

**DCCA'S STATEMENT REGARDING SPO DECISION TO:  
NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER  
103D, HRS**

On June 16, 2006, the State Procurement Office (SPO) issued a decision which requires that contracts for public, education, and government (PEG) access services must be awarded in accordance with the public procurement code (Code). The SPO denied the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) request for a permanent exemption and approved a one year exemption of PEG contracts from the Code.

The SPO recognized that it is in the public's interest to continue PEG access services until new contracts are awarded and, therefore, gave DCCA until June 30, 2007 to complete the competitive procurement process in accordance with HRS chapter 103D.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) process will take some time to develop and implement. As the department develops the RFP, it will carefully consider the needs and interests of those who are served by each PEG. The department will work with SPO on drafting the RFP, and may also seek assistance from consultants. The department plans to hold public meetings across the state and welcomes input from the public and users of PEG services. Comments may be submitted in writing to:

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