

**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
NOTICE OF AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS**

EX-185

1. TO: Chief Procurement Officer	
2. FROM: A.A. Stransky, Corp. Finance	
Department/Division/Agency Pursuant to §103D-102(b)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-120, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:	
3. Description of goods, services or construction:  Multiple "exempted" contract awards for "Traveler Nurse & Allied Healthcare Providers" ("Traveler Agencies") via the Medefis platform. The justification and rationale for these exemptions is provided herein.	
4. Name and Address of Vendor:  150+ exempted contract awards to traveler agencies as of Jan. 2024 via the digital platform provided by:  Medefis Inc., 1082 Old Mill Rd., Omaha, NE 68145	5. Price: Up to \$40M annually, aggregate expenditure for traveler agencies.
6. Term of Medefis Contract: 9/10/15 From: To: 9/9/27	7. Prior Exemption Ref. No. None
8. Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or advantageous to the State:  The award to Medefis was issued through a competitive process in 2015. The Agreement's purpose is to consolidate and streamline traveler nursing & allied healthcare agency services to the HHSC hospitals via the Medefis digital platform. Agencies are vetted by Medefis for quality and financial responsibility, and are Joint Commission certified. HHSC executes a direct, exempted agreement with each traveler agency prior to the commencement of services.	
9. Details of the process or procedures to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable: Maximum open competition and competitive pricing are supported as follows: HHSC contract awards are available to all 600+ traveler agencies within the Medefis supplier panel who are willing/qualified to provide services via the Medefis platform. All agencies have visibility to the open job postings at HHSC hospitals. Hospitals establish the hourly rate in the platform and agencies submit qualified candidates based on the posted rate, job description, and candidate availability. The Medefis provider panel is adjusted on an on-going basis in response to post-pandemic demand and the overall volume of contingent labor utilization.	
10. A description of the agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:  This exemption shall be from HRS, Section 103D-303, and all other guidelines, rules and policies under chapter 103D shall be upheld. HHSC policies and procedures will be followed and periodic reviews of contract action will be performed.	
11. A list of agency personnel, by position, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:	
Name	Position
A. Stransky	Contracts Manager
Joyce Tamori	Corporate CFO
Edward Chu	Corporate CEO
Involvement in Process	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration
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12. Direct Inquiries to:

Contact Name: Allison Stransky  
Email: Astransky@hhsc.org

Agency shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements  
13. I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

*Joyce M. Tamori*

Feb 22, 2024

Department Head (Joyce M. Tamori, CFO & Vice President)

Date

14. Date Notice Posted: 6-14-24

The CPO is in the process of reviewing this request for exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS. Submit written objections to this notice to issue an exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, within seven (7) calendar days or as otherwise allowed from the above posted date to: Chief Procurement Officer, HHSC, 3675 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

Services are critical to ensure adequate staffing for quality patient care.

15.  APPROVED

DISAPPROVED:

NO ACTION REQUIRED

*Ellen A. ...*

HHSC Chief Procurement Officer - Signature

Jun 26, 2024

Date