inspection after a contract has been awarded and executed by all parties.

## **1.11 Additional Materials and Documentation**

Upon request from the Judiciary, each applicant shall submit any additional materials and documentation reasonably required by the Judiciary in its evaluation of the proposals.

## **1.12 RFP Amendments**

The Judiciary reserves the right to amend this RFP at any time prior to the closing date for the final revised proposals.

## **1.13 Final Revised Proposals**

The applicant's final revised proposal, *as applicable* to this RFP, will be received in HIePRO by the proposal submittal deadline indicated in HIePRO. Any final revised proposal received after the date and

time specified in HiePRO or at a location other than the HiePRO website will not be considered. If a final revised proposal is not submitted, the previous submittal shall be construed as the applicant's best and final offer/proposal. *Only the section(s) of the proposal that are amended shall be submitted by the applicant, along with the Proposal Application Identification Form (SPO-H-200).* After final revised proposals are received, final evaluations will be conducted for an award.

#### **1.14 Cancellation of Request for Proposal**

The request for proposal may be canceled and any or all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, when it is determined to be in the best interests of the Judiciary.

#### **1.15 Costs for Proposal Preparation**

Any costs incurred by applicants in preparing or submitting a proposal are the applicants' sole responsibility.

#### **1.16 Provider Participation in Planning**

Provider participation in the Judiciary's efforts to plan for or to purchase health and human services prior to the Judiciary's release of a request for proposals, including the sharing of information on community needs, best practices, and providers' resources, shall not disqualify providers from submitting proposals if conducted in accordance with sections 3-142-202, 3-142-203 and 3-143-618 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules for Chapter 103F, HRS.

#### **1.17 Rejection of Proposals**

The Judiciary reserves the right to consider as acceptable only those proposals submitted in accordance with all requirements set forth in this RFP and which demonstrate an understanding of the problems involved and comply with the service specifications. Any proposal offering any other set of terms and conditions contradictory to those included in this RFP may be rejected without further notice.

A proposal may be automatically rejected for any one or more of the following reasons: (Relevant sections of the Hawaii Administrative Rules for Chapter 103F, HRS are parenthesized.)

- A. Rejection for failure to cooperate or deal in good faith. (Section 3-141-201)
- B. Rejection for inadequate accounting system. (Section 3-141-202)
- C. Late proposals. (Section 3-143-603)
- D. Inadequate response to request for proposals. (Section 3-143-609)
- E. Proposal not responsive. (Section 3-143-610(a) (1))
- F. Applicant not responsible. (Section 3-143-610(a) (2))

### 1.18 Notice of Award

A statement of findings and decision shall be provided to all applicants by mail upon completion of the evaluation of competitive purchase of service proposals.

Any agreement arising out of this solicitation is subject to the approval of the Judiciary's Staff Attorney as to form.

No work is to be undertaken by the awardee prior to the contract commencement date. The Judiciary is not liable for any costs incurred prior to the official starting date.

### 1.19 Proposals and Awards

In accordance with Act 69, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, HRS Chapter 103F has been amended by adding a new section as follows:

**(a) No contract proposals shall be accepted from any applicant who lacks any license necessary to conduct the business being sought by the request for proposals.** This section prohibits contract proposals from being accepted from any applicant, who lacks any license necessary to conduct the business being sought by the RFP. If a provider is required to be licensed, accredited, or certified to perform the services being solicited under the RFP, the proposal shall include written verification or proof from the State of Hawaii, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or from the appropriate licensing, accrediting, or certifying body, of an active license, or of current accreditation or certification. Proposals submitted by an applicant, who lacks the necessary licensure, accreditation, or certification, will be rejected and not evaluated. A provider who enters into a contract with the Judiciary shall maintain the necessary license, accreditation, or certification, in good standing for the duration of the contract period; a failure to maintain the necessary credentials may be grounds for termination of the contract by the Judiciary.

**(b) Proposals submitted under this chapter shall include all costs, fees, and taxes, and any award or contract shall be for the amount of the proposal. No award or contract shall include any other payment, rebate, or direct or indirect consideration that is not included in the proposal, such as insurance premium or general excise tax rebates to or waivers for an applicant or bidder.** The amount of a contract or award shall be negotiated by the parties based on the cost items presented in the applicant's proposal. The contract amount may not be greater than the negotiated contract cost, except as subsequently agreed to under an amendment or extension of the contract.

The contract amount may be adjusted during the term of the contract based upon availability of funds and pursuant to applicable statutes, or as provided for in this Request for Proposals:

1. The contract amount may be increased, subject to negotiation, if there is a change in the scope of service such as reinstatement of prior scheduled services, extending the hours of service, increasing the number of referrals, increasing the number of groups and individual sessions per client, expansion of services, etc., provided that the provider shall submit a revised scope of service in support of the adjustment.
2. The contract amount may be decreased, subject to negotiation, if there is a change in the scope of service such as reduction of prior scheduled services, reducing the hours of service, decreasing the number of referrals, decreasing the number of groups and individual sessions per

client, reduction of services, etc., provided that the provider shall submit a revised scope of service in support of the adjustment.

In the case of cost reimbursement contracts, the contract costs are subject to adjustment by the Judiciary, based upon availability of funds and pursuant to applicable statutes, or as agreed upon during the term of the contract. Cost adjustments shall be permitted as follows:

1. The contract amount may be increased, subject to negotiation, if there is a change in the scope of service such as reinstatement of prior scheduled services, extending the hours of service, increasing the number of referrals, increasing the number of groups and individual sessions per client, expansion of services, etc., provided that the provider shall submit a revised scope of service in support of the adjustment.
2. The contract amount may be decreased, subject to negotiation, if there is a change in the scope of service such as reduction of prior scheduled services, reducing the hours of service, decreasing the number of referrals, decreasing the number of groups and individual sessions per client, reduction of services, etc., provided that the provider shall submit a revised scope of service in support of the adjustment.

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, the applicant agrees to all of the provisions, terms, and conditions contained in the RFP.

## **1.20 Protests**

Pursuant to HRS §103F-501 and HAR Chapter 148, an applicant aggrieved by an award of a contract may file a protest. The Notice of Protest form, SPOH-801, and related forms are available on the SPO website. Refer to Section 1.2, Website Reference for website address. Only the following matters may be protested:

- (1) A state purchasing agency's failure to follow procedures established by Chapter 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) A state purchasing agency's failure to follow any rule established by Chapter 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) A state purchasing agency's failure to follow any procedure, requirement, or evaluation criterion in a request for proposals issued by the state purchasing agency.

The Notice of Protest shall be postmarked by USPS or hand delivered to 1) the head of the state purchasing agency conducting the protested procurement and 2) the procurement officer who is conducting the procurement (as indicated below) within five working days of the postmark of the Notice of Findings and Decision sent to the protestor. Delivery services other than USPS shall be considered hand deliveries and considered submitted on the date of actual receipt by the state purchasing agency.

Lori Okita  
Chief Court Administrator, First Circuit  
Ka'ahumanu Hale  
777 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5093

Questions regarding protests may be directed to the applicable procurement officer, identified as the specifications contact person for the service specifications described in SECTION TWO of this RFP.

**1.21 Availability of Funds**

The award of a contract and any allowed renewal or extension thereof is subject to allotments to be made by the Administrative Director of the Courts and subject to the availability of State and/or Federal funds.

**1.22 Monitoring and Evaluation**

The criteria by which the performance of the contract will be monitored and evaluated are:

- A. Performance/Outcome Measures
- B. Output Measures
- C. Quality of Care/Quality of Services
- D. Financial Management
- E. Administrative Requirements

**1.23 General and Special Conditions of Contract**

The general and special conditions that will be imposed contractually are attached (See SECTION FIVE, ATTACHMENT C).

**1.24 Cost Principles**

To promote uniform purchasing practices among state purchasing agencies procuring health and human services under HRS Chapter 103F, state purchasing agencies will utilize standard cost principles as outlined on the SPO website. Refer to Section 1.2 Website Reference for website address. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create an exemption from any cost principle arising under federal law.

**END OF SECTION ONE**

# SECTION TWO

## SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

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### 2.0.1 Introduction

#### A. Background

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, provides support, intervention, and/or rehabilitative services to juveniles, adults and families through its Adult Client Services (aka Adult Probation Divisions), Juvenile Client and Family Services (aka Family Courts), Children’s Justice Centers, and Drug Courts in each judicial circuit. It also provides mediation services through its Center for Alternative Resolution. In carrying out their goals for these areas, all circuits utilize community resources on a purchase Health and Human Services basis.

The following provides the specifications for organizations wishing to provide services to the Judiciary for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. **The initial contract term will be for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, and may be extended for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.**

#### 1. Juvenile Services

The Family Courts in Hawaii believe that there is promise in all youth and families who are involved in our system. Beginning with the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) in 2009, juvenile justice reform efforts have been underway for several years in Hawaii, using current research and information on best practices for justice involved youth and their families. Holding youth accountable for their actions is important. In doing so, we must also increase community capacity to provide youth opportunities to heal, develop pro-social skills, and build on their strengths.

Research shows the unnecessary use of detention/incarceration to be harmful to youth. Through collaborative community effort there has been a reduction in the use of detention and incarceration for non-violent youth in Hawaii, without an increase in youth crime, demonstrating that community safety has not been compromised. Efforts to create meaningful alternatives to detention are ongoing and continue to be needed.

Most youth in our juvenile justice system are non-violent offenders who are best served in the community. Recent studies have found that youth who do not pose a public safety risk have better outcomes in nonresidential programs using evidence-based practices, close to their own

neighborhoods, and integrated into generally pro-social groups (U.S Attorney General. National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence: Rethinking Our Juvenile Justice System, December 2012). By connecting justice involved youth with their communities, while holding them accountable for their behavior, we hope to divert them from deeper involvement in the justice system, and thereby promote better long-term life outcomes. Youth involved in the deeper end of the justice system tend to have poorer outcomes.

The federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) reports a meta-analysis of community-based programs found that effective programs: 1) concentrate on changing behavior and improving prosocial skills, 2) focus on problem solving with both juveniles and their families, 3) have multiple modes of intervention, and 4) are highly structured and intensive.

We know and understand that exposure to violence and trauma is pervasive in the population we serve. Compelling research conducted in the past twenty years informs us that trauma is more prevalent than previously known, and that complex and multiple exposure to traumatic events is closely linked to detrimental medical, psychological, and social outcomes. Research on brain development now reveals that the human brain is not fully developed until a person is in their mid-twenties, and that exposure to childhood traumatic violence can delay and derail brain development. Fortunately, youth are resilient and evidence based effective treatments and approaches have been developed. People heal and transformation occurs. In order for this to happen, environments conducive to healing, and people committed to being part of the healing process are needed. The courts cannot do this alone and need the support of our community.

The Judiciary is seeking qualified community providers to be part of our reform efforts, by creating places of healing for youth and families, through a continuum of care, using evidence-based practices. Consideration will be given to proposals that reflect an alignment with:

- **JDAI:** Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI): provides the framework for Hawaii's juvenile justice reform effort. JDAI is driven by a vision that seeks to change the odds for court-involved youth, and increases their chances of growing out of their delinquent behavior and leading productive lives. If juvenile justice reform can improve the life chances of court-involved youth, then we all benefit. Public safety will be improved, families will remain intact, and fewer tax payer dollars will be spent on secure confinement and corrections. For more information on JDAI go to [jdaihelpdesk.org](http://jdaihelpdesk.org)

- **Family Strengthening Youth Development:** Family involvement in juvenile justice is a central principle of Hawaii’s juvenile justice system reform. Research shows that family strengthening programs can curb crime and delinquency, and that family-focused approaches have demonstrated outcomes that are positive and enduring. The family strengthening youth development framework presents an evolution of positive youth development approaches that recognizes the importance of grounding work with youth within the context of family and community. Its basic premises include; the family plays a critical role in youth development and various community resources are needed to assist the family as it endeavors to provide supports and opportunities for its young people. Proposals need to include strategies to outreach, engage, and involve parents/caregivers.
- **Trauma Informed Care:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) defines a trauma informed organization as: A program, organization, or system that is trauma-informed realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for healing; recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in staff, clients, and others involved with the system; and responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings.
- **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA):** The PREA prohibits sexual violence and abuse in all custodial correctional facilities operated by Federal, State or local governments and their contracted providers of residential services. It also established a set of standards to prevent, reduce, and sanction sexual violence in a custodial and/or residential setting. All organizations providing residential services to court involved youth must demonstrate a commitment to be compliant with the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards. The standards are available at: <https://www.bja.gov/Programs/PREA-JuvenileFacilityStandards.pdf>
- **Motivational Interviewing (MI):** Prospective youth serving agencies should be familiar with and practice MI skills in their interaction with youth. MI is a collaborative, goal-oriented method of communication that pays attention to the language of change. It is designed to strengthen personal motivation and commitment to a specific goal by eliciting and exploring one’s reasons for change within an environment of acceptance and compassion (Miller and Rolnick, 2012). Enhancing behavioral change through MI is vital to our juvenile justice reform efforts. It is recognized as an evidence-based practice by the National Institute of Corrections and SAMHSA. MI is recognized for its ability to lessen resistance, increase offender motivation, and promote positive behavioral change.

- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning (LGBTQ) Support:** Providers must demonstrate an understanding of the factors contributing to the disproportionate numbers of LGBTQ youth in the system and adopt policies to improve the quality of care provided to these youth. Like all young people, they have the right to be safe and protected. Environments of care must be safe, accepting, and affirming for all youth
- **Cultural and Linguistic Competency:** The extent to which services and treatments are culturally sensitive may determine a youth and family's acceptance or rejection of those services. Culturally sensitive services need to be individually tailored with voice and input from the youth and family. Service providers must be conscious of the dynamics involved when cultures interact and must have strategies to effectively communicate with a diverse client population.
- **Gender Responsive Services:** Prospective providers should demonstrate an understanding of gender responsive principles as it applies to youth they propose to serve. In Hawaii and nationally, there is a growing number of justice involved girls. Proposals should include a description of gender responsive considerations for services that will be provided.

**Commitment to Professional Development:** Prospective providers shall support and demonstrate an understanding of our juvenile justice reform efforts as it relates to the youth we service. Providers shall commit to ensure their staff are provided the necessary training needed to effectively work with our juvenile justice population.

## **B. Purpose or Need**

The Judiciary purchases services in compliance with statutory mandates and orders from the courts. The greater public purpose in obtaining the services is to: enhance public and victim safety; provide rehabilitative or intervention services to offenders; promote the welfare of families and children by protecting them from physical and psychological harm; and maintain a judicial process that helps to reduce the courts' workload while promoting fairness and prompt action.

Planning activities related to this RFP involved the issuance of Requests for Information (RFI). Tentative specifications and funding allocations were included with the RFIs, and comments and inputs on aspects of the specifications, such as objectives, target group(s), services and costs, were welcomed. The views of service recipients and community organizations were considered on conditions affecting the achievement of mandated goals.

**2.16 SVC SPEC TITLE: Juvenile Client and Family Services  
MHA - Mental Health Assessment Services**

**2.16.1 Introduction**

**A. & B. - (SEE SECTION 2.0.1)**

**C. Description of the goals of the service**

Adolescents in the juvenile justice system exhibit high rates of mental health problems. Co-occurring disorders, histories of trauma and abuse, depression, self-mutilation, suicide attempts, substance abuse, and family conflicts are particular problems. Professional mental health assessment services are needed for adolescents who are involved in the juvenile justice system, and are not otherwise eligible for mental health assessment services from another state agency or private insurance plan. The goal is that by effectively identifying and addressing the mental health treatment needs of adolescents in the juvenile justice system, it will lead to better outcomes that include positive coping strategies, improved behavioral and life circumstances, and reducing the likelihood of recidivism.

**D. Description of the target population to be served**

Adolescents between the ages of 12-17 years who are adjudicated or non-adjudicated for law violations and/or status offenses.

**E. Geographic coverage of service**

Service areas include the following:  
First Circuit- Island of Oahu

The applicant shall demonstrate actual capacity to provide the required services in the service area for which it is applying.

**F. Probable funding amounts, source, and period of availability**

Probable funding amounts:

<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
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Funding amounts are not being stated at this time. Applicants should propose funding amounts in their proposals based on their best estimate of the cost of providing the services described in this specification.

Funding source: State general funds, federal and special funds should they become available.

Period of availability: The Judiciary intends to award a multi-term contract. The aggregate term of the contract will not exceed four (4) years, e.g., July 1, 2023 to

June 30, 2027 subject to the appropriation and availability of funds and satisfactory contract performance. All State funds are contingent on appropriations. Funds are available for only the initial term of the contract which is for two (2) years.

## **2.16.2 General Requirements**

### **A. Specific qualifications or requirements, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation.**

1. The applicant shall have licenses and certificates, as applicable in accordance with federal, state, and county regulations, and comply with all applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules. Applicant shall meet clinical standards as defined in the most current Child and Adolescent Mental Health Performance Standards (CAMHPS), including all relevant licensing requirements.
2. The applicant must have demonstrated competence or qualifications to perform the required services, and shall have experience providing adolescent mental health assessments, and working with youth and families in the juvenile justice system.
3. The applicant must have an accounting system, with acceptable accounting practices and standards.
4. The proposed service must meet all required state licensing or certification standards, provide assurances of fair hearing and grievance procedures for clientele, civil rights compliance, information safeguarding practices (i.e. 42 C.F.R Part 2, Section 325-101 HRS, Section 334-5 HRS, HIPAA, and FERPA), and provide proof of insurance coverage as applicable.
5. The applicant shall submit in a timely manner upon request by the Judiciary, any additional information needed by the Judiciary to make a decision on the applicant's proposal. The Judiciary may request an oral discussion or presentation in support of the proposal. On-site visits may be made.
6. The applicant shall comply with the Chapter 103F, HRS Cost Principles for Purchases of Health and Human Services identified in SPO-H-201 (Effective 10/01/98), which can be found on the SPO website (See Section 5, POS Application Checklist, for the website address).

### **B. Secondary purchaser participation** (Refer to Section 3-1143-608,HAR)

After-the-fact secondary purchases will not be allowed.

### **C. Multiple or alternate proposals** (Refer to Section 3-143-605,HAR)

Allowed       Unallowed

**D. Single or multiple contracts to be awarded**

(Refer to Section 3-143-206,HAR)

Single       Multiple       Single and Multiple

Multiple contracts may be awarded if such awards are deemed to be in the best interest of the Judiciary and will be based on the highest ranked proposals.

**E. Single or multi-term contracts to be awarded**

(Refer to Section=149-302,HAR)

Single term (< 2 yrs)       Multi-term (>2 yrs)

A multi-term contract will be awarded based on a determination that it is in the best interest of the Judiciary. The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years. Funds are available for only the initial term of the contract. The contract may be extended for another two (2) years, subject to appropriation and availability of funds and satisfactory performance of services by provider. Execution of a contract amendment is required to extend the contract for another term. The aggregate term of the contract shall not exceed four (4) years, e.g. July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. If it is determined that it is not in the best interest of the Judiciary to award a multi-term contract, a single term contract will be awarded.

**F. RFP contact persons**

The individuals listed below are the points of contract from the date of release of this RFP until the selection of the winning provider. Written questions should be submitted through the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HIePRO) by the day and time specified in HIePRO and Section 1.1 (Procurement Timetable) of this RFP.

Buyer Information:

Judiciary Contracts and Purchasing Office  
Noreen Miyasato at (808) 538-5805  
Email: [Noreen.K.Miyasato@courts.hawaii.gov](mailto:Noreen.K.Miyasato@courts.hawaii.gov)

Specifications Contact Information:

Program Specialist, First Circuit  
Louise Crum at (808) 954-8226  
Email: [Louise.K.Crum@courts.hawaii.gov](mailto:Louise.K.Crum@courts.hawaii.gov)

### **2.16.3 Scope of Work**

The scope of work encompasses the following tasks and responsibilities:

#### **A. Service Activities (Minimum and/or mandatory tasks and responsibilities)**

Applicants shall provide mental health assessment to juveniles who are referred by the Juvenile Client Services Branch (JCSB), of the First Circuit, Family Court. The assessment will be used to accurately identify adolescent behavioral health issues; evaluate existence or severity of a mental health or substance use disorder (SUD); and to guide case planning, court interventions, and service needs based on the recommendations.

Assessments shall include components that thoroughly assess biopsychosocial and family function and identify risk and protective factors. Assessments will take into consideration adolescent's history of trauma; substance use; bio-medical conditions and complications; emotional, behavioral or cognitive conditions and complications; and family dynamics. As part of the assessment process applicants shall identify the adolescent's caregivers and shall interview family members and other supportive individuals important to the adolescent's recovery.

Applicants shall identify assessment tools used, and provide a detailed description of what would be included in the mental health assessment. Assessment tools shall be validated, standardized, and objective instruments that summarize the level of need through an actual score or objective criteria. The report shall include diagnostic impressions and substantiate the basis for the diagnosis.

Assessments reports shall include date(s) of assessment interview and report completion. Identifying information for the adolescent and guardian. Reason for referral and name of referral source. Sources of information used to gather data for the report, such as questionnaires, interviews, observations, test results, and collateral information shall be listed in the report. If records include prior mental health assessments, the applicant will include the date of the assessment, name and/or agency of report writer, and an acknowledgment that the assessor reviewed the report. The report shall include where the adolescent currently resides.

Applicants shall be available to meet with the adolescent in the community, including the adolescent's school, or out-of-home placement site. If the juvenile is incarcerated at the time, the Applicant shall conduct the assessment at the institution (i.e. Detention Center and/or Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility).

The applicant shall provide recommendations in the report to address factors that will maximize the adolescent's strengths, decrease risk, and address any behavioral health needs. The report shall be required to be submitted to JCSB no more than ten (10) working days after completing the assessment.

## **Mental Health Assessments:**

1. A Comprehensive mental health assessment is the full scale mental health assessment.
2. A Focused mental health assessment is an updated mental health assessment expanding on a previous mental health assessment completed within one year. This type of assessment shall clarify diagnostic and treatment issues when new clinical symptoms have emerged. Includes any new challenges or recent significant events that have impacted or produced behavioral changes; current treatment services and compliance; and any changes in diagnostic impressions and/or recommendations.

## **Consultation**

Applicants shall be available to have a consultation session upon request by JCSB, via telephone and/or virtual conference with the supervising probation officer, parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and/or adolescent, to explain the results of the report, go over recommendation, and answer any questions the parties may have.

## **B. Management Requirements (Minimum and/or mandatory requirements)**

### **1. Personnel**

- a. The applicant shall possess and document knowledge, capacity, skills and experience in working with the targeted population. The applicant shall have verifiable experience of three years in providing relevant services to adolescences and families in the juvenile justice system.
- b. Applicant shall indicate any training and clinical supervision provided to personnel relevant to service delivery.
- c. The applicant shall conduct a State and Federal fingerprint- based criminal history record check for any person, including, but not limited to any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor, who performs work or services which necessitates close proximity to or unsupervised access to vulnerable clients such as children, disabled, and/or the elderly , or other program related vulnerable clients . In addition, the applicant will conduct a search of the State and National Sex Offender Registries, <http://sexoffenders.ehawaii.gov> (State Sex Offender Registry) and the [www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov) (National Sex Offender Public Registry). The minimum record check will be conducted once every four years for each person, and/or at the outset of the contract period if such checks have never been conducted. Further, the applicant will ensure the continued suitability of any officer, employee, volunteer

or subcontractor to work or provide services to vulnerable clients. Results of all criminal history record inquiries conducted shall be placed in the employee's or volunteer's personnel file and shall be available to Judiciary for review. The applicant further shall have a written plan for addressing any findings that result from a criminal history record check that may affect the treatment milieu (e.g. actively under the supervision of any criminal justice agency, convicted sex offenders). Prior to commencing any work or services on the contract, the applicant shall ensure that any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor is suitable to be performing work or services in close proximity to or with unsupervised access to children, disabled, and/or elderly clients will be of reputable and responsible character and will not pose a risk to the health, safety, security, or well-being of clients, staff and the general public.

**2. Administrative**

- a. The applicant shall establish and implement policies and procedures which clearly identify the target population for each type of service, the program content and methods of service delivery.
- a. The Judiciary reserves the right to shift resources at any time during the contract period when there is a monthly pattern of under-utilization indicating funds are better applied elsewhere. The reallocation of funds shall be determined by the Judiciary at its discretion to best meet the needs of the Judiciary.
- b.

**3. Quality assurance and evaluation specifications**

- a. The applicant shall have a quality assurance plan which identifies the mission of the organization, what services will be provided, how they are delivered, who is qualified to deliver the services, who is eligible to receive the services, and what standards are used to assess or evaluate the quality and utilization of services.
- b. Program evaluation should reflect the documentation of the achievement of the stated goals, using tools and measures consistent with the professional standards of the disciplines involved in the delivery of services.

**4. Output and performance/outcome measurements**

- a. Output: The applicant shall record unduplicated clients served. The unduplicated client count shall be recorded in the applicant's quarterly reports, culminating in a final unduplicated client count on the applicant's final report.

- b. Outcome: The applicant shall propose measurement tools by which effectiveness of the services may be determined, as well as utilize any provided by the Judiciary.
- c. The applicant shall provide performance measures to evaluate timeliness of completing the mental health assessment and providing the report.

**5. Experience**

- a. The Applicant must have demonstrated competence or qualifications to perform the required services.
- b. The Applicant must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the provision of adolescent mental health assessments.
- c. The Applicant shall have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in the provision of services to adolescents and families in the juvenile justice system. In the absence of such experience, the applicant will provide supporting evidence why the three (3) year requirement should be waived.

**6. Coordination of Service**

- a. Applicants shall describe their ability to collaborate with the referral source and the adolescent's legal guardian to coordinate assessments and obtain information.
- b. Applicants shall describe their ability to collaborate with other appropriate services, including, but not limited to, health, mental health, social, educational, and juvenile justice.

**7. Reporting requirements for program and fiscal data**

- a. The applicant shall submit written quarterly and year-end reports summarizing output and outcome data, performance accomplishments, challenges, and actual expenditures. Quarterly reports are due 30 days after the end of the quarter. Final reports are due 45 days after the end of each fiscal year and/or at the end of the contract period, as applicable.
- b. Reports shall consist of a statement by the applicant relating to the work accomplished during the reporting period and shall include statements of the nature of the work performed, identification of

persons served by the applicant during the reporting period, identification of any immediate problems encountered during the reporting period, and any recommendations deemed pertinent by the applicant, as well as a statement of what activities are proposed to be accomplished during the next reporting period. In addition to the written progress reports, the applicant, upon request shall be required to meet with representatives of the Judiciary to discuss the progress of the work required.

- c. The applicant shall, at the completion of the contract period, submit a final written report to the Judiciary. The report will include documentation of the applicant's overall effort toward meeting the program goals and objectives. Furthermore, the applicant shall furnish any additional reports or information that the Judiciary may from time to time require or request.

**8. Pricing or pricing methodology to be used**

Negotiated unit of service rate.

**9. Units of service and unite rate**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Comprehensive Assessments	Rate per Assessment
Focused Assessment	Rate per Assessment

Applicants shall indicate proposed unit rate per type of assessment. Include the average length of time per an assessment and describe what is included in the unit rate. If consultation cost are not included in the proposed unit rate, they shall be listed as a separate rate. Applicants may include a proposed unit rate for no-show appointments or cancellation notifications within 24 hours of scheduled appointments.

**10. Methods of compensation and payment**

- a. The Applicant shall be required to submit monthly invoices to ensure accurate payments for services rendered. Information to be included shall be client's name, date of assessment, services rendered and unit rate.
- b. The Applicant shall maximize reimbursements of benefits for all levels of care through Hawaii Quest and Quest Net, the client's private insurance, the Department of Human Services or any other sources of payment known to the Applicant by the client for treatment. Payments to the Applicant shall be reduces by received third party payments.

# SECTION THREE

## PROPOSAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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### **3.0 General instructions for completing applications:**

- *Proposal Applications shall be submitted to the Judiciary using the prescribed format outlined in this section.*
- *The numerical outline for the application, the titles/subtitles, and the applicant organization and RFP identification information on the top right-hand corner of each page should be retained. The instructions for each section, however, may be omitted.*
- *Page numbering of the Proposal Application should be consecutive, beginning with page one and continuing through the complete proposal.*
- *Book marking of sections (Recommended).*
- *Applicants must also include a Table of Contents with the Proposal Application. A sample format is reflected in SECTION FIVE, **Attachment B** of this RFP.*
- *A written response is required for **each** item unless indicated otherwise. Failure to answer any of the items will impact upon an applicant's score.*
- *Applicants are encouraged to take SECTION FOUR, Proposal Evaluation, into consideration when completing the proposal.*

#### **The Proposal Application comprises the following sections:**

- *Proposal Application Identification Form*
- *Table of Contents*
- *Program Overview*
- *Experience and Capability*
- *Project Organization and Staffing*
- *Service Delivery*
- *Financial*
- *Other*

### **3.1 Program Overview**

This section shall clearly and concisely summarize and highlight the contents of the proposal in such a way as to provide the Judiciary with a broad understanding of the entire proposal. Include a brief description of the applicant's organization, the goals and objectives related to the service activity, and how the proposed service is designed to meet the problem/need identified in the service specifications.

### **3.2 Experience and Capability**

#### **3.2.1 Necessary Skills and Experience**

The applicant shall demonstrate that it has the necessary skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the delivery of the proposed services.

### **3.2.2 Experience**

The applicant shall provide a listing of verifiable experience with projects or contracts for the most recent five years that are pertinent to the proposed services. Applicant shall include points of contact, addresses, email/phone numbers. The State reserves the right to contact references to verify experience.

### **3.2.2 Quality Assurance and Evaluation**

The applicant shall describe its quality assurance and evaluation plans for the proposed services, including methodology.

### **3.2.3 Coordination of Services**

The applicant shall demonstrate the capability to coordinate services with other agencies and resources in the community.

### **3.2.4 Facilities**

The applicant shall provide a description of its facilities and demonstrate its adequacy in relation to the proposed services. If facilities are not presently available, describe plans to secure facilities. Also describe how the facilities meet ADA requirements, as applicable and special equipment that may be required for the services.

## **3.3 Project Organization and Staffing**

### **3.3.1 Staffing**

#### **A. Proposed Staffing**

The applicant shall describe the proposed staffing pattern, client/staff ratio and proposed caseload capacity appropriate for the viability of the services. (Refer to the personnel requirements in the Service Specifications, as applicable.)

#### **B. Staff Qualifications**

The applicant shall provide the minimum qualifications (including experience) for staff assigned to the program. (Refer to the qualifications in the Service Specifications, as applicable)

### **3.3.2 Project Organization**

#### **A. Supervision and Training**

The applicant shall describe its ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction relative to the delivery of the proposed services.

#### **B. Organization Chart**

The applicant shall reflect the position of each staff and line of responsibility/supervision. (Include position title, name and full-time equivalency). Both the “Organization-wide” and “Program” organization charts shall be attached to the Proposal Application.

### **3.4 Service Delivery**

The Service Delivery Section shall include a detailed discussion of the applicant’s approach to applicable service activities and management requirements from the Scope of Work section within each service specification, including a work plan of all service activities and tasks to be completed, related work assignments/responsibilities and timelines/schedules.

### **3.5 Financial**

#### **3.5.1 Pricing Structure**

The applicant shall submit a cost proposal utilizing the pricing structure in SECTION TWO designated by the Judiciary purchasing agency. The cost proposal shall be attached to the Proposal Application.

**Total amount (FY24 + FY25) on form SPOH-205 shall be the amount entered into HIEPRO as the total Bid Amount. Applicants shall use the form SPOH-205 located in Section 5 – Attachments.**

##### **3.5.1.1 Pricing Structure Based on Negotiated Unit of Service Rate, if applicable**

In order to determine a price (unit rate) for a unit of service, the applicant and state purchasing agency must negotiate the total costs (including agency administration) for operating a program at a specific capacity and divide by the total number of units of service that the program can produce at that capacity. The following forms, which are available on the State Procurement Office website on the “Procurement Forms and

Instructions for State Agencies” page, shall be submitted with the Proposal Application:

*Budget - SPOH-205 (Utilize SPOH-205 located in Section 5 – Attachments)*  
*Personnel - Salaries and Wages - SPOH-206A*  
*Personnel: Payroll Taxes, Assessments, and Fringe Benefits - SPOH-206B*  
*Budget Justification, Travel - Inter-Island - SPOH-206C (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Travel - Out of State - SPOH-206D (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Contractual Services - Administrative - SPOH-206E (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Contractual Services - Subcontracts - SPOH-206F (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Program Activities - SPOH-206H (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Equipment Purchases - SPOH-206I (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Motor Vehicle - SPOH-206J (If applicable)*

### **3.5.1.2 Pricing Structure Based on Fixed Price, if applicable**

If a state purchasing agency is utilizing a fixed price pricing structure for the RFP, the applicant is requested to furnish a reasonable estimate of services it can provide for which there is sufficient operating capacity (adequate, planned and budgeted space, equipment and staff). The following forms, which are available on the State Procurement Office website on the “Procurement Forms and Instructions for State Agencies” page, shall be submitted with the Proposal Application:

*Budget - SPOH-205 (Utilize SPOH-205 located in Section 5 – Attachments)*  
*Personnel - Salaries and Wages - SPOH-206A*  
*Personnel: Payroll Taxes, Assessments, and Fringe Benefits - SPOH-206B*  
*Budget Justification, Travel - Inter-Island - SPOH-206C (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Travel - Out of State - SPOH-206D (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Contractual Services - Administrative - SPOH-206E (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Contractual Services - Subcontracts - SPOH-206F (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Program Activities - SPOH-206H (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Equipment Purchases - SPOH-206I (If applicable)*  
*Budget Justification, Motor Vehicle - SPOH-206J (If applicable)*

### **3.5.2 Other Financial Related Materials**

#### **3.5.2.1 Accounting System**

In order to determine the adequacy of the applicant’s accounting system as described under the administrative rules, the following documents are requested as part of the Proposal Application (may be attached):

The most recent financial audit.

### **3.6 Other**

#### **3.6.1 Litigation**

The applicant shall disclose any pending litigation to which they are a party, including the disclosure of any outstanding judgment. If applicable, please explain.

#### **3.6.2 Performance and Output Measurement Tables** (when required per applicable service specifications.)

#### **3.6.3 Other Program Specific Requirements** (when required per applicable service specifications.)

**END OF SECTION THREE**

# SECTION FOUR

# PROPOSAL EVALUATION

## SECTION FOUR - PROPOSAL EVALUATION

### 4.1 Introduction

The evaluation of proposals received in response to the RFP will be conducted comprehensively, fairly and impartially. Structural, quantitative scoring techniques will be utilized to maximize the objectivity of the evaluation.

### 4.2 Evaluation Process

The Family Court staff of the Judiciary will review and evaluate proposals. When an evaluation committee is utilized, the committee will be comprised of individuals with experience in, knowledge of, and program responsibility for program service and financing.

The evaluation will be conducted in three phases as follows:

- Phase 1 - Evaluation of Proposal Requirements
- Phase 2 - Evaluation of POS Proposal Application
- Phase 3 - Recommendation for Award

#### 4.2.1 Evaluation Categories and Threshold

<u>Evaluation Categories</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
<b>Administrative Requirements</b>	<b>Pass or Rejected</b>
<b><i>Proposal Application</i></b>	<b>100 Points</b>
Program Overview	0 points
Experience and Capability	20 points
Project Organization and Staffing	15 points
Service Delivery	55 points
Financial	10 points
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

## **4.3 Evaluation Criteria**

### **4.3.1 Phase 1 - Evaluation of Proposal Requirements**

#### ***4.3.1.1 Administrative Requirements***

- Application Checklist
- Certifications (as applicable)

#### ***4.3.1.2 Proposal Application Requirements***

- Proposal Application Identification Form (Form SPO-H-200)
- Table of Contents
- Program Overview
- Experience and Capability
- Project Organization and Staffing
- Service Delivery
- Financial (All required forms and documents)
- Program Specific Requirements (as applicable)

### **4.3.2 Phase 2 - Evaluation of Proposal (100 Points)**

#### ***4.3.2.1 Program Overview (0 Points)***

- The applicant has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the service activity.
- The goals and objectives are in alignment with the proposed service activity.
- The applicant has described how the proposed service is designed to meet the pertinent issues and problems related to the service activity.

#### ***4.3.2.2 Experience and Capability (20 Points)***

- The Judiciary will evaluate the applicant's experience and capability relevant to the proposal contract which shall include:
- Demonstrated skills, abilities, knowledge of, and experience relating to the delivery of the proposed services.
- Sufficiency of quality assurance and evaluation plans for the proposed services, including methodology.
- Demonstrated capability to coordinate services with other agencies and resources in the community.
- Adequacy of facilities relative to the proposed services.

#### ***4.3.2.3 Project Organization and Staffing (15 Points)***

- The Judiciary will evaluate the applicant's overall staffing approach to the service that shall include:

- That the proposed staffing pattern, client/staff ratio, and proposed caseload capacity is reasonable to insure viability of the services.
- Minimum qualifications (including experience) for staff assigned to the program.
- Demonstrated ability to supervise, train and provide administrative direction to staff relative to the delivery of the proposed services.
- Organization Chart (Approach and rationale for the structure, functions, and staffing of the proposed organization for the overall service activity and tasks).

#### ***4.3.2.4 Service Delivery (55 points)***

Evaluation criteria for this section will assess the applicant's approach to the service activities and management requirements outlined in the Proposal Application. The evaluation criteria may also include an assessment of the logic of the work plan for the major service activities and tasks to be completed, including clarity in work assignments and responsibilities, and the realism of the timeliness and schedules, as applicable.

#### ***4.3.2.5 Financial (10 Points)***

- A. Pricing structure based on negotiated unit of service:

*Competitiveness and reasonableness of unit of service, as applicable.*

OR

- B. Pricing structure based on fixed rate:

Applicant's proposal budget is reasonable, given program resources and operational capacity.

AND

- C. Adequacy of accounting system.

### **4.3.3 Phase 3 - Recommendation for Award**

Each notice of award shall contain a statement of findings and decision for the award or non-award of the contract to each applicant.

**END OF SECTION**

# SECTION FIVE

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# Attachment A

- Proposal Application Checklist

## Proposal Application Checklist

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

RFP No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant's proposal must contain the following components in the order shown below. This checklist must be signed, dated and returned to the state purchasing agency as part of the POS Proposal Application. SPOH forms are on the SPO website.

Item	Reference in RFP	Format/Instructions Provided	Required by Purchasing Agency	Completed by Applicant
<i>General:</i>				
Proposal Application Identification Form (SPO-H-200)	Section 1, RFP	SPO Website	X	
Proposals Application Checklist	Section 1, RFP	Attachment A	X	
Table of Contents	Section 5, RFP	Section 5, RFP	X	
Proposal Application (SPOH-200A)	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	X	
Provider Compliance	Section 1, RFP	SPO Website		
Cost Proposal (Budget)				
SPOH-205	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	X	
SPOH-205A	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website		
SPOH-205B	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website		
SPOH-206A	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	X	
SPOH-206B	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	X	
SPOH-206C	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
SPOH-206D	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
SPOH-206E	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
SPOH-206F	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
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SPOH-206H	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
SPOH-206I	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
SPOH-206J	Section 3, RFP	SPO Website	If applicable	
Certification:				
<i>Federal Certifications</i>				
Debarment & Suspension		Section 5, RFP		
Drug Free Workplace Requirements		Section 5, RFP		
Lobbying		Section 5, RFP		
Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act		Section 5, RFP		
Environmental Tobacco Smoke		Section 5, RFP		
Program Specific Requirements:				

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Attachment B

- Proposal Application Identification Form
- Sample Application & Table of Contents

STATE OF HAWAII  
**THE JUDICIARY**  
**PROPOSAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION FORM**  
**RESPONSE TO RFP NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**SVC SPEC.**  
**NO./CODE/DESCRIPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROGRAM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Check one:  
 INITIAL PROPOSAL APPLICATION  
 FINAL REVISED PROPOSAL (COMPLETE ITEMS \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ONLY)

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**  
  
LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
DBA: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. CONTACT PERSON FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION:**  
  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Fax# \_\_\_\_\_  
  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY**  
  
 NON PROFIT CORPORATION PROPRIETORSHIP  
 FOR PROFIT CORPORATION  
 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
  
 SOLE  
 PARTNERSHIP

**4. STATE OF INCORPORATION (if applicable)**

**5. TAX IDENTIFICATION:**  
FEDERAL TAX ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE TAX ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. GEOGRAPHIC AREA(S) APPLICANT IS TO SERVE**  
 East Hawaii'l  Kaua'i  
 West Hawaii'l  Leeward O'ahu  
 Maui  Central O'ahu  
 Moloka'i  Windward O'ahu  
 Lanai  Honolulu

**7. TARGET GROUP(S) APPLICANT IS ABLE TO SERVE**  
 Infants and toddlers: 0-3 years of age  
 Children: 3-5 years of age  
 Children: 5-10 years of age  
 Adolescents: 10-18 years of age  
 Adolescents & Adults: 18-21 years of age  
 Adults: 21-59+ years of age  
 Elders: 60+ years of age  
 Families  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. FUNDING REQUEST:**  
  
FY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature Name & Title Date

## PROPOSAL APPLICATION

### I. Program Overview

### II. Experience and Capability

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- B. Experience
- C. Quality Assurance and Evaluation
- D. Coordination of Services
- E. Facilities

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#### A. Staffing

- 1. Proposed Staffing.
- 2. Staff Qualifications

#### B. Project Organization

- 1. Supervision and Training
- 2. Organization Chart (Program & Organization-wide - attached)

### IV. Service Delivery

### V. Financial

#### A. Pricing Structure

The following budget form(s) are submitted with the Proposal Application:

- 1. SPO-H-205 Proposal Budget for FY 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027
- 2. SPO-H-206A Budget Justification - Personnel: Salaries & Wages
- 3. SPO-H-206B Budget Justification - Personnel: Payroll Taxes and Assessments, and Fringe Benefits
- 4. SPO-H-206C Budget Justification - Travel: Interisland
- 5. SPO-H-206E Budget Justification - Contractual Services - Administrative

#### B. Other Financial Related Materials

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# Attachment C

- Form SPOH-205 (Budget)

# BUDGET

(Period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_)

Applicant/Provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RFP No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contract No. (As Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Budget Request 07/01/2023- 06/30/2024 (FY24) (a)</b>	<b>Budget Request 07/01/2024- 06/30/2025 (FY25) (b)</b>	<b>(c)</b>	<b>(d)</b>
<b>A. PERSONNEL COST</b>				
1. Salaries				
2. Payroll Taxes & Assessments				
3. Fringe Benefits				
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COST</b>				
<b>B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
1. Airfare, Inter-Island				
2. Airfare, Out-of-State				
3. Audit Services				
4. Contractual Services - Administrative				
5. Contractual Services - Subcontracts				
6. Insurance				
7. Lease/Rental of Equipment				
8. Lease/Rental of Motor Vehicle				
9. Lease/Rental of Space				
10. Mileage				
11. Postage, Freight & Delivery				
12. Publication & Printing				
13. Repair & Maintenance				
14. Staff Training				
15. Substance/Per Diem				
16. Supplies				
17. Telecommunication				
18. Transportation				
19. Utilities				
20.				
21.				
22.				
23.				
<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES</b>				
<b>C. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES</b>				
<b>D. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES</b>				
<b>TOTAL (A+B+C+D)</b>				
<b>TOTAL FY24 + FY25 (a+b) ENTER AMOUNT INTO HIEPRO</b>				
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>	(a) Budget Request	Budget Prepared By:		
	(b)	Name (Please type or print) _____ Phone _____		
	(c)	Signature of Authorized Official _____ Date _____		
	(d)	Name and Title (Please type or print) _____		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	For State Agency Use Only			
	Signature of Reviewer _____ Date _____			

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## GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTS

### 1. Representations and Conditions Precedent

#### 1.1 Contract Subject to the Availability of State and Federal Funds.

1.1.1 State Funds. This Contract is, at all times, subject to the appropriation and allotment of state funds, and may be terminated without liability to either the PROVIDER or the STATE in the event that state funds are not appropriated or available.

1.1.2 Federal Funds. To the extent that this Contract is funded partly or wholly by federal funds, this Contract is subject to the availability of such federal funds. The portion of this Contract that is to be funded federally shall be deemed severable, and such federally funded portion may be terminated without liability to either the PROVIDER or the STATE in the event that federal funds are not available. In any case, this Contract shall not be construed to obligate the STATE to expend state funds to cover any shortfall created by the unavailability of anticipated federal funds.

#### 1.2 Representations of the PROVIDER. As a necessary condition to the formation of this Contract, the PROVIDER makes the representations contained in this paragraph, and the STATE relies upon such representations as a material inducement to entering into this Contract.

1.2.1 Compliance with Laws. As of the date of this Contract, the PROVIDER complies with all federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time, that in any way affect the PROVIDER's performance of this Contract.

1.2.2 Licensing and Accreditation. As of the date of this Contract, the PROVIDER holds all licenses and accreditations required under applicable federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations to provide the Required Services under this Contract.

#### 1.3 Compliance with Laws. The PROVIDER shall comply with all federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time, that in any way affect the PROVIDER's performance of this Contract, including but not limited to the laws specifically enumerated in this paragraph:

1.3.1 Smoking Policy. The PROVIDER shall implement and maintain a written smoking policy as required by Chapter 328K, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), or its successor provision.

1.3.2 Drug Free Workplace. The PROVIDER shall implement and maintain a drug free workplace as required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

- 1.3.3 Persons with Disabilities. The PROVIDER shall implement and maintain all practices, policies, and procedures required by federal, state, or county law, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq.), and the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. §701, et seq.).
- 1.3.4 Nondiscrimination. No person performing work under this Contract, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the PROVIDER, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.
- 1.4 Insurance Requirements. The PROVIDER shall obtain from a company authorized by law to issue such insurance in the State of Hawai'i commercial general liability insurance ("liability insurance") in an amount of at least TWO MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) coverage for bodily injury and property damage resulting from the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract. The PROVIDER shall maintain in effect this liability insurance until the STATE certifies that the PROVIDER's work under the Contract has been completed satisfactorily.
- The liability insurance shall be primary and shall cover the insured for all work to be performed under the Contract, including changes, and all work performed incidental thereto or directly or indirectly connected therewith.
- A certificate of the liability insurance shall be given to the STATE by the PROVIDER. The certificate shall provide that the STATE and its officers and employees are Additional Insureds. The certificate shall provide that the coverages being certified will not be cancelled or materially changed without giving the STATE at least 30 days prior written notice by registered mail.
- Should the "liability insurance" coverages be cancelled before the PROVIDER's work under the Contract is certified by the STATE to have been completed satisfactorily, the PROVIDER shall immediately procure replacement insurance that complies in all respects with the requirements of this section.
- Nothing in the insurance requirements of this Contract shall be construed as limiting the extent of PROVIDER's responsibility for payment of damages resulting from its operations under this Contract, including the PROVIDER's separate and independent duty to defend, indemnify, and hold the STATE and its officers and employees harmless pursuant to other provisions of this Contract.
- 1.5 Notice to Clients. Provided that the term of this Contract is at least one year in duration, within 180 days after the effective date of this Contract, the PROVIDER shall create written procedures for the orderly termination of services to any clients receiving the Required Services under this Contract, and for the transition to services supplied by another provider upon termination of this Contract, regardless of the circumstances of such termination. These procedures shall include, at

the minimum, timely notice to such clients of the termination of this Contract, and appropriate counseling.

- 1.6 Reporting Requirements. The PROVIDER shall submit a Final Project Report to the STATE containing the information specified in this Contract if applicable, or otherwise satisfactory to the STATE, documenting the PROVIDER’s overall efforts toward meeting the requirements of this Contract, and listing expenditures actually incurred in the performance of this Contract. The PROVIDER shall return any unexpended funds to the STATE.
- 1.7 Conflicts of Interest. In addition to the Certification provided in the Standards of Conduct Declaration to this Contract, the PROVIDER represents that neither the PROVIDER nor any employee or agent of the PROVIDER, presently has any interest, and promises that no such interest, direct or indirect, shall be acquired, that would or might conflict in any manner or degree with the PROVIDER’s performance under this Contract.

**2. Documents and Files**

- 2.1 Confidentiality of Material.
  - 2.1.1 Proprietary or Confidential Information. All material given to or made available to the PROVIDER by virtue of this Contract that is identified as proprietary or confidential information shall be safeguarded by the PROVIDER and shall not be disclosed to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the STATE.
  - 2.1.2 Uniform Information Practices Act. All information, data, or other material provided by the PROVIDER to the STATE shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act, chapter 92F, HRS, and any other applicable law concerning information practices or confidentiality.
- 2.2 Ownership Rights and Copyright. The STATE shall have complete ownership of all material, both finished and unfinished that is developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the PROVIDER pursuant to this Contract, and all such material shall be considered “works made for hire.” All such material shall be delivered to the STATE upon expiration or termination of this Contract. The STATE, in its sole discretion, shall have the exclusive right to copyright any product, concept, or material developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the PROVIDER pursuant to this Contract.
- 2.3 Records Retention. The PROVIDER and any subcontractors shall maintain the books and records that relate to the Contract, and any cost or pricing data for three (3) years from the date of final payment under the Contract. In the event that any litigation, claim, investigation, audit, or other action involving the records retained under this provision arises, then such records shall be retained for three (3) years from the date of final payment, or the date of the resolution of the action, whichever occurs later. During the period that records are retained under this section, the

PROVIDER and any subcontractors shall allow the STATE free and unrestricted access to such records.

**3. Relationship between Parties**

- 3.1 Coordination of Services by the STATE. The STATE shall coordinate the services to be provided by the PROVIDER in order to complete the performance required in the Contract. The PROVIDER shall maintain communications with the STATE at all stages of the PROVIDER’s work, and submit to the STATE for resolution any questions which may arise as to the performance of this Contract.
- 3.2 Subcontracts and Assignments. The PROVIDER may assign or subcontract any of the PROVIDER’s duties, obligations, or interests under this Contract, but only if (i) the PROVIDER obtains the prior written consent of the STATE and (ii) the PROVIDER’s assignee or subcontractor submits to the STATE a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawai‘i, and the Internal Revenue Service showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law against the PROVIDER’s assignee or subcontractor have been paid. Additionally, no assignment by the PROVIDER of the PROVIDER’s right to compensation under this Contract shall be effective unless and until the assignment is approved by the Comptroller of the State of Hawai‘i, as provided in section 40-58, HRS.
- 3.3 Change of Name. When the PROVIDER asks to change the name in which it holds this Contract, the STATE, shall, upon receipt of a document acceptable or satisfactory to the STATE indicating such change of name such as an amendment to the PROVIDER’s articles of incorporation, enter into an amendment to this Contract with the PROVIDER to effect the change of name. Such amendment to this Contract changing the PROVIDER’s name shall specifically indicate that no other terms and conditions of this Contract are thereby changed, unless the change of name amendment is incorporated with a modification or amendment to the Contract under paragraph 4.1 of these General Conditions.
- 3.4 Independent Contractor Status and Responsibilities, Including Tax Responsibilities.
  - 3.4.1 Independent Contractor. In the performance of services required under this Contract, the PROVIDER is an “independent contractor,” with the authority and responsibility to control and direct the performance and details of the work and services required under this Contract; however, the STATE shall have a general right to inspect work in progress to determine whether, in the STATE’s opinion, the services are being performed by the PROVIDER in compliance with this Contract.
  - 3.4.2 Contracts with Other Individuals and Entities. Unless otherwise provided by special condition, the STATE shall be free to contract with other individuals and entities to provide services similar to those performed by the Provider under this Contract, and the

PROVIDER shall be free to contract to provide services to other individuals or entities while under contract with the STATE.

3.4.3 PROVIDER's Employees and Agents. The PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents are not by reason of this Contract, agents or employees of the State for any purpose. The PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents shall not be entitled to claim or receive from the STATE any vacation, sick leave, retirement, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, or other benefits provided to state employees. Unless specifically authorized in writing by the STATE, the PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents are not authorized to speak on behalf and no statement or admission made by the PROVIDER or the PROVIDER's employees or agents shall be attributed to the STATE, unless specifically adopted by the STATE in writing.

3.4.4 PROVIDER's Responsibilities. The PROVIDER shall be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract.

Furthermore, the PROVIDER intentionally, voluntarily, and knowingly assumes the sole and entire liability to the PROVIDER's employees and agents, and to any individual not a party to this Contract, for all loss, damage, or injury caused by the PROVIDER, or the PROVIDER's employees or agents in the course of their employment.

The PROVIDER shall be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, state, and county taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the PROVIDER by reason of this Contract, including but not limited to (i) income taxes, (ii) employment related fees, assessments, and taxes, and (iii) general excise taxes. The PROVIDER also is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this Contract.

The PROVIDER shall obtain a general excise tax license from the Department of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, in accordance with section 237-9, HRS, and shall comply with all requirements thereof. The PROVIDER shall obtain a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, and the Internal Revenue Service showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law against the PROVIDER have been paid and submit the same to the STATE prior to commencing any performance under this Contract. The PROVIDER shall also be solely responsible for meeting all requirements necessary to obtain the tax clearance certificate required for final payment under section 103-53, HRS, and these General Conditions.

The PROVIDER is responsible for securing all employee-related insurance coverage for the PROVIDER and the PROVIDER's employees and agents that is or may be required by law, and for payment of all premiums, costs, and other liabilities associated with securing the insurance coverage.

3.5 Personnel Requirements.

3.5.1 Personnel. The PROVIDER shall secure, at the PROVIDER's own expense, all personnel required to perform this Contract, unless otherwise provided in this Contract.

3.5.2 Requirements. The PROVIDER shall ensure that the PROVIDER's employees or agents are experienced and fully qualified to engage in the activities and perform the services required under this Contract, and that all applicable licensing and operating requirements imposed or required under federal, state, or county law, and all applicable accreditation and other standards of quality generally accepted in the field of the activities of such employees and agents are complied with and satisfied.

**4. Modification and Termination of Contract**

4.1 Modification of Contract.

4.1.1 In Writing. Any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract permitted by this Contract shall be made by written amendment to this Contract, signed by the PROVIDER and the STATE.

4.1.2 No Oral Modification. No oral modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision or condition of this Contract shall be permitted.

4.1.3 Tax Clearance. The STATE may, at its discretion, require the PROVIDER to submit to the STATE, prior to the STATE's approval of any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract, a tax clearance from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawai'i, and the Internal Revenue Service showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state and federal law against the PROVIDER have been paid.

4.2 Termination in General. This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part because of a reduction of funds available to pay the PROVIDER, or when, in its sole discretion, the STATE determines (i) that there has been a change in the conditions upon which the need for the Required Services was based, or (ii) that the PROVIDER has failed to provide the Required Services adequately or satisfactorily, or (iii) that other good cause for the whole or partial termination of this Contract exists. Termination under this section shall be made by a written notice sent to the PROVIDER ten (10) working days prior to the termination date that includes a brief statement of the reason for the termination. If the Contract is terminated under this paragraph, the PROVIDER shall cooperate with the STATE to effect an orderly transition of services to clients.

- 4.3 Termination for Necessity or Convenience. If the STATE determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary or convenient, this Contract may be terminated in whole or in part at the option of the STATE upon ten (10) working days' written notice to the PROVIDER. If the STATE elects to terminate under this paragraph, the PROVIDER shall be entitled to reasonable payment as determined by the STATE for satisfactory services rendered under this Contract up to the time of termination. If the STATE elects to terminate under this section, the PROVIDER shall cooperate with the STATE to effect an orderly transition of services to clients.
- 4.4 Termination by PROVIDER. The PROVIDER may withdraw from this Contract after obtaining the written consent of the STATE. The STATE, upon the PROVIDER's withdrawal, shall determine whether payment is due to the PROVIDER, and the amount that is due. If the STATE consents to a termination under this paragraph, the PROVIDER shall cooperate with the STATE to effect an orderly transition of services to clients.
- 4.5 STATE's Right of Offset. The STATE may offset against any monies or other obligations that STATE owes to the PROVIDER under this Contract, any amounts owed to the State of Hawai'i by the PROVIDER under this Contract, or any other contract, or pursuant to any law or other obligation owed to the State of Hawai'i by the PROVIDER, including but not limited to the payment of any taxes or levies of any kind or nature. The STATE shall notify the PROVIDER in writing of any exercise of its right of offset and the nature and amount of such offset. For purposes of this paragraph, amounts owed to the State of Hawai'i shall not include debts or obligations which have been liquidated by contract with the PROVIDER, and that are covered by an installment payment or other settlement plan approved by the State of Hawai'i, provided, however, that the PROVIDER shall be entitled to such exclusion only to the extent that the PROVIDER is current, and in compliance with, and not delinquent on, any payments, obligations, or duties owed to the State of Hawai'i under such payment or other settlement plan.

**5. Indemnification**

- 5.1 Indemnification and Defense. The PROVIDER shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Hawai'i, the contracting agency, and their officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost, expense, including all attorneys' fees, claims, suits, and demands arising out of or in connection with the acts or omissions of the PROVIDER or the PROVIDER's employees, officers, agents, or subcontractors under this Contract. The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or early termination of this Contract.
- 5.2 Cost of Litigation. In case the STATE shall, without any fault on its part, be made a party to any litigation commenced by or against the PROVIDER in connection with this Contract, the PROVIDER shall pay any cost and expense incurred by or imposed on the STATE, including attorneys' fees.

**6. Publicity**

- 6.1 Acknowledgment of State Support. The PROVIDER shall, in all news releases, public statements, announcements, broadcasts, posters, programs, computer postings, and other printed, published, or electronically disseminated materials relating to the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract, acknowledge the support by the State of Hawai'i and the purchasing agency.
- 6.2 PROVIDER's Publicity Not Related to Contract. The PROVIDER shall not refer to the STATE, or any office, agency, or officer thereof, or any state employee, or to the services or goods, or both provided under this Contract, in any of the PROVIDER's publicity not related to the PROVIDER's performance under this Contract, including but not limited to commercial advertisements, recruiting materials, and solicitations for charitable donations.

**7. Miscellaneous Provisions**

- 7.1 Nondiscrimination. No person performing work under this Contract, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the PROVIDER, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.
- 7.2 Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings appearing in this Contract have been inserted for the purpose of convenience and ready reference. They shall not be used to define, limit, or extend the scope or intent of the sections to which they pertain.
- 7.3 Antitrust Claims. The STATE and the PROVIDER recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the purchaser. Therefore, the PROVIDER hereby assigns to the STATE any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and materials purchased in connection with this Contract, except as to overcharges which result from violations commencing after the price is established under this Contract and which are not passed on to the STATE under an escalation clause.
- 7.4 Governing Law. The validity of this Contract and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties to this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Hawai'i. Any action at law or in equity to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Contract shall be brought in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 7.5 Conflict between General Conditions and Procurement Rules. In the event of a conflict between the General Conditions and the Procurement Rules or a Procurement Directive, the Procurement Rules or any Procurement Directive in effect on the date this Contract became effective shall control and are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 7.6 Entire Contract. This Contract sets forth all of the contracts, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations between the STATE and the PROVIDER relative to this Contract. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements, conditions, understandings,

promises, warranties, and representations, which shall have no further force or effect. There are no contracts, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, or representations, oral or written, express or implied, between the STATE and the PROVIDER other than as set forth or as referred to herein.

- 7.7 Severability. In the event that any provision of this Contract is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms of this Contract.
- 7.8 Waiver. The failure of the STATE to insist upon the strict compliance with any term, provision, or condition of this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the STATE’s right to enforce the same in accordance with this Contract. The fact that the STATE specifically refers to one provision of the Procurement Rules or one section of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, and does not include other provisions or statutory sections in this Contract shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the STATE’s rights or the PROVIDER’s obligations under the Procurement Rules or statutes.
- 7.9 Execution in Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one instrument.

**8. Confidentiality of Personal Information**

8.1 Definitions.

8.1.1 Personal Information. “Personal Information” means an individual’s first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following data elements, when either name or data elements are not encrypted:

- 1) Social Security number;
- 2) Driver’s license number or Hawaii identification card number; or
- 3) Account number, credit or debit card number, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual’s financial information.

Personal information does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local government records.

8.1.2 Technological Safeguards. “Technological safeguards” means the technology and the policy and procedures for use of the technology to protect and control access to personal information.

8.2 Confidentiality of Material.

8.2.1 Safeguarding of Material. All material given to or made available to the PROVIDER by the STATE by virtue of this Contract which is identified as personal information, shall be safeguarded by the PROVIDER and shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the STATE.

8.2.2 Retention, Use, or Disclosure. PROVIDER agrees not to retain, use, or disclose personal information for any purpose other than as permitted or required by this Contract.

8.2.3 Implementation of Technological Safeguards. PROVIDER agrees to implement appropriate “technological safeguards” that are acceptable to the STATE to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to personal information.

8.2.4 Reporting of Security Breaches. PROVIDER shall report to the STATE in a prompt and complete manner any security breaches involving personal information.

8.2.5 Mitigation of Harmful Effect. PROVIDER agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to PROVIDER because of a use or disclosure of personal information by PROVIDER in violation of the requirements of this paragraph.

8.2.6 Log of Disclosures. PROVIDER shall complete and retain a log of all disclosures made of personal information received from the STATE, or personal information created or received by PROVIDER on behalf of the STATE.

8.3 Security Awareness Training and Confidentiality Agreements.

8.3.1 Certification of Completed Training. PROVIDER certifies that all of its employees who will have access to the personal information have completed training on security awareness topics related to protecting personal information.

8.3.2 Certification of Confidentiality Agreements. PROVIDER certifies that confidentiality agreements have been signed by all of its employees who will have access to the personal information acknowledging that:

- 1) The personal information collected, used, or maintained by the PROVIDER will be treated as confidential;
- 2) Access to the personal information will be allowed only as necessary to perform the Contract; and
- 3) Use of the personal information will be restricted to uses consistent with the services subject to this Contract.

8.4 Termination for Cause. In addition to any other remedies provided for by this Contract, if the STATE learns of a material breach by PROVIDER of this paragraph by PROVIDER, the STATE may at its sole discretion:

- 1) Provide an opportunity for the PROVIDER to cure the breach or end the violation; or
- 2) Immediately terminate this Contract.

In either instance, the PROVIDER and the STATE shall follow chapter 487N, HRS, with respect to notification of a security breach of personal information.

8.5 Records Retention.

8.5.1 Destruction of Personal Information. Upon any termination of this Contract, PROVIDER shall, pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS, destroy all copies (paper or electronic form) of personal information received from the STATE.

8.5.2 Maintenance of Files, Books, Records. The PROVIDER and any subcontractors shall maintain the files, books, and records, that relate to the Contract, including any personal information created or received by the PROVIDER on behalf of the STATE, and any cost or pricing data, for three (3) years after the date of final payment under the Contract. The personal information shall continue to be confidential and shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the STATE. After the three (3) year retention period has ended, the files, books, and records that contain personal information shall be destroyed pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS.

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Provider shall conduct a State and Federal fingerprint- based criminal history record check for any person, including, but not limited to any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor, who performs work or services which necessitates close proximity to or unsupervised access to vulnerable clients such as children, disabled, and/or the elderly , or other program related vulnerable clients . In addition, the Provider will conduct a search of the State and National Sex Offender Registries, <http://sexoffenders.ehawaii.gov> (State Sex Offender Registry) and the [www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov) (National Sex Offender Public Registry). The minimum record check will be conducted once every four years for each person, and/or at the outset of the contract period if such checks have never been conducted. Further, the Provider will ensure the continued suitability of any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor to work or provide services to vulnerable clients. Results of all criminal history record inquiries conducted shall be placed in the employee's or volunteer's personnel file and shall be available to Judiciary for review. The Provider further shall have a written plan for addressing any findings that result from a criminal history record check that may affect the treatment milieu (e.g. actively under the supervision of any criminal justice agency, convicted sex offenders). The Provider shall ensure that any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor is suitable to be performing work or services in close proximity to or with unsupervised access to children, disabled, and/or elderly clients will be of reputable and responsible character and will not pose a risk to the health, safety, security, or well-being of clients, staff and the general public.
2. Pursuant to HRS 321C-3, to ensure compliance with Title VI, Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure that Limited English Proficient persons have meaningful access to the Provider's programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral and written translation, where necessary.
3. Insurance. In addition to Paragraph 1.4, Insurance, General Conditions, the PROVIDER further agrees to the following:

In order to protect the PROVIDER as well as the State of Hawaii, the STATE, and their officers and employees covered under the indemnification provision in this Contract, the PROVIDER shall obtain and keep in force throughout the period of this Contract the following automobile insurance:

Automobile liability insurance for automobiles owned or leased by the PROVIDER and used to carry out services specified in this Contract shall be obtained from a company authorized to do business in the State, or meet Section 431:8-301, Hawaii Revised Statutes if utilizing an insurance company not licensed by the State of Hawaii, and complying with the Hawaii No Fault Insurance Law. The combined amount shall be at least ONE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) with respect to bodily injury and to property damage. The PROVIDER's policy shall name the STATE, the

State of Hawaii, and their officers and employees as additional insured. Prior to or upon execution of this Contract, the PROVIDER shall furnish the STATE with a Certificate of Insurance, verifying the existence of such insurance. The PROVIDER will immediately provide written notice to the contracting department or agency should any of the insurance policies evidenced on its Certificate of Insurance form be cancelled, limited in scope, or not renewed upon expiration.

Each insurance policy required by contracts shall contain the following clauses:

1. The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, is added as an additional insured as respects to operations performed for the State of Hawaii
2. If it is agreed that any insurance maintained by The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, will apply in excess of, and not contribute with, insurance provided by this policy

An umbrella policy may be utilized as applicable to the Provider's insurance policy.

If the PROVIDER is authorized by the STATE to subcontract, subcontractor(s) is not excused from the Indemnification and/or Insurance provisions of this Contract. The PROVIDER agrees to require its subcontractor(s) to obtain insurance in order to indemnify the STATE.

Failure of the PROVIDER to provide and keep in force such insurance shall be regarded as material default under this Contract, entitling the STATE to exercise any or all of the remedies provided in this Contract for default of the PROVIDER.

The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit the PROVIDER's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. Notwithstanding said policy or policies of insurance, the PROVIDER shall be obliged for the full and total amount of any damage, injury, or loss caused by the negligent act or omission of the PROVIDER or its authorized representatives.

4. This Agreement is funded, either in part or entirety, by a federal grant. (Check "Yes" or "No.")  
 Yes                       No

If "Yes," PROVIDER shall comply with grant requirements

## HAWAII JUDICIARY POLICY DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACE

### I. Authority and Background

The Judiciary is committed to promoting and maintaining a productive work environment free of any form of discrimination and harassment. The Judiciary does not tolerate workplace discrimination or harassment. The Judiciary will take appropriate action when discrimination or harassment is based on a person's "protected class." The Judiciary will act to curb protected class discrimination or harassment without regard to its severity or pervasiveness and does not require that discrimination or harassment rise to the level of unlawfulness before taking action.

### II. Zero Tolerance Policy

Judiciary employees are expected to avoid behavior that could reasonably be perceived as discrimination or harassment prohibited under this policy. The Judiciary will take appropriate action when discrimination or harassment is based on a person's race, color, sex, including gender identity or expression,<sup>1</sup> sexual orientation, condition of pregnancy, act of breastfeeding or expressing milk, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, genetic information,<sup>2</sup> marital status, arrest and court record, income assignment for child support, national guard absence, uniformed service, veteran status, citizenship, credit history or credit report unless directly related to a bona fide occupational qualification, or domestic or sexual violence victim status if the domestic or sexual violence victim provides notice to the victim's employer of such status or the employer has actual knowledge of such status (*protected class discrimination*).

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<sup>1</sup> "Gender identity or expression" includes a person's actual or perceived gender, as well as a person's gender identity (including transgender), gender-related self-image, gender-related appearance, or gender-related expression, regardless of whether that gender identity, gender-related self-image, gender-related appearance, or gender-related expression is different from that traditionally associated with the person's sex assigned at birth. "Transgender" refers to a person whose sex assigned at birth is different from their self-identified gender (e.g. a person whose sex assigned at birth is male who identifies as female and/or a person whose sex assigned at birth is female who identifies as male). A transgender person does not have to have undergone medical treatment or surgical procedures to be protected under the Policy. An individual's self-declaration of gender is sufficient to be provided protection under the Policy.

<sup>2</sup> "Genetic information" includes information about an individual's genetic tests and the genetic tests of an individual's family members, as well as information about any disease, disorder, or condition of an individual's family members (i.e., an individual's family medical history). Family medical history is included in the definition of "genetic information" because it is often used to determine whether someone has an increased risk of getting a disease, disorder, or condition in the future.

### **A. Scope of Policy**

This policy applies to all employees, justices and judges, volunteers, applicants for employment, and persons or entities providing services to the Judiciary, whether on a contract, per diem, full or part-time basis. This policy covers all interactions with staff, clients, and the public.

All Judiciary employees are responsible for ensuring that work in the courts and court-related programs is conducted in an atmosphere that respects the dignity of every Judiciary employee, and people with whom the Judiciary conducts business.

### **B. Examples of Prohibited Conduct**

1. It is a violation of this policy to engage in protected class discrimination.
2. Discrimination or harassment prohibited under this policy includes, but is not limited to, oral, written, physical or visual behavior, that offends, demeans, or intimidates, or refusing to provide services and/or denying access to Judiciary facilities and/or programs, based on a person's status in a protected class.
3. Protected class characteristics may not be used as a basis for taking employment action or making an employment decision that results in an adverse change in benefits, or terms and conditions of employment.
4. Other harassing or offensive conduct directed at individuals based on protected class characteristics is prohibited under this policy, and includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Unwanted physical contact, sexually suggestive or offensive touching, patting, hugging, or brushing against a person's clothing or body, pinching, or hitting;
  - b. Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, repeated and unwanted attempts at a romantic relationship, sexually explicit questions, comments about physical attributes;
  - c. Lewd comments, sexual jokes, pressure for sexual activity, such as repeated requests for dates, and threats for refusing a sexual advance;
  - d. Displays of demeaning, insulting, or sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or photographs;

- e. Demeaning, insulting, intimidating, or sexually suggestive, written, recorded, or electronically transmitted messages (such as e-mail, voicemail, and Internet materials);
  - f. Offensive comments, slurs, jokes, profanity, anecdotes, offensive and/or inappropriate questions or statements to, about or regarding any protected class;
  - g. Refusal to address a person by their preferred name, provided that such name shall not be used when deemed to be inappropriate for a business setting; and
  - h. Disregarding a person's preferences based on his or her self-identified gender. This may include, but is not limited to, failing to address a person by his or her preferred name and/or pronoun, not allowing a person to use the restroom and/or locker room of his or her self-identified gender or limiting a person to using facilities that are an unreasonable distance or travel time from the worksite or Judiciary program location because the individual is transgender, requiring a transgender person to follow procedures that conflict with the person's self-identified gender, refusing to provide services and/or denying access to Judiciary facilities and/or programs based on the person's self-identified gender and/or being transgender.
5. Retaliation: The Judiciary encourages reporting of incidents of discrimination, harassment or retaliation. Retaliation against an individual who makes a complaint, participates in an investigation, or provides information, is prohibited. A person who experiences retaliatory action after taking the following actions should report the matter to the investigator in charge of the complaint or the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer:
- a. Making a complaint of harassment or discrimination;
  - b. Making a disability related request for reasonable accommodation; or
  - c. Participating in a complaint investigation.

### **C. Reporting Procedures**

The Judiciary encourages employees to report discrimination and/or harassment before it becomes severe or pervasive so that steps may be taken to stop the harassment before it rises to the level of unlawful behavior.

Anyone who observes or experiences discrimination or harassment prohibited

under this policy is encouraged, if at all possible, to make it clear to the offender that he or she finds such behavior offensive. The incidents should also be reported to an immediate supervisor, other supervisory personnel, a program or court administrator, or the EEO Officer who after reviewing the complaint will determine the appropriate follow-up. Employees are not required to report a complaint to their immediate supervisor or to make a complaint to the offender.

While this section describes the general procedures for reporting complaints of discrimination, harassment or retaliation in the workplace, more specific procedural information is attached to this policy as Attachment 1 and describes, in detail, how to report a complaint, including how to report a complaint to an external agency. Regardless of how the complaint is made, all complaints will be taken seriously and investigated promptly.

#### **D. Limited Confidentiality**

The Judiciary shall, to the extent possible, protect the confidentiality of substantiated and unsubstantiated discrimination, harassment and retaliation reports and investigations. Information regarding reports and investigations shall be shared with appropriate individuals and agencies on a "need to know" basis, with due consideration for safety, security, and other interests.


### **III. Responsibility for Implementing Policy**

Judges, chief court administrators and department heads shall ensure that this policy is implemented and enforced within their own courtrooms and programs.

A violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

### **IV. Review of Policy**

This policy was established in 1998 and amended in 2000, 2007, 2012, and 2017.

Approved:   
Rodney A. Maile  
Administrative Director of the Courts

Date: MAY 20 2017

## Attachment 1

### PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, OR RETALIATION IN THE WORKPLACE

#### I. Procedures

The Judiciary urges the reporting of any incidents of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, regardless of the identity of the alleged offender. Anyone who observes or experiences discrimination or harassment prohibited under the Discrimination/Harassment-Free Workplace Policy is encouraged, if at all possible, to make it clear to the offender that he or she finds such behavior offensive. Conduct that violates the Discrimination/Harassment-Free Workplace Policy should also be reported to an immediate supervisor, other supervisory personnel, a program or court administrator, or the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer at 539-4336.

Employees are not required to report a complaint to their immediate supervisor or to make a complaint to the offender.

A complaint or report may be made either orally or in writing (a complaint form is available through the EEO Officer). A complaint or report, whether oral or written, should include: name of the alleged offender(s), including position and department, if known, a summary of the offensive acts, with the dates, times and places of the incidents, the names of witnesses to the events, and copies of documents, if any, that support the complaint or report.

#### II. Limited Confidentiality

The Judiciary shall, to the extent possible, protect the confidentiality of substantiated and unsubstantiated discrimination, harassment and retaliation reports and investigations. Information regarding reports and investigations shall be shared with appropriate individuals and agencies on a "need to know" basis, with due consideration for safety, security, and other interests.

#### III. Action Taken on Complaints

All complaints will be investigated promptly. The Judiciary may take appropriate interim action while an investigation is pending, including placing the accused person on leave or temporary assignment.

If the Judiciary finds that an employee violated the Discrimination/Harassment-Free Workplace Policy, the Judiciary will take appropriate corrective action, up to and including discharge of the employee. If an investigation shows that a justice or judge violated the Discrimination/Harassment-Free Workplace Policy, the matter shall be referred to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, which has exclusive authority to take disciplinary action against justices and judges. If the person found to have violated the policy is not employed

by the Judiciary, other appropriate action shall be taken, including notice to the employer. If the person found to have violated the policy is a lawyer, the findings shall also be reported to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

#### IV. Referring Complaints to External Agencies

In addition to the procedures described above, complaints about discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in the workplace may also be reported to other appropriate agencies, including but not limited to, the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, and labor unions. Conduct by a justice or judge that violates the Discrimination/Harassment-Free Workplace Policy shall be reported to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Judicial Selection Commission.

Agencies may have time limitations for filing complaints. For example, complaints of unlawful discriminatory practices must be filed with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission no later than one hundred eighty (180) days, or with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission no later than three hundred (300) days from the date of: (1) the alleged unlawful discriminatory act; or (2) the last occurrence of discrimination in a pattern of ongoing discriminatory conduct.

Persons wishing to file complaints with other agencies should contact that agency to obtain information on their specific procedures and should not wait for resolution of a complaint made to the employer, including the Judiciary. Contact information for other agencies are as follows:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7-127  
P.O. Box 50082  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850-0051  
Telephone: 1-800-669-4000                      [info@eoc.gov](mailto:info@eoc.gov)

Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 411  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
Telephone: (808) 586-8636                      [DLIR.HCRC.INFO@hawaii.gov](mailto:DLIR.HCRC.INFO@hawaii.gov)

Hawai'i Government Employees Association Headquarters  
888 Mililani Street, Suite 401  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-2991  
Telephone: (808) 536-2351                      [oahudiv@hgea.org](mailto:oahudiv@hgea.org)

United Public Workers Headquarters  
1426 North School Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817  
Telephone: (808) 847-2631

Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
201 Merchant Street, Suite 1600  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
Telephone: (808) 521-4591

Commission on Judicial Conduct  
426 Queen Street, Room 118  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-2914  
Telephone: (808) 539-4790  
[judconduct.c.comm@courts.hawaii.gov](mailto:judconduct.c.comm@courts.hawaii.gov)

Judicial Selection Commission  
417 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-2902  
Telephone: (808) 538-5200