

Division of Aquatic Resources

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
No. DAR RFQ 2026 23

OFFERS
FOR

Leeward Maui Water Quality Monitoring Project

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES

WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO 2:00 PM (HST) ON

August 12, 2026

ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE STATE OF HAWAII ELECTRONIC
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NOTICE TO OFFERORS

Specifications for Solicitation No. **DAR RFQ 2026 23 Leeward Maui Water Quality Monitoring Project** are available for download on the State of Hawaii Electronic Procurement System (HlePRO). **All offers are due through electronic submittal on HlePRO by:**

Offers are due Date: August 12, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM (HST)

At the time of the Award, Offeror shall be compliant with the State Rules and Regulations through Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE), if not compliant, award shall not be issued. Offeror shall submit **Offer / Bid** as requested in following specifications, uploaded to HlePRO.

The award, if awarded, shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Should there be any question on this matter, please contact Laura Jackson or designee, email: laura.a.jackson@hawaii.gov.

Statement of Need:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is seeking a vendor to complete a Leeward Maui Citizen Science Quality Assured Coastal Water Quality Monitoring Project. Following is the project overview, scope of work, deliverables, etc.

DAR Principal Investigator:

Russell Sparks, Aquatic Biologist VI, russell.t.sparks@hawaii.gov

Overview:

Due to the direct linkage between land-based pollution inputs to nearshore waters and the health of aquatic ecosystems it is critical that DAR have visibility over water quality characteristics and trends in coastal Maui. This can be accomplished through regularly generated, high quality nearshore water quality data.

A series of physical and chemical parameters are needed to understand water quality implications for managing aquatic ecosystems. These include salinity, pH, temperature, total nitrogen, nitrate-nitrite nitrogen, ammonium, total phosphorus, phosphate, silicates, dissolved oxygen (DO) and turbidity. Each of these parameters needs to be tested at a frequency of ~every three weeks at the same approximate time. To contribute to baseline data collected in past years, sampling sites need to be consistent with past locations. These sixteen (16) locations span from Mā'alaea to Wailea (see figure 1).

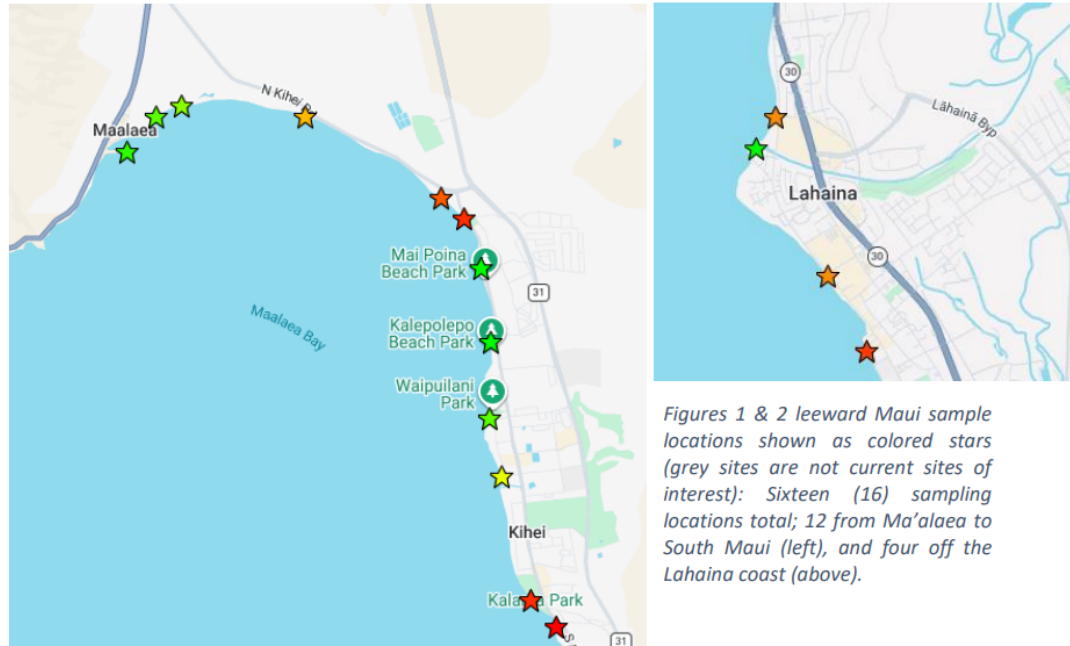
Since the data is used for decision making and to inform watershed and pollution management efforts by DAR and many partners, quality assured standards must be met. Sampling work must be guided by a Quality Assured Project Plan (QAPP) that has been reviewed by the Hawaii Department of Health. In addition, all outside labs used for chemistry analysis must meet standards and methods set out by DOH.

Community inclusion in coastal monitoring efforts helps with engagement and creating champions for actions prioritized in response to data insights. As such, DAR requires that coastal monitoring be inclusive of trained volunteers working under staff to meet this objective while ensuring that collection methods meet quality standards. As a means to ensure data standards are met and field questions are addressed in a timely manner, DAR staff will chair a Technical Team meeting every three to four weeks. This regular convening also supports further analysis of coastal water quality data for use in informing management priorities and detecting anomalies requiring action.

Scope of Work and Objectives:

1. Complete coastal water quality sampling at a minimum of 16 sites every three weeks at established sampling locations along Leeward Maui. Coordinates will be provided by the state to the awarded bidder at start of project period.

2. Complete equipment calibrations, pre- and post-field verifications, post sampling QA checks and all associated paperwork to maintain record keeping and standards outlined in a DOH reviewed QAPP.
3. Utilize a trained volunteer base to support sample collection to engage community in meaningful actions to steward ocean health.
4. QA, collate and publicly publish quarterly dataset including all historic data for each site.
5. Support development of key messages and actions in response to data insights in cooperation with NGO and state partners working to address land-based pollution.
6. Participate in DAR-led technical team meetings for one hour every three to four weeks to troubleshoot issues in the field and create focused time for analysis and insights.



Deliverables:

1. Quarterly quality assured dataset for a minimum of 16 sites from the preceding quarter sampling period. Data shall be provided as an Excel spreadsheet including location, metadata, sampling time and values for all listed parameters. Field sheets and QA logs will be provided on request.
2. Participation in DAR-led Technical Team review meetings every three weeks.
3. Publicly post data in a minimum of three on-line locations, with at least two sites providing data visualization in the form of graphs for key water quality parameters.

4. Final comprehensive report using template provided by the State by the end of the period of performance.

Offer / Bid:

Shall include:

1. Offer Forms for DAR RFQ 2026 23 with Organization name, site office address, project title, principal investigator/staff, phone number, email contact,
2. Work Plan/Schedule,
3. Anticipated deliverables,
4. Project management and personnel duties and responsibilities,
5. Budget and budget narrative,
6. Copy of Hawaii DOH reviewed QAPP,
7. Volunteer training, SOPs or guiding documents detailing protocols for volunteer sampling teams,
8. Certificate of Vendor Compliance through the Hawaii Compliance Express.

Qualifications:

1. Site office on Maui.
2. Has a Quality Assurance Project Plan for monitoring program, following state-recommended methods that has been reviewed by the Hawaii Department of Health.
3. Minimum of five (5) years' experience managing all aspects of a community-based quality assured water quality monitoring program working with state and county agencies, non-government groups, and individual volunteers.
4. Established training protocols for active community volunteer sampling teams.
5. Demonstrated success partnering with Division of Aquatic Resources
6. Compliant with the State's Rules and Regulations through the Hawai'i Compliance Express.

Period of Performance:

The Period of Performance for this project is for a 12-month period beginning approximately September 1, 2026, and going to August 31, 2027.

Funding and compensation:

Funding is limited to Aloha I Ke Kai funds for FY2026. Funding for the project shall be subject to availability.

Payment Schedule:

Payments shall be made progressively upon submission of bimonthly signed invoices and/or progress reports as requested and approved by the State. At the time of invoicing, the applicant shall be compliant with the State's Rules and

Regulations through the Hawai'i Compliance Express. If not compliant, payment shall not be issued.

Award:

Successful applicant shall be notified by email. Work may not begin until the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO) Agreement and Notice to Proceed (NTP). At the time of the Award, the applicant shall be compliant with the State's Rules and Regulations through the Hawai'i Compliance Express. If not compliant, an award shall not be issued.

Cancellation:

This Request for Quotes (RFQ) may be canceled and any or all offers rejected in whole or in part, without liability to the State, when it is determined to be in the best interest of the State.