

EAST HAWAII REGION
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

1. TO: Regional Chief Executive Officer
2. FROM: Lisa Shiroma Chief Administration Officer

Pursuant to East Hawaii Region Policy, PUR 005, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

3. Description of goods, services, or construction:
Oncology Provider Services

4. Vendor Name: University Health Partners of Hawaii (UHP)

Address: 677 Ala Moana Blvd, Ste 1001
Honolulu, HI 96813-5408

5. Price:

\$ 250,000.00

6. Term of

Contract:

From: 1/1/2027

To: 12/31/2028

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7. Prior Sole Source Ref
No.

N/A

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8. Feature: The good, service, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities: University Health Partners of Hawai'i (UHP) is the only practicable source for these services. No other vendor can provide both Hawai'i-licensed, board-certified oncology physicians and an established oncology fellowship that rotates through our rural cancer center. UHP's oncologists already hold active Hawai'i medical licenses and are board certified in medical oncology. As a result, they can begin providing care without the months-long licensure delays typical of mainland locum tenens or staffing agencies, and they meet our medical staff credentialing standards for oncology privileges. UHP has also established an oncology-specific fellowship program in which fellows rotate through our cancer center. As we do not have any permanent oncologists, fellows can only be supervised by UHP faculty, so the physician services and the fellowship rotation cannot be separated or obtained from another source. The rotation also creates a long-term workforce pipeline. Fellows gain hands-on experience in rural, island-based oncology care and become familiar with our systems and patients. This gives us a realistic pathway to recruit permanent oncologists to Hawai'i Island, which no staffing vendor can offer.

Finally, as the faculty practice affiliated with the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine, UHP brings in-state academic oversight, continuity of care, and established relationships with tertiary oncology referral partners on O'ahu. UHP physicians practice in Hawai'i and understand the cultural, geographic, and access needs of the Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and rural patients we serve. For these reasons, UHP is uniquely positioned to meet our need for consistent, high-quality oncology coverage, and a sole source award is in the best interest of our patients and organization.

9. Essential Features: How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work:

See above

10: Sole Source No. 27-0135

11. Alternate source. The following other possible sources for the good, service, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because:

None located in Hawaii with board certified oncologists

12. **Direct any inquiries to:**

Department: Contracts

Contact Name/Title: Sam Nelson Regional Compliance and
Contracts Officer

13 Phone Number: 808-932-
3113

Fax Number:

Expenditure may be processed with a purchase order: ☐ Yes ☒ No If no, a contract must be executed

Agency shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements.

14. ***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.***

Department Head (sign and print name)

Date

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15 Date Notice Posted: _____

Submit written objections to this intent to issue a sole source contract within five (5) calendar days or as otherwise allowed from the above posted date to: Regional Chief Executive Officer

East Hawaii Region
1190 Waianuenue Ave.
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

16. Regional Chief Executive Officer's comments:

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☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED
☐ NO ACTION REQUIRED

Regional Chief Executive Officer Date