

HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS BRANCH

MARCH 17, 2026

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Number IFB D26-011**

SEALED BIDS

TO

**PROVIDE AERATION AND SOIL TOPDRESS SERVICES**

**FOR**

**THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD**

**will be received through the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HlePRO) at  
<https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov/welcome.html> until 4:30 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST)**

on

**MARCH 31, 2026**

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Questions relating to this solicitation may be directed to Steven Watanabe, Procurement and Contracts Support Specialist, at telephone (808) 675-0130, via facsimile (808) 675-0133, or via email at [Steven.Watanabe@k12.hi.us](mailto:Steven.Watanabe@k12.hi.us).

PROVIDE AERATION AND SOIL TOPDRESS SERVICES FOR THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD  
IFB D26-011

OFFER PAGE OF-1

Exact Legal Name of Offeror, including "dba" or "division" of a corporation (furnish the exact legal name of the entity under which an awarded contract, if any, will be executed):			
Address: Principal Place of Business (may not be a P.O. Box):			
Mailing Address (only if different):			
Payment Address (only if different)			
Offeror's Primary Contact Person: Name			
Title			
Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Email Address			
Federal Tax Identification Number:			
State of Hawaii General Excise Tax License Number:			
Type of Business Entity (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Names of all Offeror's parent, affiliate and subsidiary organizations:			
Offeror is either:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <b>Hawaii business</b> incorporated or organized under the laws of the State of Hawaii; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>Compliant Non-Hawaii business</b> incorporated or organized under the laws of the State of _____ on (date) _____, and, if applicable, registered with the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Business Registration Division to do business in the State of Hawaii.		

The undersigned has carefully read and understands the terms and conditions specified herein and hereby submits the following offer to provide the goods and/or perform the work specified herein, all in accordance with the true intent and meaning thereof, and further that the Offeror shall comply with all terms, conditions and requirements of the solicitation. The undersigned further understands and agrees that by submitting this offer, 1) the undersigned is declaring the undersigned's offer is not in violation of Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, concerning prohibited State contracts, and 2) the undersigned is certifying that the price(s) submitted was (were) independently arrived at without collusion.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized (Original in ink) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The following offer is hereby submitted:

Description	Bid Price*
Aeration and Soil Topdress Services for Kapolei High School Football Field and to Include Two (2) Month Post Fertilization	\$ -
<b>TOTAL BID PRICE</b>	

\*Bid Price shall be the all-inclusive cost to the STATE and no other charges will be honored. Refer to IFB Special Conditions 14. Bid Price.

Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAGE CERTIFICATE**

Subject:

Project Number	IFB D26-011
Project Description	Provide Aeration and Soil Topdress Services for the Hawaii State Department of Education Kapolei High School Football Field

Pursuant to §103-55, HRS, I hereby certify that, if awarded a contract in excess of \$25,000.00, the services to be performed will be performed in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The services to be rendered shall be performed by employees paid at wages or salaries not less than wages paid to the public officers and employees for similar work, if similar positions are listed in the classification plan of the public sector.

Services Performed by Laborers and Mechanics:

The Contractor or the Contractor’s subcontractor shall give a copy of the rates of wages to each laborer and mechanic employed under the contract by the Contractor at the time each laborer and mechanic is employed; provided that the Contractor does not have to provide the Contractor’s employees the wage rate schedules where there is a collective bargaining agreement.

2. All applicable laws of the Federal and State governments relating to workers’ compensation, unemployment compensation, payment of wages, and safety will be fully complied with.

Contractor shall be obliged to notify its employees performing work under this contract of the provisions of §103-55, HRS, and the current wage rate for public employees performing similar work. The Contractor may meet this obligation by posting a notice to this effect in the Contractor’s place of business accessible to all employees, or the contractor may include such notice with each paycheck or pay envelope furnished to the employee

I understand that, in addition to the base wages required by §103-55, HRS, all payments required by Federal and State laws that employers must make for the benefit of their employees shall be paid.

Offeror \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIFICATIONS

### 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The CONTRACTOR shall provide aeration and sand topdress services for the Kapolei High School football field. Services shall include all necessary labor, equipment, and materials to complete the project.

### 2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- 2.1. The CONTRACTOR shall conduct a soil test of the football field and amend the field if deficient per the soil test recommendation.
- 2.2. The CONTRACTOR shall fertilize the football field to promote growth two (2) weeks before aeration with a 20-20-20 nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) fertilizer at one and a half (1.5) pounds of nitrogen rate per acre plus extreme green one and a half (1.5) nitrogen rate boom sprayed for foliar application. The CONTRACTOR shall water the infield after application of the fertilizer.
- 2.3. The CONTRACTOR shall core aerate the entire football field with a walk behind machine, set with five-eighths (5/8) inch tines at four and a half (4.5) inch depth at two (2) inch spacing. The CONTRACTOR shall collect the cores produced and dispose of all cores. The CONTRACTOR shall apply fertilizer per soil test recommendation to fall into core holes prior to sand topdressing.
- 2.4. The CONTRACTOR shall apply a basalt sand topdress. The CONTRACTOR shall use a total of one hundred twenty (120) tons of C-33 basalt sand for topdressing the football field. The CONTRACTOR shall not use crushed coral as the topdressing. The CONTRACTOR shall use a sand spreader to evenly disperse sand across the entire football field. The CONTRACTOR shall avoid smothering grass with sand by applying the sand in one (1) application.
  - 2.4.1. Sand Amendment Half (0.5) Inch Basalt Sand.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide a sand amendment half (0.5) inch basalt sand topdress to the middle of the football field between the hashmarks. The middle of the football field between the hashmarks area to measure three hundred seventy (370) feet by one hundred (100) feet. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the topdress over area three quarters to one (3/4 to 1) inch basalt sand in the quantity of one hundred twenty (120) tons.
- 2.5. The CONTRACTOR shall sweep brush the entire field sand with a sand sweeper during sand application to brush the basalt sand into the canopy to speed up recovery and push basalt sand down the canopy.
- 2.6. The CONTRACTOR shall fertilize the football field one (1) time per month for two (2) months. The CONTRACTOR shall use a 21-0-0 fertilizer at one and a half (1.5) pounds nitrogen acre rate plus 20-20-20 NPK fertilizer at one and a half (1.5) pounds nitrogen rate per acre plus extreme green at one and a half (1.5) nitrogen rate boom sprayed for foliar application.

### **3. GENERAL**

- 3.1. The CONTRACTOR shall provide and display proper safety signs and take proper precautions to prevent access of children, students, faculty, and staff into work areas. The CONTRACTOR's vehicle(s) shall not obstruct the free flow of traffic in the area.
- 3.2. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to obtain all County, State, and Federal Permits that may be required for the work to be performed.
- 3.3. The CONTRACTOR will not be compensated for any scheduled work which may be deferred by the school due to extraordinary and/or emergency conditions or activity.

### **4. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

The CONTRACTOR shall be aware of the heightened security conditions at all the school facilities covered by this Contract. The CONTRACTOR is required to be easily identifiable and constantly aware while conducting work under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall report to the CA and/or POC and the school any suspicious activity or obvious breach of security in relation to, or in the course of, their work at any of the school facilities. The report must contain as much detailed information as possible. Any materials and equipment left open and unsecured by the CONTRACTOR may be liable for safety and/or security breaches and be charged at \$100.00 per incident per day per location. The STATE reserves the right to request that background security checks be provided for each personnel assigned to this Contract. Any employees found to have a history of sexual abuse, drug abuse, or felony conviction shall not be allowed on school premises or perform the work under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR's trucks and/or vehicles and personnel shall be properly identified as belonging to the CONTRACTOR through company signage and/or logos, uniforms, and name tags and/or identification cards, as appropriate, to comply with this requirement. The CONTRACTOR shall follow school protocol when entering and exiting school property. This may include the requirement to sign in at the main office when entering school property and sign out when exiting and/or work has been completed.

### **5. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES**

In accordance with State rules and regulations, CONTRACTOR shall conduct mandatory criminal background checks at no cost to the STATE, on any employee, agent, subcontractor or volunteer working in close proximity or working directly with students.

CONTRACTOR shall notify the STATE, verbally within twenty-four (24) hours, upon learning of the occurrence of any of the events indicated below:

- 5.1. Any employee, agent, subcontractor or volunteer's license required to perform services under this Contract is or has been suspended, conditioned, revoked, expired, or terminated;
- 5.2. Any employee, agent, subcontractor or volunteer becomes or has been the subject of any disciplinary proceeding or action before any federal or state agency or Board;
- 5.3. Any employee, agent, subcontractor or volunteer has been arrested or is under investigation for assault, sexual assault, child pornography or sex trafficking.
- 5.4. Any employee, agent, subcontractor or volunteer is or has been convicted of a fraud or felony; and
- 5.5. Any claim, judgment or settlement in which the CONTRACTOR or any of its employees, agents, subcontractors or volunteers is or has been named a defendant.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain the background check records, and shall make the records available for review upon request. Upon review of these records, the STATE reserves the right to request additional background information.

## **6. EXCLUSION OF SPECIFIC WORKERS**

The STATE reserves the right to require the CONTRACTOR to remove an employee, agent, subcontractor or volunteer (Worker) from performing work under this Contract. The Contract Administrator shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing and this exclusion of a specific Worker(s) shall take effect as indicated on the notice. The CONTRACTOR may appeal this decision to the Contract Administrator, in writing within ten (10) working days of receipt of the notice. Removal of the Worker(s) shall remain in effect pending the outcome of the appeal. This provision shall not infringe upon the right of the CONTRACTOR to employ the removed individual, but shall apply to any work requiring interaction with the STATE, its employees or students.

## **7. CONDUCT**

- 7.1. The CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors or volunteers must sign in at the school office when entering a school campus and sign out when leaving a school campus.
- 7.2. The CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors or volunteers must comply with and utilize the STATE's visitor management system, in accordance with STATE protocol, when reporting to any school campus to provide services.
- 7.3. In addition, all CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors or volunteers must wear a picture identification badge listing agency name, employee name, and position at all times while on school premises.
- 7.4. The CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors or volunteers must maintain a professional attitude, work ethic, and appearance.

## **8. HARM TO STUDENTS REGISTRY**

The purpose of Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2024, was to create a registry for all preschools and K-12 educational institutions within the State of Hawaii containing information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as a result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student, with the goal of preventing those individuals from subsequently gaining employment in any other public or private preschools and K-12 institutions in Hawaii.

The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees to comply with the requirements set forth by Act 156, SLH 2024, and any other rules, regulations and laws, regarding the reporting and investigation of misconduct involving harm or maltreatment of students in educational institutions.

Should the STATE need to conduct an investigation into whether or not a contractor or contractor's employee, agent, subcontractor, or volunteer engaged in acts or omissions that resulted in the infliction of harm to a student, the CONTRACTOR shall ensure the following:

- 8.1. The CONTRACTOR shall inform the CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors, or volunteers that an investigation is being conducted pursuant to Act 156, SLH 2024;
- 8.2. The CONTRACTOR, including the CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors, or volunteers shall cooperate and assist the STATE should there need to be an investigation;

- 8.3. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the following to the STATE within five (5) business days from the date of the request:
- 8.3.1. Full legal name and any prior names used, such as maiden name or married name;
  - 8.3.2. Date of birth;
  - 8.3.3. Photograph;
  - 8.3.4. Last known address;
  - 8.3.5. Any and all other STATE contracts that this individual is working on; and
  - 8.3.6. Any and all information and documents requested by the STATE during the course of an investigation.

Should the STATE not receive the full cooperation of the CONTRACTOR, or the CONTRACTOR's employees, agents, subcontractors, or volunteers, the STATE will move forward with and complete the investigation with the information it has available.

Should there be a finding and the CONTRACTOR's employee, agent, subcontractor, or volunteer is deemed appropriate to be included on the Harm to Students Registry, the CONTRACTOR's employee, agent, subcontractor, or volunteer will be given prior written notice of the STATE's decision to include the CONTRACTOR employee's, agent's, subcontractor's, or volunteer's name for this purpose and will be given the opportunity to appeal the decision.

Should the CONTRACTOR's employee, agent, subcontractor, or volunteer either waive the right to appeal or lose the appeal, the STATE shall place the name of the CONTRACTOR's employee, agent, subcontractor, or volunteer on the Harm to Students Registry.

Any person currently or formerly employed by the CONTRACTOR, including subcontractors, agents, and volunteers listed on the Harm to Students Registry may request the CONTRACTOR to submit a certified request to the STATE for removal if new information proves they did not inflict harm on a student. The CONTRACTOR shall defend and indemnify the STATE from any liability resulting from claims related to the inclusion or removal of an employee from the Registry.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide to the STATE the names, dates of birth, addresses, photographs, and personal identifiers of all candidates for employment, including subcontractors, agents, or potential volunteers. If a candidate, subcontractor, agent, or volunteer's name appears on the Harm to Students Registry, the STATE can require removal of the individual from STATE work. Note that, pursuant to Act 156, SLH 2024, an employee, subcontractor, agent, or volunteer should not perform work or duties for the STATE until the CONTRACTOR has obtained clearance from the STATE.

**HlePRO  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1. Addenda and Interpretations**

Discrepancies, omissions, or questions related to this solicitation shall be communicated in writing to the Hawaii State Department of Education, Procurement and Contracts Branch (PCB) via facsimile at (808) 675-0133 or e-mail to [Steven.Watanabe@k12.hi.us](mailto:Steven.Watanabe@k12.hi.us) for interpretation and must be received no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date fixed for the close of bids.

Interpretation(s), if any, and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda that will be made available to all HlePRO registered Offerors prior to the date fixed for the close of bids. Failure of any Offeror to receive any such addenda or interpretations shall not relieve the Offeror of any obligation under this solicitation. All addenda issued shall be incorporated into the resulting contract.

**2. Scope**

Work under this agreement shall consist of Providing Aeration and Soil Topdress Services for the Hawaii State Department of Education Kapolei High School Football Field and shall be in accordance with these Special Conditions, the attached Specifications, and the State of Hawaii's General Conditions AG-008 (latest revision).

**3. Contract Administrator**

For purposes of this Contract, Principal Wesley Shinkawa, Program Manager or the Program Manager's successor, is designated Contract Administrator (CA). The CA can be contacted by telephone at 808-305-8000, or via e-mail at [Wesley.Shinkawa@k12.hi.us](mailto:Wesley.Shinkawa@k12.hi.us).

The CA is responsible for:

1. the terms, conditions, quantities, specifications, scope of services, other contract terms, and all decisions relating to the Contract;
2. monitoring the CONTRACTOR's work, documenting that CONTRACTOR maintains the required insurance coverage (if applicable), resolving contract disputes and discrepancies, evaluating the work of the CONTRACTOR, assuring the services or goods are delivered as required in the Contract, and processing payment for services rendered; and
3. notifying the Hawaii State Department of Education, PCB in the event of change in scope of work, change in the performance period, increase or decrease in total compensation, and/or changes in any other contract terms.

Notwithstanding the responsibilities set forth hereinabove, any coordination of services falling outside those articulated above shall remain with the head of the purchasing agency, as set forth in the attached General Conditions (see General Conditions, paragraph 1, entitled "Coordination of Services by the STATE.").

The CA has designated Deane Mandac as Point-of-Contact (POC) for this Contract. As such, the POC, or their successor, should be the initial contact on all matters related to this Contract. The POC can be contacted by telephone at 808-305-8017 or via e-mail at [Deane.Mandac@k12.hi.us](mailto:Deane.Mandac@k12.hi.us).

**4. Contract Period**

This Contract shall commence upon full execution of the Contract and shall end on June 30, 2026, subject to availability of funds as specified in the General Conditions.

## **OFFEROR INFORMATION**

### **5. Offeror's Authority to Bid**

The STATE will not participate in determinations regarding an Offeror's authority to perform a service. If there are any questions or doubts regarding an Offeror's right or ability to obtain and sell a product or to render a service, the Offeror should resolve those issues prior to submitting a bid. If the Offeror's offer meets specifications and is acceptable and the bid price submitted is the lowest bid, the Contract will be awarded to that Offeror.

### **6. Offeror Qualifications**

In addition to meeting legal and any other requirements of this solicitation, Offeror must meet these qualifications to be considered for award.

#### **A. Experience**

The Offeror shall have a minimum of five (5) consecutive years of experience (immediately prior to the bid opening date) in the field of providing aeration and soil topdress services. If Offeror is owned by a parent company in which the parent company has the required five (5) years of experience, the Offeror shall also qualify for the experience required pending verification. All Offerors must be able to produce documented maintenance and repair experience to substantiate their claim of experience upon STATE's request. Offeror shall provide the information requested on Exhibit A.

#### **B. License**

At the time of bidding and throughout the Contract period, Offeror shall have a current C-27 landscape contractor's license on file as issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Offeror shall provide all necessary documentation (for example, copy of license) to substantiate compliance with this requirement. Offeror shall provide the information requested on Exhibit A.

#### **C. Office Location**

Offeror shall have an office on the island of Oahu from where business is conducted and from where the company is accessible to telephone calls for complaints or requests that need immediate attention. An answering service is not acceptable.

Offeror shall be capable of providing, delivering, installing, maintaining, and servicing Aeration and Soil Topdress Services for the STATE. Office information shall be furnished on Exhibit A.

#### **D. Personnel**

Offeror shall designate at least one (1) employee as the STATE point of contact (POC) for this Contract. This individual shall be based on Oahu and available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday excluding holidays, and shall be capable of answering questions, resolving problems, and providing follow-up assistance. Offeror shall provide the information requested on Exhibit A.

Failure on the Offeror's part to meet these requirements may result in rejection of bid. These requirements must remain in effect during the entire contract period. Failure to maintain these requirements may result in cancellation of award.

### **7. References**

Offeror shall provide the names of at least three (3) references with whom Offeror has done business in the past and who can attest to the quality level and reliability of all aspects of Offeror's work and service. The STATE reserves the right to contact these references to verify Offeror's quality level and reliability.

## 8. Site Inspection

Prior to submittal of a bid, Offeror may inspect the project site to become thoroughly familiar with existing conditions, rules and regulations, and the extent and nature of work to be performed.

Offeror inspection is not mandatory; however, bid submission shall be evidence that the Offeror understands the scope of the project and shall comply with all requirements stated herein, if awarded the Contract. The site inspection visit shall occur on the same date and time as the Pre-Bid Meeting. No additional compensation, subsequent to bid opening, shall be allowed by reason of any misunderstanding or error regarding site conditions or work to be performed.

## 9. Pre-Bid Meeting

Prospective qualified Offerors are invited to participate in a Pre-Bid Meeting. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is optional but encouraged. The purpose of the meeting is to address any questions and concerns Offerors may have regarding the IFB specifications and the scope of work.

The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on:

Date and Time: March 25, 2026, 9 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time

Location: Report to the Office

## 10. Responsibility of Offerors

Offeror is advised that if awarded a contract under this solicitation, Offeror must furnish proof of compliance with the requirements of HRS § 103D-310(c), as a pre-requisite to receiving a contract:

1. Chapter 237, General Excise Tax Law;
2. Chapter 383, Hawaii Employment Security Law;
3. Chapter 386, Workers' Compensation Law;
4. Chapter 392, Temporary Disability Insurance;
5. Chapter 393, Prepaid Health Care Act; and
6. Chapter 103D-310(c), Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) for entities doing business in the State of Hawaii.

Offeror should refer to the "Contract Execution" provision for further information regarding the above-mentioned requirements.

## **BID PREPARATION**

### 11. Offer Page OF-1

Offeror is requested to submit the bid under the company's exact legal name as registered with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, if applicable, and to indicate exact legal name in the appropriate space on Offer Page OF-1. Failure to do so may delay proper execution of the Contract.

The authorized signature on the hard copy Offer Page OF-1 shall be an **original signature in ink**. Ink signatures are not required for electronic submission of a bid on HlePRO. The submission of the bid on HlePRO shall indicate the Offeror's intent to be bound.

### 12. Taxable Transaction

Unless the HRS exempts a person from paying the applicable general excise tax, work to be performed under this solicitation is a business activity taxable under Chapter 237, HRS and Chapter 238, HRS, where applicable. Both out-of-state and Hawaii-based companies are advised that the gross receipts derived from this Contract are subject to the general excise tax imposed by Chapter 237, HRS, at the

current rate and, where applicable, to tangible property imported into the State of Hawaii for resale, subject to the applicable use tax imposed by Chapter 238, HRS.

Information on the Hawaii State Taxes administered by the Department of Taxation is available online at <http://tax.hawaii.gov>.

### **13. Tax Exempt Transaction**

If, however, an Offeror is a person exempt by the HRS from paying the general excise tax and therefore not liable for the taxes on this solicitation, Offeror shall state its tax exempt status and cite the HRS chapter or section allowing the exemption.

For evaluation purposes, pursuant to HRS § 103D-1008, a tax-exempt bid submitted in response to a solicitation shall be increased by the applicable retail rate of general excise tax and the applicable use tax. Under no circumstance shall the dollar amount of the award include the aforementioned adjustment.

### **14. Bid Price**

The Bid Price shall include labor, equipment, materials, transportation, overhead, profit, all applicable taxes and any other incidental and operational expenses incurred in the performance of all obligations hereunder. Bid price shall be the all-inclusive cost to the STATE and no other charges will be honored.

### **15. Offeror Information**

Offeror shall provide information regarding its experience, office location, STATE's point-of-contact, and references on the Exhibit A. Exhibit A shall be provided within three (3) working days from STATE's request.

### **16. License**

License number(s) shall be provided on Exhibit A. If requested by the STATE, Offeror shall also submit a copy of their license with their Exhibit A within three (3) working days from STATE's request.

### **17. Wage Certificate**

Offeror shall complete and submit a *Wage Certificate* by which the Offeror certifies that services required will be performed pursuant to HRS § 103-55. Accordingly, Offeror should consider the public sector wage rates and/or benefits when preparing this bid, **as applicable**.

Although **Item 1** of the *Wage Certificate* may not be applicable to this solicitation if there are no STATE or public sector employees performing work similar to the requirements herein or if services are not performed by laborers and mechanics, **Item 2** of the certificate is applicable in all situations. Offeror is therefore advised that submission of the *Wage Certificate* is required.

### **18. Liability Insurance**

Work included under this agreement requires the provision of liability and property damage insurance, to remain in full force and effect during the life of this Contract. Offeror shall refer to the *Liability Insurance* clause for additional information regarding this requirement. Accordingly, Offeror should consider these insurance requirements when preparing their offer.

### **19. Offer Guaranty**

An offer guaranty (bid bond) is not required for this IFB.

## **BID SUBMITTAL**

### **20. Submission of Bid**

**Offers will be received through the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HlePRO) Public Procurement Notices Website at <https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov/welcome.html> no later than the date and time stated on the HlePRO.**

Submission of a bid shall constitute an incontrovertible representation by the Offeror of compliance with every requirement of this IFB, and that the IFB documents are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey reasonable understanding of all terms and conditions of performance of the work.

Before submitting a bid, each Offeror must:

1. examine the solicitation documents thoroughly for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Solicitation documents include this IFB, any attachments, plans referred to herein, and any other relevant documentation. Comments must be submitted in writing and received by the Hawaii State Department of Education, PCB no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date fixed for the close of bids. This will allow for issuance of addenda, if necessary.
2. become familiar with state, local, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may in any manner affect cost, progress, or performance of the work.

All bids shall be made through the HlePRO (<https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov/welcome.html>) on the solicitation document(s) available on the HlePRO. Offers shall be completed in accordance with the solicitation instructions, and addenda, if any.

The Specifications, Special Conditions, General Conditions and other documents referenced in or attached to the offer shall be considered a part of the offer submitted, whether or not attached to the offer at the time of submission. Such documents shall not be altered in any way; any alterations so made by the Offeror may result in rejection of the offer.

Offers will be received only until the hour and date set for the close of bids. Unless otherwise stated, Offeror shall submit only one (1) offer. If more than one offer is submitted, all offers shall be rejected for that item.

Hard copies of ALL ORIGINAL OFFER PAGES AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS AS STATED IN THE SOLICITATION must also be received by the Hawaii State Department of Education, Procurement and Contracts Branch, 94-275 Mokuola Street, Room 200, Waipahu, Hawaii 96797, within five (5) working days after the bid closing date.

### **21. Confidential Information**

If an Offeror believes that any portion of Offeror's proposal contains information that should be withheld as confidential, then the Hawaii State Department of Education, PCB should be so advised in writing.

Offeror shall request in writing nondisclosure of designated trade secrets or other proprietary data to be confidential. Such data shall accompany the bid, be clearly marked, and shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the bid.

Pursuant to § 3-122-58, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the head of the purchasing agency or designee shall consult with the Department of the Attorney General and make a written determination in accordance with Chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). If the request for confidentiality is denied,

such information shall be disclosed as public information, unless the Offeror appeals the denial to the Office of Information Practices in accordance with HRS § 92F-42(12).

## **22. Certification of Independent Cost Determination**

By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation, Offeror certifies as follows:

1. The costs in this IFB have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Offeror, as to any matter relating to such costs for the purpose of restricting competition.
2. Unless otherwise required by law, the costs which have been quoted in this IFB have not been knowingly disclosed by the Offeror prior to award, directly or indirectly, to any other Offeror or competitor prior to the award of the Contract.
3. No other attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to solicit or implore any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid in response to this IFB for the purpose of restricting competition.

## **23. Acceptance of Bid**

Acceptance of bid, if any, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days after the close of bids and the prices quoted by the Offeror shall remain firm for the sixty day period.

## **BID EVALUATION**

### **24. Disqualification of Offers**

Any one or more of the following causes will be considered as sufficient for disqualification of the offer:

1. Hard copy offer not signed by an authorized individual.
2. More than one offer from an Offeror under the same or different names.
  - 2.1 Legally distinct Offerors such as subsidiaries or jointly-owned companies may submit offers and these offers may be accepted for evaluation and award if such Offerors submit with their offer a certificate of non-collusion which affirms that the offer is made freely and without collusion with another Offeror.
    - 2.1.1 Legally distinct Offerors such as subsidiaries or jointly-owned companies shall submit business registration information indicating that the entities were not created after the IFB was released.
3. Evidence of collusion among Offerors or prices obviously unbalanced, lack of responsibility and cooperation as shown by past work, being in arrears on existing contracts with the State of Hawaii, or defaulting on previous contract(s).
4. Lack of proper equipment and/or sufficient experience to perform the work contemplated.
5. Offer received after specified deadline for close of offers.
6. Evidence of any noncompliance with any applicable law, any unauthorized additions or deletions, of submission of conditional offer, incomplete offer, or irregularities of any kind which may make the offer incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.

### **25. Method of Award**

Award, if made, shall be to the responsive, responsible Offeror submitting the lowest Total Bid Price.

## **26. Protest**

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-701 and § 3-126, HAR, "Legal and Contractual Remedies", an actual or prospective offeror who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award may submit a protest. Any protest shall be submitted in writing to the Hawaii State Department of Education's Chief Procurement Officer, care of the Procurement Office at the Waipahu Civic Center, 94-275 Mokuola Street, Room 200, Waipahu, Hawaii 96797.

A protest shall be submitted in writing within five (5) working days after the aggrieved person knows or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto; provided that a protest based upon the content of the solicitation shall be submitted in writing prior to the date set for receipt of offers. Further provided that a protest of an award or proposed award shall be submitted within five (5) working days after the posting of award.

The award(s), if any, resulting from this solicitation shall be posted on the HlePRO and shall be posted on the Hawaii Awards and Notices Data System (HANDS) website at <https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/awards>.

## **CONTRACT EXECUTION**

### **27. Contract Award**

CONTRACTOR receiving award(s) of \$25,000 or more shall be required to enter into a formal written contract. Performance bonds are not required for this IFB. Upon execution of contract, the Hawaii State Department of Education will issue a fully executed copy to the CONTRACTOR. No work will be undertaken by the CONTRACTOR prior to the commencement date specified on the Contract. The STATE is not liable for any work, contract costs, expenses, loss of profits, or any damages whatsoever incurred by the CONTRACTOR prior to official starting date.

### **28. Responsibility of CONTRACTOR**

CONTRACTOR shall furnish proof of compliance with these requirements of § 3-122-112, HAR:

1. Chapter 237, General Excise Tax Law;
2. Chapter 383, Hawaii Employment Security Law;
3. Chapter 386, Workers' Compensation Law;
4. Chapter 392, Temporary Disability Insurance;
5. Chapter 393, Prepaid Health Care Act; and
6. One of the following:
  1. That CONTRACTOR is registered and incorporated or organized under the laws of the State of Hawaii (hereinafter referred to as a "Hawaii business"); or
  2. That CONTRACTOR is registered to do business in the State of Hawaii (hereinafter referred to as a "compliant non-Hawaii business").

The CONTRACTOR may demonstrate compliance by submitting an original consolidated CERTIFICATE OF VENDOR COMPLIANCE issued via the online system, "Hawaii Compliance Express." Detailed information about the system and regarding this online application process can be viewed at: <http://vendors.ehawaii.gov>.

### **29. Hawaii Compliance Express.**

A *Certificate of Vendor Compliance* may be obtained through the Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE). This service allows CONTRACTORS to register online through a simple wizard interface at <http://vendors.ehawaii.gov>. The *Certificate of Vendor Compliance* provides current compliance status as

of the issuance date, satisfies requirements of HRS § 103D-310(c), and is therefore acceptable for contracting purposes. CONTRACTORS that elect to use HCE services are required to pay an annual registration fee of (at least) twelve dollars (\$12.00).

### **30. Timely Submission of All Certificates**

The above certificates should be applied for and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Education, PCB as soon as possible. If a valid certificate is not submitted on a timely basis for award, an offer otherwise responsive and responsible may not receive the award.

### **31. Failure to Execute Contract**

Normally, award shall be made within sixty (60) calendar days after the close of bids but in no case will award be made until all necessary investigations are made. After award is made, failure on the CONTRACTOR's part to execute a contract as required within ten (10) calendar days (or such further time as the Superintendent may allow) after the Offeror has received the Contract for execution shall be just cause for the annulment of the award. The Superintendent reserves the right to cancel or reject this solicitation or all offers in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of the STATE or to award the Contract to the next lowest Offeror or may publish another call for tenders, if the lowest bid is non-responsive to the STATE's needs.

### **32. Availability of Funds**

This Contract is subject to the availability of funds. Pursuant to HRS § 103D-309, except in certain circumstances, no contract entered into by the STATE and the CONTRACTOR shall be binding or of any force unless the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) certifies that there is an available unexpended appropriation or balance of an appropriation over and above all outstanding contracts sufficient to cover the amount required by the Contract.

If the Contract requires performance and/or payment in more than one (1) fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), the CFO may certify only that portion of the total funds allocated to satisfy the STATE's obligations for payments in the current fiscal year. In such event, the STATE will not be liable for the unpaid balance beyond the end of the current fiscal year, and the availability of funds in excess of the amount certified shall be contingent upon future appropriations or special fund revenues. All partially-funded contracts shall be enforceable only to the extent that funds are certified as available. The STATE agrees to notify the CONTRACTOR of such non-allocation at the earliest possible time. The STATE shall not be penalized in the event this provision is exercised. This provision is not meant to permit the STATE to terminate the Contract to acquire similar goods or services from a third party.

### **33. Liability Insurance**

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain in full force and effect, during the life of this Contract, liability and property damage insurance. This insurance shall protect the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's subcontractors, if any, from claims for damages for personal injury, accidental death and property damage which may arise from operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by a subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. If any subcontractor is involved in the performance of the Contract, the insurance policy or policies shall name the subcontractor as additional insured.

As an alternative to the CONTRACTOR providing insurance to cover operations performed by a subcontractor and naming the subcontractor as additional insured, CONTRACTOR may require subcontractor to provide its own insurance which meets the requirements herein. It is understood that a subcontractor's insurance policy(ies) are in addition to the CONTRACTOR's own policy or policies.

The following minimum insurance coverage(s) and limit(s) shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR, including its subcontractor(s) where appropriate:



provision, as to the applicability and interpretation of any law, rule or regulation, policies and procedures, as to compensation, or additional reason to service, and as to any other matter which may arise under the Contract. The decision of the Hawaii State Department of Education in such matters shall be final provided that decision is not in violation of law and not arbitrary, capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion.

### **36. Relief Available to STATE**

In addition to all rights and remedies available to the STATE provided in this Contract or otherwise provided under law, if the CONTRACTOR is in non-compliance with Contract requirements, the STATE may:

1. Suspend Payments – Temporarily withhold or disallow all or part of the billing cost and/or payments pending correction of a deficiency or a non-submission of a required deliverable by the CONTRACTOR;
2. Suspend Referrals – Suspend referrals to the CONTRACTOR should the CONTRACTOR fail to comply with any of the requirements or other term(s) or condition(s) of this Contract and, further, the STATE may maintain the suspension of referrals until such time as the deficiency or non-compliance is corrected and the CONTRACTOR's corrective actions are determined to be acceptable by the STATE; and
3. Seek Reimbursement – Seek reimbursement from the CONTRACTOR or withhold future payments for any funds paid to the CONTRACTOR subsequent to a determination that such was unauthorized, fraudulently obtained, or inappropriately billed.
4. Seek Market Value – In the event the CONTRACTOR fails, refuses or neglects to perform the services in accordance with the requirements of these Special Conditions, the Scope of Services or the General Conditions, the STATE reserves the right to purchase, in the open market, a corresponding quantity of the services specified herein and to deduct from any monies due or that may thereafter become due to the CONTRACTOR, the difference between the price named in the Contract and the actual cost to the STATE. In case any money due the CONTRACTOR is insufficient for said purpose, the CONTRACTOR shall pay the difference upon demand from the STATE. The STATE may also utilize all other remedies provided by law.

### **37. Confidentiality Obligations**

While performing under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR may receive, be exposed to or acquire confidential information. Such information may include names, addresses, telephone numbers, birthdates, social security numbers, medical information, and other educational, student, or personal employment information. The information may be in written or oral form, fixed in hard copy or contained in a computer database or computer readable form. Hereinafter, such language shall be collectively referred to as "Confidential Information."

The CONTRACTOR, including its employees, agents, representatives, and assigns shall abide by the following with regards to Confidential Information: (i) They shall not disclose to any unauthorized party any Confidential Information, except as specifically permitted by the STATE and subject to the STATE's limitations on confidentiality of information and relevant legal requirements of the State to include, but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Permission will be granted through a formal written agreement concerning the disclosure of personally identifiable information (PII) from student education records, signed by the STATE and the CONTRACTOR, and must be provided as an attachment to this Contract; (ii) They shall only permit access to Confidential Information to employees, agents, representatives, and assigns having a specific need to know in connection with performance under this Contract; and (iii) They shall advise each of their employees, agents, representatives, and assigns of their

obligations to keep such Confidential Information confidential in compliance with all relevant state and federal laws.

CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents, representatives, or assigns shall ensure the security of the Confidential Information. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the STATE with a list of individuals (by name and position) who are authorized to handle the Confidential Information (hereinafter referred to as "Authorized Handlers"). Authorized Handlers shall ensure the security of the Confidential Information. Only Authorized Handlers shall have access to the Confidential Information, which will be kept on password protected computers with the hard copy documents kept in a locked file cabinet. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that procedures exist to prohibit access to the Confidential Information by anyone other than an Authorized Handler.

CONTRACTOR will be responsible for safeguarding the confidentiality of all Confidential Information it receives from the STATE and shall safeguard and protect such documents from unauthorized use, handling, or viewing. CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the STATE and to any person whose records the CONTRACTOR receives custody of under this Contract for records protection for any unpermitted release, viewing, or loss of such records. CONTRACTOR shall assume liability responsibility for records protection and for the inappropriate or unlawful release of Confidential Information. CONTRACTOR shall return all documents containing Confidential Information upon completion of the services CONTRACTOR is contracted to provide under this Contract.

- 37.1. Prior Written Approval: CONTRACTOR may not i) share, ii) publish, or iii) distribute Confidential Information or any other data received under this Contract without the prior written approval of the STATE.
- 37.2. In the event of termination of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall return to STATE all Confidential Information, including student information, received under this Contract and further agrees to destroy any and all copies of, or references to, any Confidential Information, including student information, shared by STATE as a result of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing that all such copies have been destroyed or returned to the STATE.

### **38. Records Retention**

Should the CONTRACTOR be aware of or be made aware of any dispute, disagreement, or request relating to the files, books, or records prior to their destruction, the CONTRACTOR shall retain the files, books, and records until said dispute, disagreement, or request has been fully resolved, including any potential lawsuits or appeals. Said files, books, and records may thereafter be destroyed upon obtaining the agreement of the STATE.

### **39. Federal Funds**

General Conditions, Form AG-008 is incorporated by this reference and available if requested. In addition to other required provisions, the following provisions are also made part of this contract, as applicable:

- (A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by [41 U.S.C. 1908](#), must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
- (B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

- (C) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3148](#)). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3144](#), and [3146-3148](#)) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#), "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act ([40 U.S.C. 3145](#)), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 3](#), "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
- (D) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act ([40 U.S.C. 3701-3708](#)). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) and [3704](#), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#)). Under [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of [40 U.S.C. 3704](#) are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- (E) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under [37 CFR § 401.2 \(a\)](#) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of [37 CFR Part 401](#), "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- (F) Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q](#).) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q](#)) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- (G) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see [2 CFR 180.220](#)) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at [2 CFR 180](#) that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than [Executive Order 12549](#).
- (H) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment ([31 U.S.C. 1352](#))—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by [31 U.S.C. 1352](#). Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

## **PAYMENT**

### **40. Invoicing**

CONTRACTOR shall submit original invoice to the following address:

Hawaii State Department of Education  
Kapolei High School  
91-5007 Kapolei Parkway  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
Attention: Principal Wesley Shinkawa

Invoices shall reference the Contract number and must have the following information identified: invoice number, date of invoice, CONTRACTOR’s name and remittance address, and total amount due.

### **41. Payment**

HRS § 103-10, provides that the STATE shall have thirty (30) calendar days to make payment after receipt of the invoice or satisfactory delivery of the goods or satisfactory performance of the services. For this reason, the STATE may reject any bid submitted with a condition requiring payment within a shorter period. Further, the STATE may reject any bid submitted with a condition requiring any interest payments greater than that allowed by HRS § 103-10, as amended.

The STATE will not recognize any requirement established by the CONTRACTOR and communicated to the STATE after award of the Contract, which requires payment within a shorter period or any interest payment not in conformance with statute.

The **final payment** under the Contract shall be for services performed and/or goods delivered during the billing period just prior to the Contract anniversary date.

In addition to the requirements set forth in the General Conditions, the following shall accompany the final payment invoice:

1. A valid (not over 2 months old) and **original Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)** must accompany the final payment invoice. In accordance with HRS § 103-53, all CONTRACTORS must provide a TCC from the State of Hawaii Department of Taxation and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a prerequisite to receipt of final payment.

2. The *Certification of Compliance for Final Payment* (DOE Form-22) with an original signature of an authorized representative of the CONTRACTOR.
3. In lieu of the above, the CONTRACTOR may submit an original *Certificate of Vendor Compliance* as issued via the online system, also referred to as "Hawaii Compliance Express". Details regarding this online application process may be viewed at: <http://vendors.ehawaii.gov/hce/>.

## **APPROVALS**

### **42. State of Hawaii's General Conditions**

The Special Conditions shall serve to supplement the General Conditions; both documents remain part of the Contract with full force and effect. In the case of a conflict between the General Conditions and Special Conditions, the Special Conditions shall control to the extent necessary to resolve the conflict.

### **43. Approvals**

Any agreement arising out of this offer may be subject to the approval of the Department of the Attorney General as to form, and if applicable, is subject to all further approvals, including the approval of the Governor, required by statute, regulation, rule, order, or other directive.

Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**OFFEROR INFORMATION**

Offeror shall provide the Exhibit A, including attachments if applicable, within three (3) business days from STATE's request.

**A. EXPERIENCE**

The Offeror shall have a minimum of five (5) consecutive years of experience (immediately prior to the bid opening date) in the field of providing aeration and soil topdress services. If Offeror is owned by a parent company in which the parent company has the required five (5) years of experience, the Offeror shall also qualify for the experience required pending verification. All Offerors must be able to produce documented maintenance and repair experience to substantiate their claim of experience upon STATE's request.

Number of Consecutive Years of Experience  
in providing aeration and soil topdress  
services \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

**LICENSE**

At the time of bidding and throughout the Contract period, Offeror shall have a current C-27 landscape contractor's license on file as issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Offeror shall provide all necessary documentation (for example, copy of license) to substantiate compliance with this requirement.

License Number \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE LOCATION**

Offeror shall have an office on the island of Oahu from where business is conducted and from where the company is accessible to telephone calls for complaints or requests that need immediate attention. An answering service is not acceptable.

Offeror shall be capable of providing, delivering, installing, maintaining, and servicing Aeration and Soil Topdress Services for the STATE.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Office Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone and Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONNEL**

Offeror shall designate at least one (1) employee as the STATE point of contact (POC) for this Contract. This individual shall be based on Oahu and available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday excluding holidays, and shall be capable of answering questions, resolving problems, and providing follow-up assistance.

Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

POC Based on Oahu  YES \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact (POC) Name \_\_\_\_\_

POC Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

POC Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

Offeror shall provide the names of at least three (3) references with whom Offeror has done business in the past and who can attest to the quality level and reliability of all aspects of Offeror's work and service. The STATE reserves the right to contact these references to verify Offeror's quality level and reliability.

1. Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

2. Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

3. Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL CONDITIONS

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## GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Coordination of Services by the STATE. The head of the purchasing agency (“HOPA”) (which term includes the designee of the HOPA) shall coordinate the services to be provided by the CONTRACTOR in order to complete the performance required in the Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain communications with HOPA at all stages of the CONTRACTOR'S work, and submit to HOPA for resolution any questions which may arise as to the performance of this Contract. "Purchasing agency" as used in these General Conditions means and includes any governmental body which is authorized under chapter 103D, HRS, or its implementing rules and procedures, or by way of delegation, to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods or services or both.
2. Relationship of Parties: Independent Contractor Status and Responsibilities, Including Tax Responsibilities.
  - a. In the performance of services required under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR in compliance with this Contract. Unless otherwise provided by special condition, it is understood that the STATE does not agree to use the CONTRACTOR exclusively, and that the CONTRACTOR is free to contract to provide services to other individuals or entities while under contract with the STATE.
  - b. The CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents are not by reason of this Contract, agents or employees of the State for any purpose, and the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR'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.
  - c. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the CONTRACTOR'S performance under this Contract. Furthermore, the CONTRACTOR intentionally, voluntarily, and knowingly assumes the sole and entire liability to the CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents, and to any individual not a party to this Contract, for all loss, damage, or injury caused by the CONTRACTOR, or the CONTRACTOR'S employees or agents in the course of their employment.
  - d. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, state, and county taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR also is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this Contract.
  - e. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a general excise tax license from the Department of Taxation, State of Hawaii, in accordance with section 237-9, HRS, and shall comply with all requirements thereof. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR have been paid and submit the same to the STATE prior to commencing any performance under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall also be solely responsible for meeting all requirements necessary to obtain the tax clearance certificate required for final payment under sections 103-53 and 103D-328, HRS, and paragraph 17 of these General Conditions.
  - f. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for securing all employee-related insurance coverage for the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR'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.

- g. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a certificate of compliance issued by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, State of Hawaii, in accordance with section 103D-310, HRS, and section 3-122-112, HAR, that is current within six months of the date of issuance.
- h. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a certificate of good standing issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, State of Hawaii, in accordance with section 103D-310, HRS, and section 3-122-112, HAR, that is current within six months of the date of issuance.
- i. In lieu of the above certificates from the Department of Taxation, Labor and Industrial Relations, and Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the CONTRACTOR may submit proof of compliance through the State Procurement Office's designated certification process.

3. Personnel Requirements.

- a. The CONTRACTOR shall secure, at the CONTRACTOR'S own expense, all personnel required to perform this Contract.
- b. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the CONTRACTOR'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. Nondiscrimination. No person performing work under this Contract, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the CONTRACTOR, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.

5. Conflicts of Interest. The CONTRACTOR represents that neither the CONTRACTOR, nor any employee or agent of the CONTRACTOR, 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 CONTRACTOR'S performance under this Contract.

6. Subcontracts and Assignments. The CONTRACTOR shall not assign or subcontract any of the CONTRACTOR'S duties, obligations, or interests under this Contract and no such assignment or subcontract shall be effective unless (i) the CONTRACTOR obtains the prior written consent of the STATE, and (ii) the CONTRACTOR'S assignee or subcontractor submits to the STATE a tax clearance certificate from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR'S assignee or subcontractor have been paid. Additionally, no assignment by the CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR'S right to compensation under this Contract shall be effective unless and until the assignment is approved by the Comptroller of the State of Hawaii, as provided in section 40-58, HRS.

a. Recognition of a successor in interest. When in the best interest of the State, a successor in interest may be recognized in an assignment contract in which the STATE, the CONTRACTOR and the assignee or transferee (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee") agree that:

- (1) The Assignee assumes all of the CONTRACTOR'S obligations;
- (2) The CONTRACTOR remains liable for all obligations under this Contract but waives all rights under this Contract as against the STATE; and
- (3) The CONTRACTOR shall continue to furnish, and the Assignee shall also furnish, all required bonds.

b. Change of name. When the CONTRACTOR asks to change the name in which it holds this Contract with the STATE, the procurement officer of the purchasing agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency procurement officer") shall, upon receipt of a document acceptable or satisfactory to the

Agency procurement officer indicating such change of name (for example, an amendment to the CONTRACTOR'S articles of incorporation), enter into an amendment to this Contract with the CONTRACTOR to effect such a change of name. The amendment to this Contract changing the CONTRACTOR'S name shall specifically indicate that no other terms and conditions of this Contract are thereby changed.

- c. Reports. All assignment contracts and amendments to this Contract effecting changes of the CONTRACTOR'S name or novations hereunder shall be reported to the chief procurement officer (CPO) as defined in section 103D-203(a), HRS, within thirty days of the date that the assignment contract or amendment becomes effective.
  - d. Actions affecting more than one purchasing agency. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 6a through 6c herein, when the CONTRACTOR holds contracts with more than one purchasing agency of the State, the assignment contracts and the novation and change of name amendments herein authorized shall be processed only through the CPO's office.
7. Indemnification and Defense. The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, the contracting agency, and their officers, employees, and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense, including all attorneys' fees, and all claims, suits, and demands therefore, arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR'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.
  8. 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 CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by or imposed on the STATE, including attorneys' fees.
  9. Liquidated Damages. When the CONTRACTOR is given notice of delay or nonperformance as specified in paragraph 13 (Termination for Default) and fails to cure in the time specified, it is agreed the CONTRACTOR shall pay to the STATE the amount, if any, set forth in this Contract per calendar day from the date set for cure until either (i) the STATE reasonably obtains similar goods or services, or both, if the CONTRACTOR is terminated for default, or (ii) until the CONTRACTOR provides the goods or services, or both, if the CONTRACTOR is not terminated for default. To the extent that the CONTRACTOR'S delay or nonperformance is excused under paragraph 13d (Excuse for Nonperformance or Delay Performance), liquidated damages shall not be assessable against the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR remains liable for damages caused other than by delay.
  10. STATE'S Right of Offset. The STATE may offset against any monies or other obligations the STATE owes to the CONTRACTOR under this Contract, any amounts owed to the State of Hawaii by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract or any other contracts, or pursuant to any law or other obligation owed to the State of Hawaii by the CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, the payment of any taxes or levies of any kind or nature. The STATE will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of any offset and the nature of such offset. For purposes of this paragraph, amounts owed to the State of Hawaii shall not include debts or obligations which have been liquidated, agreed to by the CONTRACTOR, and are covered by an installment payment or other settlement plan approved by the State of Hawaii, provided, however, that the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to such exclusion only to the extent that the CONTRACTOR is current with, and not delinquent on, any payments or obligations owed to the State of Hawaii under such payment or other settlement plan.
  11. Disputes. Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with section 103D-703, HRS, and chapter 3-126, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), as the same may be amended from time to time.
  12. Suspension of Contract. The STATE reserves the right at any time and for any reason to suspend this Contract for any reasonable period, upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the provisions herein.
    - a. Order to stop performance. The Agency procurement officer may, by written order to the CONTRACTOR, at any time, and without notice to any surety, require the CONTRACTOR to stop all or any part of the performance called for by this Contract. This order shall be for a specified

period not exceeding sixty (60) days after the order is delivered to the CONTRACTOR, unless the parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop performance order issued pursuant to this section. Stop performance orders shall include, as appropriate: (1) A clear description of the work to be suspended; (2) Instructions as to the issuance of further orders by the CONTRACTOR for material or services; (3) Guidance as to action to be taken on subcontracts; and (4) Other instructions and suggestions to the CONTRACTOR for minimizing costs. Upon receipt of such an order, the CONTRACTOR shall forthwith comply with its terms and suspend all performance under this Contract at the time stated, provided, however, the CONTRACTOR shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the performance covered by the order during the period of performance stoppage. Before the stop performance order expires, or within any further period to which the parties shall have agreed, the Agency procurement officer shall either:

- (1) Cancel the stop performance order; or
- (2) Terminate the performance covered by such order as provided in the termination for default provision or the termination for convenience provision of this Contract.

b. Cancellation or expiration of the order. If a stop performance order issued under this section is cancelled at any time during the period specified in the order, or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the CONTRACTOR shall have the right to resume performance. An appropriate adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule or contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:

- (1) The stop performance order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the CONTRACTOR'S cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Contract; and
- (2) The CONTRACTOR asserts a claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of performance stoppage; provided that, if the Agency procurement officer decides that the facts justify such action, any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Contract.

c. Termination of stopped performance. If a stop performance order is not cancelled and the performance covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop performance order shall be allowable by adjustment or otherwise.

d. Adjustment of price. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provision of this Contract.

### 13. Termination for Default.

a. Default. If the CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the Contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this Contract, the Agency procurement officer may notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the delay or non-performance and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by the Agency procurement officer, such officer may terminate the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed with the Contract or such part of the Contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. In the event of termination in whole or in part, the Agency procurement officer may procure similar goods or services in a manner and upon the terms deemed appropriate by the Agency procurement officer. The CONTRACTOR shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.

b. CONTRACTOR'S duties. Notwithstanding termination of the Contract and subject to any directions from the Agency procurement officer, the CONTRACTOR shall take timely, reasonable, and

necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of the CONTRACTOR in which the STATE has an interest.

- c. Compensation. Payment for completed goods and services delivered and accepted by the STATE shall be at the price set forth in the Contract. Payment for the protection and preservation of property shall be in an amount agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the Agency procurement officer. If the parties fail to agree, the Agency procurement officer shall set an amount subject to the CONTRACTOR'S rights under chapter 3-126, HAR. The STATE may withhold from amounts due the CONTRACTOR such sums as the Agency procurement officer deems to be necessary to protect the STATE against loss because of outstanding liens or claims and to reimburse the STATE for the excess costs expected to be incurred by the STATE in procuring similar goods and services.
- d. Excuse for nonperformance or delayed performance. The CONTRACTOR shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Contract in accordance with its terms, including any failure by the CONTRACTOR to make progress in the prosecution of the performance hereunder which endangers such performance, if the CONTRACTOR has notified the Agency procurement officer within fifteen (15) days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of a public enemy; acts of the State and any other governmental body in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the goods and services to be furnished by the subcontractor were reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the CONTRACTOR to meet the requirements of the Contract. Upon request of the CONTRACTOR, the Agency procurement officer shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the CONTRACTOR'S progress and performance would have met the terms of the Contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly, subject to the rights of the STATE under this Contract. As used in this paragraph, the term "subcontractor" means subcontractor at any tier.
- e. Erroneous termination for default. If, after notice of termination of the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed under this paragraph, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR was not in default under this paragraph, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 13d, "Excuse for nonperformance or delayed performance," the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to paragraph 14.
- f. Additional rights and remedies. The rights and remedies provided in this paragraph are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### 14. Termination for Convenience.

- a. Termination. The Agency procurement officer may, when the interests of the STATE so require, terminate this Contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the STATE. The Agency procurement officer shall give written notice of the termination to the CONTRACTOR specifying the part of the Contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.
- b. CONTRACTOR'S obligations. The CONTRACTOR shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated performance and on the date(s) set in the notice of termination the CONTRACTOR will stop performance to the extent specified. The CONTRACTOR shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated performance. The CONTRACTOR shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated performance subject to the STATE'S approval. The Agency procurement officer may direct the CONTRACTOR to assign the CONTRACTOR'S right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the STATE. The CONTRACTOR must still complete the performance not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as necessary to do so.

- c. Right to goods and work product. The Agency procurement officer may require the CONTRACTOR to transfer title and deliver to the STATE in the manner and to the extent directed by the Agency procurement officer:

- (1) Any completed goods or work product; and
- (2) The partially completed goods and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the CONTRACTOR has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this Contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall, upon direction of the Agency procurement officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the CONTRACTOR in which the STATE has an interest. If the Agency procurement officer does not exercise this right, the CONTRACTOR shall use best efforts to sell such goods and manufacturing materials. Use of this paragraph in no way implies that the STATE has breached the Contract by exercise of the termination for convenience provision.

- d. Compensation.

- (1) The CONTRACTOR shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with the cost or pricing data, submitted to the extent required by chapter 3-122, HAR, bearing on such claim. If the CONTRACTOR fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Agency procurement officer may pay the CONTRACTOR, if at all, an amount set in accordance with subparagraph 14d(3) below.
- (2) The Agency procurement officer and the CONTRACTOR may agree to a settlement provided the CONTRACTOR has filed a termination claim supported by cost or pricing data submitted as required and that the settlement does not exceed the total Contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the STATE, the proceeds of any sales of goods and manufacturing materials under subparagraph 14c, and the Contract price of the performance not terminated.
- (3) Absent complete agreement under subparagraph 14d(2) the Agency procurement officer shall pay the CONTRACTOR the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under subparagraph 14d(2) shall not duplicate payments under this subparagraph for the following:
  - (A) Contract prices for goods or services accepted under the Contract;
  - (B) Costs incurred in preparing to perform and performing the terminated portion of the performance plus a fair and reasonable profit on such portion of the performance, such profit shall not include anticipatory profit or consequential damages, less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted goods or services; provided, however, that if it appears that the CONTRACTOR would have sustained a loss if the entire Contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss;
  - (C) Costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to subparagraph 14b. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with subparagraph 14d(3)(B);
  - (D) The reasonable settlement costs of the CONTRACTOR, including accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the Contract and for the termination of subcontracts thereunder, together with reasonable storage, transportation, and other costs incurred in connection with the protection or disposition of property allocable to the terminated portion of this Contract. The total sum to be paid the CONTRACTOR under this subparagraph shall not exceed the

total Contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the CONTRACTOR reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under subparagraph 14d(2), and the contract price of performance not terminated.

- (4) Costs claimed, agreed to, or established under subparagraphs 14d(2) and 14d(3) shall be in accordance with Chapter 3-123 (Cost Principles) of the Procurement Rules.

15. Claims Based on the Agency Procurement Officer's Actions or Omissions.

a. Changes in scope. If any action or omission on the part of the Agency procurement officer (which term includes the designee of such officer for purposes of this paragraph 15) requiring performance changes within the scope of the Contract constitutes the basis for a claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion, the CONTRACTOR shall continue with performance of the Contract in compliance with the directions or orders of such officials, but by so doing, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion; provided:

- (1) Written notice required. The CONTRACTOR shall give written notice to the Agency procurement officer:

- (A) Prior to the commencement of the performance involved, if at that time the CONTRACTOR knows of the occurrence of such action or omission;

- (B) Within thirty (30) days after the CONTRACTOR knows of the occurrence of such action or omission, if the CONTRACTOR did not have such knowledge prior to the commencement of the performance; or

- (C) Within such further time as may be allowed by the Agency procurement officer in writing.

- (2) Notice content. This notice shall state that the CONTRACTOR regards the act or omission as a reason which may entitle the CONTRACTOR to additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time. The Agency procurement officer, upon receipt of such notice, may rescind such action, remedy such omission, or take such other steps as may be deemed advisable in the discretion of the Agency procurement officer;

- (3) Basis must be explained. The notice required by subparagraph 15a(1) describes as clearly as practicable at the time the reasons why the CONTRACTOR believes that additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time may be remedies to which the CONTRACTOR is entitled; and

- (4) Claim must be justified. The CONTRACTOR must maintain and, upon request, make available to the Agency procurement officer within a reasonable time, detailed records to the extent practicable, and other documentation and evidence satisfactory to the STATE, justifying the claimed additional costs or an extension of time in connection with such changes.

b. CONTRACTOR not excused. Nothing herein contained, however, shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from compliance with any rules or laws precluding any state officers and CONTRACTOR from acting in collusion or bad faith in issuing or performing change orders which are clearly not within the scope of the Contract.

c. Price adjustment. Any adjustment in the price made pursuant to this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provision of this Contract.

16. Costs and Expenses. Any reimbursement due the CONTRACTOR for per diem and transportation expenses under this Contract shall be subject to chapter 3-123 (Cost Principles), HAR, and the following guidelines:

- a. Reimbursement for air transportation shall be for actual cost or coach class air fare, whichever is less.
- b. Reimbursement for ground transportation costs shall not exceed the actual cost of renting an intermediate-sized vehicle.
- c. Unless prior written approval of the HOPA is obtained, reimbursement for subsistence allowance (i.e., hotel and meals, etc.) shall not exceed the applicable daily authorized rates for inter-island or out-of-state travel that are set forth in the current Governor's Executive Order authorizing adjustments in salaries and benefits for state officers and employees in the executive branch who are excluded from collective bargaining coverage.

17. Payment Procedures; Final Payment; Tax Clearance.

- a. Original invoices required. All payments under this Contract shall be made only upon submission by the CONTRACTOR of original invoices specifying the amount due and certifying that services requested under the Contract have been performed by the CONTRACTOR according to the Contract.
- b. Subject to available funds. Such payments are subject to availability of funds and allotment by the Director of Finance in accordance with chapter 37, HRS. Further, all payments shall be made in accordance with and subject to chapter 40, HRS.
- c. Prompt payment.
  - (1) Any money, other than retainage, paid to the CONTRACTOR shall be disbursed to subcontractors within ten (10) days after receipt of the money in accordance with the terms of the subcontract; provided that the subcontractor has met all the terms and conditions of the subcontract and there are no bona fide disputes; and
  - (2) Upon final payment to the CONTRACTOR, full payment to the subcontractor, including retainage, shall be made within ten (10) days after receipt of the money; provided that there are no bona fide disputes over the subcontractor's performance under the subcontract.
- d. Final payment. Final payment under this Contract shall be subject to sections 103-53 and 103D-328, HRS, which require a tax clearance from the Director of Taxation, State of Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR have been paid. Further, in accordance with section 3-122-112, HAR, CONTRACTOR shall provide a certificate affirming that the CONTRACTOR has remained in compliance with all applicable laws as required by this section.

18. Federal Funds. If this Contract is payable in whole or in part from federal funds, CONTRACTOR agrees that, as to the portion of the compensation under this Contract to be payable from federal funds, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid only from such funds received from the federal government, and shall not be paid from any other funds. Failure of the STATE to receive anticipated federal funds shall not be considered a breach by the STATE or an excuse for nonperformance by the CONTRACTOR.

19. Modifications of Contract.

- a. 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 CONTRACTOR and the STATE, provided that change orders shall be made in accordance with paragraph 20 herein.
- b. No oral modification. No oral modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract shall be permitted.

- c. Agency procurement officer. By written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Agency procurement officer may unilaterally order of the CONTRACTOR:
    - (A) Changes in the work within the scope of the Contract; and
    - (B) Changes in the time of performance of the Contract that do not alter the scope of the Contract work.
  - d. Adjustments of price or time for performance. If any modification increases or decreases the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Contract, an adjustment shall be made and this Contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined, where applicable, in accordance with the price adjustment clause of this Contract or as negotiated.
  - e. Claim barred after final payment. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if written modification of the Contract is not made prior to final payment under this Contract.
  - f. Claims not barred. In the absence of a written contract modification, nothing in this clause shall be deemed to restrict the CONTRACTOR'S right to pursue a claim under this Contract or for a breach of contract.
  - g. Head of the purchasing agency approval. If this is a professional services contract awarded pursuant to section 103D-303 or 103D-304, HRS, any modification, alteration, amendment, change, or extension of any term, provision, or condition of this Contract which increases the amount payable to the CONTRACTOR by at least \$25,000.00 and ten per cent (10%) or more of the initial contract price, must receive the prior approval of the head of the purchasing agency.
  - h. Tax clearance. The STATE may, at its discretion, require the CONTRACTOR 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 Hawaii, and the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, showing that all delinquent taxes, if any, levied or accrued under state law and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, against the CONTRACTOR have been paid.
  - i. Sole source contracts. Amendments to sole source contracts that would change the original scope of the Contract may only be made with the approval of the CPO. Annual renewal of a sole source contract for services should not be submitted as an amendment.
20. Change Order. The Agency procurement officer may, by a written order signed only by the STATE, at any time, and without notice to any surety, and subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this Contract in any one or more of the following:
- (1) Drawings, designs, or specifications, if the goods or services to be furnished are to be specially provided to the STATE in accordance therewith;
  - (2) Method of delivery; or
  - (3) Place of delivery.
- a. Adjustments of price or time for performance. If any change order increases or decreases the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in the Contract price made pursuant to this provision shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provision of this Contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with the Contract as changed, provided that the Agency procurement officer promptly and duly makes the provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By

proceeding with the work, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or any extension of time for completion.

- b. Time period for claim. Within ten (10) days after receipt of a written change order under subparagraph 20a, unless the period is extended by the Agency procurement officer in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall respond with a claim for an adjustment. The requirement for a timely written response by CONTRACTOR cannot be waived and shall be a condition precedent to the assertion of a claim.
- c. Claim barred after final payment. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if a written response is not given prior to final payment under this Contract.
- d. Other claims not barred. In the absence of a change order, nothing in this paragraph 20 shall be deemed to restrict the CONTRACTOR'S right to pursue a claim under the Contract or for breach of contract.

21. Price Adjustment.

- a. Price adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price pursuant to a provision in this Contract shall be made in one or more of the following ways:
  - (1) By agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
  - (2) By unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
  - (3) By the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the provision, plus appropriate profit or fee, all as specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
  - (4) In such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or
  - (5) In the absence of agreement between the parties, by a unilateral determination by the Agency procurement officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the provision, plus appropriate profit or fee, all as computed by the Agency procurement officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable sections of chapters 3-123 and 3-126, HAR.
- b. Submission of cost or pricing data. The CONTRACTOR shall provide cost or pricing data for any price adjustments subject to the provisions of chapter 3-122, HAR.

22. Variation in Quantity for Definite Quantity Contracts. Upon the agreement of the STATE and the CONTRACTOR, the quantity of goods or services, or both, if a definite quantity is specified in this Contract, may be increased by a maximum of ten per cent (10%); provided the unit prices will remain the same except for any price adjustments otherwise applicable; and the Agency procurement officer makes a written determination that such an increase will either be more economical than awarding another contract or that it would not be practical to award another contract.

23. Changes in Cost-Reimbursement Contract. If this Contract is a cost-reimbursement contract, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. The Agency procurement officer may at any time by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following:
  - (1) Description of performance (Attachment 1);
  - (2) Time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.);
  - (3) Place of performance of services;

- (4) Drawings, designs, or specifications when the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the STATE in accordance with the drawings, designs, or specifications;
  - (5) Method of shipment or packing of supplies; or
  - (6) Place of delivery.
- b. If any change causes an increase or decrease in the estimated cost of, or the time required for performance of, any part of the performance under this Contract, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the Agency procurement officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the (1) estimated cost, delivery or completion schedule, or both; (2) amount of any fixed fee; and (3) other affected terms and shall modify the Contract accordingly.
  - c. The CONTRACTOR must assert the CONTRACTOR'S rights to an adjustment under this provision within thirty (30) days from the day of receipt of the written order. However, if the Agency procurement officer decides that the facts justify it, the Agency procurement officer may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment under the Contract.
  - d. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under paragraph 11 of this Contract. However, nothing in this provision shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with the Contract as changed.
  - e. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions of subparagraphs 23a and 23b, the estimated cost of this Contract and, if this Contract is incrementally funded, the funds allotted for the performance of this Contract, shall not be increased or considered to be increased except by specific written modification of the Contract indicating the new contract estimated cost and, if this contract is incrementally funded, the new amount allotted to the contract.
24. Confidentiality of Material.
- a. All material given to or made available to the CONTRACTOR by virtue of this Contract, which is identified as proprietary or confidential information, will be safeguarded by the CONTRACTOR and shall not be disclosed to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the STATE.
  - b. All information, data, or other material provided by the CONTRACTOR to the STATE shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act, chapter 92F, HRS.
25. Publicity. The CONTRACTOR shall not refer to the STATE, or any office, agency, or officer thereof, or any state employee, including the HOPA, the CPO, the Agency procurement officer, or to the services or goods, or both, provided under this Contract, in any of the CONTRACTOR'S brochures, advertisements, or other publicity of the CONTRACTOR. All media contacts with the CONTRACTOR about the subject matter of this Contract shall be referred to the Agency procurement officer.
26. Ownership Rights and Copyright. The STATE shall have complete ownership of all material, both finished and unfinished, which is developed, prepared, assembled, or conceived by the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract.
27. Liens and Warranties. Goods provided under this Contract shall be provided free of all liens and provided together with all applicable warranties, or with the warranties described in the Contract documents, whichever are greater.

28. Audit of Books and Records of the CONTRACTOR. The STATE may, at reasonable times and places, audit the books and records of the CONTRACTOR, prospective contractor, subcontractor, or prospective subcontractor which are related to:
- a. The cost or pricing data, and
  - b. A state contract, including subcontracts, other than a firm fixed-price contract.

29. Cost or Pricing Data. Cost or pricing data must be submitted to the Agency procurement officer and timely certified as accurate for contracts over \$100,000 unless the contract is for a multiple-term or as otherwise specified by the Agency procurement officer. Unless otherwise required by the Agency procurement officer, cost or pricing data submission is not required for contracts awarded pursuant to competitive sealed bid procedures.

If certified cost or pricing data are subsequently found to have been inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent as of the date stated in the certificate, the STATE is entitled to an adjustment of the contract price, including profit or fee, to exclude any significant sum by which the price, including profit or fee, was increased because of the defective data. It is presumed that overstated cost or pricing data increased the contract price in the amount of the defect plus related overhead and profit or fee. Therefore, unless there is a clear indication that the defective data was not used or relied upon, the price will be reduced in such amount.

30. Audit of Cost or Pricing Data. When cost or pricing principles are applicable, the STATE may require an audit of cost or pricing data.

31. Records Retention.

- (1) Upon any termination of this Contract or as otherwise required by applicable law, CONTRACTOR shall, pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS, destroy all copies (paper or electronic form) of personal information received from the STATE.
- (2) The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain the files, books, and records that relate to the Contract, including any personal information created or received by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the STATE, and any cost or pricing data, for at least three (3) years after the date of final payment under the Contract. The personal information shall continue to be confidential and shall only be disclosed as permitted or required by law. After the three (3) year, or longer retention period as required by law has ended, the files, books, and records that contain personal information shall be destroyed pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS or returned to the STATE at the request of the STATE.

32. Antitrust Claims. The STATE and the CONTRACTOR recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the purchaser. Therefore, the CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to 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.

33. Patented Articles. The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the STATE, and its officers, employees, and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense, including all attorneys fees, and all claims, suits, and demands arising out of or resulting from any claims, demands, or actions by the patent holder for infringement or other improper or unauthorized use of any patented article, patented process, or patented appliance in connection with this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for correcting or curing to the satisfaction of the STATE any such infringement or improper or unauthorized use, including, without limitation: (a) furnishing at no cost to the STATE a substitute article, process, or appliance acceptable to the STATE, (b) paying royalties or other required payments to the patent holder, (c) obtaining proper authorizations or releases from the patent holder, and (d) furnishing such security to or making such arrangements with the patent holder as may be necessary to correct or cure any such infringement or improper or unauthorized use.

34. 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 Hawaii. 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, Hawaii.
35. Compliance with Laws. The CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'S performance of this Contract.
36. Conflict Between General Conditions and Procurement Rules. In the event of a conflict between the General Conditions and the procurement rules, the procurement rules in effect on the date this Contract became effective shall control and are hereby incorporated by reference.
37. Entire Contract. This Contract sets forth all of the agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations between the STATE and the CONTRACTOR 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 agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, or representations, oral or written, express or implied, between the STATE and the CONTRACTOR other than as set forth or as referred to herein.
38. 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.
39. 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 Hawaii 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 CONTRACTOR'S obligations under the procurement rules or statutes.
40. Pollution Control. If during the performance of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR encounters a "release" or a "threatened release" of a reportable quantity of a "hazardous substance," "pollutant," or "contaminant" as those terms are defined in section 128D-1, HRS, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the STATE and all other appropriate state, county, or federal agencies as required by law. The Contractor shall take all necessary actions, including stopping work, to avoid causing, contributing to, or making worse a release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, and shall promptly obey any orders the Environmental Protection Agency or the state Department of Health issues in response to the release. In the event there is an ensuing cease-work period, and the STATE determines that this Contract requires an adjustment of the time for performance, the Contract shall be modified in writing accordingly.
41. Campaign Contributions. The CONTRACTOR is hereby notified of the applicability of 11-355, HRS, which states that campaign contributions are prohibited from specified state or county government contractors during the terms of their contracts if the contractors are paid with funds appropriated by a legislative body.
42. Confidentiality of Personal Information.
  - a. Definitions.

"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.

"Technological safeguards" means the technology and the policy and procedures for use of the technology to protect and control access to personal information.

b. Confidentiality of Material.

- (1) All material given to or made available to the CONTRACTOR by the STATE by virtue of this Contract which is identified as personal information, shall be safeguarded by the CONTRACTOR and shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the STATE.
- (2) CONTRACTOR agrees not to retain, use, or disclose personal information for any purpose other than as permitted or required by this Contract.
- (3) CONTRACTOR agrees to implement appropriate "technological safeguards" that are acceptable to the STATE to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to personal information.
- (4) CONTRACTOR shall report to the STATE in a prompt and complete manner any security breaches involving personal information.
- (5) CONTRACTOR agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to CONTRACTOR because of a use or disclosure of personal information by CONTRACTOR in violation of the requirements of this paragraph.
- (6) CONTRACTOR shall complete and retain a log of all disclosures made of personal information received from the STATE, or personal information created or received by CONTRACTOR on behalf of the STATE.

c. Security Awareness Training and Confidentiality Agreements.

- (1) CONTRACTOR certifies that all of its employees who will have access to the personal information have completed training on security awareness topics relating to protecting personal information.
- (2) CONTRACTOR certifies that confidentiality agreements have been signed by all of its employees who will have access to the personal information acknowledging that:
  - (A) The personal information collected, used, or maintained by the CONTRACTOR will be treated as confidential;
  - (B) Access to the personal information will be allowed only as necessary to perform the Contract; and
  - (C) Use of the personal information will be restricted to uses consistent with the services subject to this Contract.

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

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

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

e. Records Retention.

- (1) Upon any termination of this Contract or as otherwise required by applicable law, CONTRACTOR shall, pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS, destroy all copies (paper or electronic form) of personal information received from the STATE.
- (2) The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain the files, books, and records that relate to the Contract, including any personal information created or received by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the STATE, and any cost or pricing data, for at least three (3) years after the date of final payment under the Contract. The personal information shall continue to be confidential and shall only be disclosed as permitted or required by law. After the three (3) year, or longer retention period as required by law has ended, the files, books, and records that contain personal information shall be destroyed pursuant to chapter 487R, HRS or returned to the STATE at the request of the STATE.