

Pūpūkea MLCD Carrying Capacity Study RFQ Questions

Questions	Answers
<p>2.2 Scope of Work, item 3 AND 2.5 DAR Responsibilities: The RFP states, "Implementation of management measures should not be dependent on DAR's commitment of resources or issuance of permits." What will be DAR's involvement in providing support for proposed management measures, whether voluntary or mandatory? For example, will DAR support requests to other divisions and partner agencies for education, communications, outreach, and/or enforcement?</p>	<p>DAR will serve in an advisory capacity and will participate in stakeholder meetings, along with the other stakeholders identified in the RFP, but cannot expedite permitting or regulatory processes required to implement any pilot management measures. Any request for letters of support or other support can be requested at any stakeholder meeting or through the DAR point of contact identified for the project and will be provided as appropriate and when capacity exists.</p>
<p>3.10.3: Proposal Contents: Does the Offeror need to have all subcontractors identified prior to submission?</p>	<p>No, all subcontractors do not need to be identified prior to submission.</p>
<p>3.10.5: Proposal Contents: Can DAR issue a letter of support as a partner agency for projects the Offeror has completed in collaboration with DAR in the past?</p>	<p>Ideally, letters of support will come from agencies and/or organizations besides DAR in order to demonstrate the offeror's ability to work with diverse stakeholders. Letters can come from other Department of Land and Natural Resources Divisions, other state agencies, city or county agencies, University staff, community agencies, etc.</p>
<p>What is the state's rule for reallocating funds between budget categories?</p>	<p>The winning contractor could reallocate 10% of funds between budget categories.</p>
<p>How would payment be executed? For example, would it be a reimbursable contract, and would payments be intermittent throughout the project period?</p>	<p>Invoice Payment shall be cost-reimbursable made progressively upon submission of signed invoices and/or progress reports as requested and approved by the State. At the time of the invoice payment, vendors shall be complaint with the State's Rules and Regulations through the Hawai'i Compliance Express</p>
<p>Does the Government already have a contractor preliminarily identified to conduct this work?</p>	<p>The contractor will be identified through this RFP process. The contractor will be selected based on the criteria listed in the solicitation.</p>

<p>The type of carrying capacity assessment(s) desired is vague. Can the Government clarify whether it wants a biological or social carrying capacity assessment, or both?</p>	<p>The Government is looking for a comprehensive carrying capacity that looks at biological, social, and physical carrying capacity.</p>
<p>Could you provide examples of management measures that would not require DAR permit approval?</p>	<p>Examples of management measures not requiring a DAR permit would include voluntary closures of marine areas, parking fees, any measures managing foot traffic within the park or coastal area, and more.</p>
<p>Given the Hanauma Bay Carrying Capacity Study has been a 3+year effort, does the Government still intend for the carrying capacity assessment(s) described in this solicitation to be completed within 10 months of NTP?</p>	<p>The initial carrying capacity study should be completed within the first year of the project. Findings can be refined and updated in the final report submitted on year 3 based on lessons learned and data gathered during the monitoring and evaluation of pilot management measures.</p>
<p>Could you provide more detail about the required elements the Government would like addressed in the feasibility study/report?</p>	<p>Management measures requiring any kind of regulation, such as mandatory kapu or fees, would most likely not be able to be implemented within the timeline of the project, but are important management measures to consider. The purpose of the feasibility study is to look at examples where these have been implemented in other places and determine the practicality and potential effectiveness of implementing those measures at Pūpūkea MLCD.</p>
<p>Please confirm that the “carrying capacity” refers to the social carrying capacity, defined as “the type and level of visitor use that can be accommodated while sustaining acceptable resources and social conditions that complement the purpose of the area.</p>	<p>For the purpose of this study, carrying capacity is the maximum amounts and types of use that can be accommodated in an area while achieving and maintaining desired conditions, biological and social.</p>
<p>Should the contractor assume in person or virtual meetings</p>	<p>Meetings can be held either in person or virtual depending on the availability of the identified stakeholders.</p>
<p>“Contractor should monitor, document, and assess the effectiveness of management measures.” Should biological surveys be conducted to assess potential impacts to the</p>	<p>To the extent possible, evaluations of pilot management measures should assess both social and biological impacts.</p>

management areas? Or should assessments be made using social surveys?	
Please elaborate on the following sentence, "Implementation of management measures should not be dependent on DAR's commitment of resources or issuance of permits."	DAR will serve in an advisory capacity and will participate in stakeholder meetings, along with the other stakeholders identified in the RFP, but cannot expedite permitting or regulatory processes required to implement any pilot management measures.
Will DAR review and comment on draft versions of the report? How many revisions should the contractor anticipate?	The identified stakeholders should be provided the opportunity to review the draft report. The number of revisions is dependent on the quality and thoroughness of the report.
How often should project update meetings be held	Update meetings should be held with stakeholders twice a year.
Will letters of support from partner agencies be acceptable if they are for individuals currently associated with the offeror organization	Yes. Ideally, the letters of support will demonstrate the offeror's ability to work with diverse stakeholders.
Will "sample projects and/or examples of written plans" be acceptable if they are written/prepared by individuals currently associated with the offeror organization?	Yes, if those individuals would be working on this project for the offeror's organization.