Division of Aquatic Resources

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
No. DAR RFQ 2026 28

OFFERS
FOR

Waimānalo Kilo Program

STATE OF HAWAIʻI
DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES

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

November 16, 2026

ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE STATE OF HAWAIʻI ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (HIePRO)

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NOTICE TO OFFERORS

Specifications for Solicitation No. **DAR RFQ 2026 28 Waimānalo Kilo Program** are available for download on the State of Hawai'i Electronic Procurement System (HIePRO). **All offers are due through electronic submittal on HIePRO by:**

Offers are due Date: November 16, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM (HST)

At the time of the Award, Offeror shall be compliant with the State Rules and Regulations through Hawai'i Compliance Express (HCE), if not compliant, award shall not be issued. Offeror shall submit **Offer / Bid** as requested in following specifications including DAR RFQ 2026 28 Offer Forms, uploaded to HIePRO.

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 support a program to promote the Native Hawaiian practice of kilo in Waimānalo. Following is the project overview, scope of work, deliverables, etc.

DAR Principal Investigator:

Anthony B. Mau Ph.D., Aquatic Biologist VI, anthony.b.mau@hawaii.gov

Overview:

Waimānalo has a high Native Hawaiian concentration in its residential population. The community maintains relationships with the ʻāina through fishing, farming and cultural practice. Residents can interact with and observe their environments, from mauka to makai, throughout their daily lives.

Currently, traditional environmental monitoring systems produce limited snapshots of ecosystems and ecosystem indicators, without considering daily observations from the people who regularly interact with these places. This captures only isolated moments at fixed sites, causing a discontinuous picture of environmental change.

One solution is a Waimānalo-based program that promotes the indigenous practice of kilo to expand the abilities of the current monitoring systems in place. Kilo is a traditional Native Hawaiian practice of deep, intentional observation. By reincorporating kilo into the Waimānalo community, a holistic environmental monitoring system of Waimānalo can be created to bridge the gap between resident observation and environmental monitoring.

While kūpuna, cultural practitioners, scientists, and other community members report observations of environmental change, keiki can learn from them to gain observation skills, ocean safety, ecological literacy, and cultural practice. Improving monitoring with observations of the environment and its changes may improve local decisions about activities such as farming and fishing, as well as strengthening Waimānalo's adaptability and stability. This program has the potential to shape Waimānalo as its own research center, promote intergenerational learning, and inform stewardship decisions.

Scope of Work and Objectives:

1. Twelve (12) monthly kilo gatherings (one per month), 2 hours each, with at least 40 community participants engaged by the end of the year.
2. Four (4) quarterly in-person trainings focusing on kilo practice, environmental indicators, cultural knowledge, and community science methods.

3. Maintain a community database comprised of environmental data collected by participants with over 200 observations recorded (rainfall patterns, freshwater flow, ocean conditions, species presence, and seasonal shifts).
4. Final environmental report at end of period of performance summarizing observations and patterns across Waimānalo, shared with the community through a public report-back gathering.

Deliverables:

1. Quarterly meeting with DAR to report progress and accomplishments.
2. End-of-period of performance environmental report summarizing overall observations, environmental patterns, and accomplishments of participant learning outcomes.

Offer / Bid:

Shall include:
1. DAR RFQ 2026 28 Offer Forms,
2. Organization name, site office address, project title, principal investigator/staff, phone number, email contact,
3. Program schedule/plan,
4. Anticipated deliverables,
5. Quote for program budget and budget narrative,
6. Certificate of Vendor Compliance through the Hawai‘i Compliance Express.

Qualifications:

1. Organization is based out of Waimānalo
2. Minimum of five (5) years’ experience working with Waimānalo community
3. Demonstrated success in native limu, fishpond, and ahupua’a kilo and management
4. 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 twelve (12) month period beginning approximately early December 2026 through early December 2027.

Funding and compensation:

Funding is limited to the Aloha I Ke Kai Special Fund for FY2027. Funding for the project shall be subject to availability.

Payment Schedule:

Payment shall be made progressively upon submission of bimonthly signed invoices and/or progress reports as requested and approved by the State.

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.