

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

October 26, 2012

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A CONTRACT(S) TO FURNISH HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, OAHU;

AND

REQUEST APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 343, HRS, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROCUREMENT

In order to expedite the contract(s) for this procurement, DOFAW requests that the Board delegate authority to the Chairperson to award, execute, and extend contract(s) for goods and services and other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interest of the State. One or more contracts will be awarded based on the lowest qualified bidder. The contract(s) will be in the form of requirements contracts, where funds will be encumbered by purchase order, at the contracted rate, as needed.

CHAPTER 343 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200-8, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the subject procurement is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class 1: Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

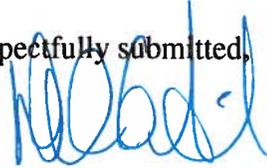
RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed procurement as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this procurement

will likely have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

- 2) That the Board approve the expenditure of funds and authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and execute a Contract(s) for Goods and Services for the furnishing of helicopter services for DOFAW, Oahu subject to availability of funds and subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID G. SMITH, Acting Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



for

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources