STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Ronald J. Schurra, East Hawaii CEO
        Department Division Agency

Pursuant to §103D-06, HRS, and Subchapter 9, Chapter 3-122, HAR, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

3. Description of goods, services, or construction:
   Hospice program engaged in the provision of fully qualified patient and family centered interdisciplinary service for the palliation and management of terminal illness.

4. Vendor Name: Hospice of Hilo

   Address: 1011 Waiwaanu Avenue
             Hilo, Hawaii 96720

5. Price: $ 6,000

6. Term of Contract:
   From: 12/08/06
   To: 12/07/07

7. Prior Sole Source Ref No.

8. Feature: The good, service, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities:
   Hospice of Hilo is the only local facility providing hospice services within a 50 - 60 mile radius of HMC. It is not practicable for HMC to move terminally ill patients that far from our facility. Hospice of Hilo also provides in home services to HMC patients which also restricts these services to the Hilo community.

9. Essential features: How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work: Dealing with terminally ill patients takes considerable patience and skill. It is a trying time for the patient as well as the patient's family. Hospice of Hilo has the unique experience with the community and have established an excellent reputation and rapport with families here in Hilo.
Alternate source. The following other possible sources for the good, service, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because: There are other hospice centers on the Big Island, however they serve the communities in which they reside. Only Hospice of Hilo which has over 10 years in the Hilo Community has become the accepted hospice center here.

I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.

Ronald Schurra

Due to the fact it is not in the patient's interest to transport 60 miles via ambulance to another facility, this is the only facility that meets HMC's specifications.

Approved 11/27/06

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