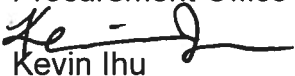


**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM
CHAPTER 103D**

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: Ernest Y.W. Lau, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer

VIA: Procurement Office

FROM: 
Kevin Ihu
Program Administrator
Water System Operations Division

RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D FOR
FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF GRANULAR ACTIVATED
CARBON (GAC) FOR THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Pursuant to Section 103D-102(b)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Subchapter 9, Chapter 3-120 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), I am recommending that an exemption be granted from the provisions of Chapter 103D, HRS, for selecting a vendor to award a contract to: Jacobi Carbons, Inc.

Vendor Name & address: Jacobi Carbons, Inc.
432 McCormick Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43213

Attention: Mike Smith

Amount of the contract: \$472,800.00

Prior exemption contract numbers: BWS 13-02

A. Background:

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) is used to remove pesticide contaminants from various Board of Water Supply (BWS) well sites in Central and Leeward Oahu. Efficient operations at each of the GAC facilities is critical in the BWS's ability to deliver safe drinking water that meets all Federal and State regulations. The higher the concentration of contaminants, the more important efficient operations becomes.

There are many processes involved in the preparation of GAC filled pressure vessels. The GAC material being received under the current contract meets specifications, however the preparation time has been longer than with the GAC material received under the previous contract.

Mililani Wells I is the well site that has the highest concentration of pesticide contamination. The longer preparation time being experienced with the current contracted GAC material would be detrimental to operations at that facility; which could result in temporarily having reduced or no production from that site. The station supplies sixty percent of the water for the entire Mililani area.

B. Describe how procurement by competitive means is neither practicable nor advantageous to the Board of Water Supply (BWS)

The BWS has an executed, competitively bid, contract for the supply of GAC material. However, the additional preparatory time of the material currently being received will be detrimental to operations at the Mililani Wells I site. Currently, the additional preparatory time would not be detrimental to operations at the other well stations due to the lower pesticide concentrations.

Jacobi Carbon, Inc., the previous supplier of GAC, provided material that did not require additional preparatory time. Therefore, at this time, it is in the BWS's best interest to procure GAC material from Jacobi Carbon, Inc. for the Mililani Wells I site only.

C. Details of the process or procedures to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable

Jacobi Carbons was the previous supplier of GAC material which did not require additional preparatory time. The selection of Jacobi Carbons was based on the past performance of material and the urgency of efficient preparatory processes at Mililani Wells I.

Accordingly, I recommend your approval to exempt from the provisions of Chapter 103D, HRS, and to award a contract for the Furnishing and Delivery of Granular Activated Carbon for the Board of Water Supply. The application of this exemption will be limited to these facts and circumstances and may not be used as precedence to award any other contracts.

I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct.



Division Head

9/28/17


Date

Direct Questions to: Kevin Ihu

Phone: (808) 748-5800

Date of Public Notice posting: October 4, 2017 to October 10, 2017

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED / NOT APPROVED



ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P. E.
MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER

or

10/26/17

Date

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS



JOSEPH COOPER
WATERWORKS CONTROLLER

PK
10/26/2017

10-3-17

Date

REVIEWED AS TO PROCUREMENT FORM



VICKI A. KITAJIMA
PROCUREMENT & SPECIFICATIONS
SPECIALIST VI

Date

10/23/17

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

October 4, 2017
(Date Notice Posted)

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D HAWAII REVISED
STATUTES

The Manager and Chief Engineer is reviewing a request for exemption from Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to award a contract for Neptune Registers for the Board of Water Supply.

The award shall be made to:

Name of Vendor: Jacobi Carbons, Inc.

Address of Vendor: 432 McCormick Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43213

Attention: Mike Smith

Cost: \$472,800.00

Term of Contract: One-Time Purchase

Direct any inquiries to: Vicki A. Kitajima

Address: Board of Water Supply
Procurement Office
630 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96843

Telephone No.: (808) 748-5071

Fax Telephone No.: (808) 550-9193

Submit written objection(s) to this Notice of Intent to Issue an Exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS within seven (7) calendar days from the date this notice was posted to:

Manager and Chief Engineer
Board of Water Supply
630 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96843

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103D Exemption Reference No.: BWS 18-01