

Instructions for Bid Submittal

General Instructions for Bid Submittal

The bid offer form must be completed and submitted to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL” or “Department”) by the required due date and time, and in the form prescribed by the DHHL. Electronic mail and facsimile transmissions shall not be accepted.

For your convenience and use, an “IFB Schedule and Checklist for Bidders” is included in this section.

No supplemental literature, brochures or other unsolicited information should be included in the bid packet.

A written response is required for each item unless indicated otherwise.

Bid documents and all certifications should be written legibly or typed and completed with black ink.

I. IFB SCHEDULE AND IFB CHECKLIST FOR BIDDERS:

Invitation For Bids No.:	IFB-20-HHL-023
Project Name:	Keokea-Waiohuli Subdivision, Phase 2A
Location:	Kula, Maui, Hawaii

Pre-Bid Conference (Site Inspection to follow)	<u>Date:</u> Thursday, APRIL 2nd, 2020
(Attendance not mandatory, but highly recommended)	<u>Time:</u> 9:00 A.M. HST
	<u>Location:</u> Waiohuli Community Center, 881 Lauie Drive, Kula, Maui, Hawaii 96790.

<p>(Required)</p> <p>Notice of Intention to Bid:</p> <p>Standard Qualification Questionnaire (SPO Form-21):</p>	<p><u>Due no later than 4:30 P.M. HST, APRIL 13th, 2020</u> may be faxed to: (808) 620-9299, or E-mailed to: Bryan.toda@hawaii.gov.</p> <p><u>Due no later than 4:30 P.M. HST, APRIL 13th, 2020</u> Location: 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, HI 96707; <u>Attn: Bryan Toda, Land Development Division.</u> * Must submit original copy with wet signatures. SQQs will not be accepted by fax or E-mail.</p>
<p>(Optional)</p> <p>Hawaii Product Preference Request (if any) (Form SPO-38);</p> <p>Substitution Requests (if any);</p> <p>Bidder written questions (if any).</p>	<p>Due no later than:</p> <p><u>Date: Tuesday, APRIL 7th, 2020</u></p> <p><u>Time: 4:30 P.M. HST</u></p> <p><u>Location: 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, HI 96707</u></p> <p>*All three may be faxed to: (808) 620-9299 or E-mailed to: Bryan.toda@hawaii.gov. Questions or comments may be directed in writing to Mr. Bryan Toda by fax or E-mail.</p>
<p>Bids Due (No later than):</p> <p>(Bid Opening to Follow)</p>	<p><u>Date: Thursday, APRIL 23rd, 2020</u></p> <p><u>Time: 10:00 A.M. HST</u></p> <p><u>Location: DHHL Maui District Office, at 655 Kaunualii Street, Suite 1, Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793.</u></p> <p>* The 10:00 A.M. HST deadline shall be according to the official clock established at the location bids are received.</p>

IFB CHECKLIST FOR BIDDERS

Keokea-Waiohuli Subdivision, Phase 2A (IFB-20-HHL-023)

Items required prior to Bid Opening:

- Notice of Intention to Bid
- SPO Form 21 (Standard Qualification Questionnaire), submitted to DHHL, Land Development Division

Other Non-Required Items Prior to Bid Opening:

- SPO-38 (Hawaii Product Preference Request (if any))
- Substitution requests (if any)
- Bidder written questions (if any)

Items required with Sealed Bid:

- Bid Package Envelope Cover (with the words "Sealed Bid"), included with this IFB.

The Envelope Cover Form shall be used for Sealed Bid Envelopes. The cover form should be glued or taped to the front of the bid envelope and the information type-written or printed clearly in ink.

- Bid Offer Form (included with this IFB)

The "TOTAL SUM BID" amount must be typed or clearly written in both numbers and words in the appropriate space on the Bid Offer Form. Illegible writing on any portion of the Bid Offer Form, except for the signer's signature, may be grounds for considering a Bid "non-responsive".

- Corporate Resolution (Indicating who is authorized to sign bid documents and contracts)
- Bid Security, properly notarized (Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Listing of Certified Companies:
https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/ref/suretyBnd/c570_a-z.htm)
- Form 1 "Certification of Bidder's Participation in Approved Apprenticeship Program Under Act 17 (Apprenticeship Agreement Preference, if any).

II. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

A. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS.

Prospective Bidders must be capable of performing the work for which bids are invited and must be capable of entering into a public contract of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) or more.

B. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BID

1. In accordance with Section 103D-310, Hawaii Revised Statutes (ōHRSö), and Section 3-122-108, Hawaii Administrative Rules (ōHARö), a written notice of intention to bid must be submitted to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (ōChairmanö), who is the Department's chief procurement officer. The notice may be faxed, hand carried, mailed, or e-mailed to the office indicated in the Notice to Contractors.
2. The written notice must be received by the office indicated in the Notice to Contractors no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 10th calendar day prior to the day designated for opening bids. If the 10th calendar day prior to the day designated for opening bids is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal State holiday, then the written notice must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last working day immediately prior to said Saturday, Sunday, or legal State holiday. The written notice will be time stamped when received by said office. The time designated by the time stamping device in said office shall be official. If the written notice is hand carried, then the bearer is responsible to ensure that the notice is time stamped by said office. If the notice is faxed, the time of receipt by the Department fax machine shall be official. If the notice is sent by email, the time indicated in the date and time field of the email as received by the Department shall be official.
3. It is the responsibility of the prospective Bidder to ensure that the written notice of intention to bid is received in time and the Department assumes no responsibility for failure of timely delivery caused by the prospective Bidder or by any method of conveyance chosen by the prospective Bidder.
4. If two (2) or more prospective Bidders desire to bid jointly as a joint venture on a single project, they must file an affidavit of joint venture with their notice of intention to bid. Such affidavit of joint venture will be valid only for the specific project for which it is filed. No further license is required when all parties to the joint venture possess current and appropriate contractor's licenses. Joint ventures are required to be licensed in accordance with Chapter 444 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Contractor's License Board when any party to the joint venture agreement does not hold a current or appropriate contractor's license. The joint venture must be registered with the office of the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in accordance with Chapter 425, HRS, as amended.

5. No persons, firm or corporation may bid where (1) the person, firm, or corporation, or (2) a corporation owned substantially by the person, firm, or corporation, or (3) a substantial stockholder or an officer of the corporation, or (4) a partner or substantial investor in the firm is in arrears in any payment owed to the State of Hawaii or any of its political subdivisions or is in default of any obligation to the State of Hawaii or to all or to any of its political subdivisions, including default as a surety or failure to perform faithfully and diligently any previous contract with the Department.

C. STANDARD QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR OFFERORS

1. Prospective Bidders shall submit answers to questions contained in the STANDARD QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR OFFERORS, SPO Form-021(øQuestionnaireö), properly executed and notarized, setting forth a complete statement of the experience of such prospective Bidder and its organization in performing similar work and a statement of the equipment proposed to be used, together with adequate proof of the availability of such equipment, no later than 2:00 p.m. on the tenth calendar day prior to the day designated for opening bids. If the tenth calendar day prior to the day designated for opening bids is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal State holiday, then the Questionnaire must be received by the Department no later than 2:00 p.m. on the last working day immediately prior to said Saturday, Sunday, or legal State holiday. The Questionnaire will be time stamped when received by said office. The time designated by the time stamping device in said office shall be official. If the Questionnaire is hand carried, then the bearer is responsible to ensure that the notice is time stamped by said office. E-mail and facsimile (FAX) transmissions are not acceptable in whole or in part, under any circumstances. If the information in the Questionnaire proves satisfactory, the Bidderø proposal will be received. All information contained in the answers to the Questionnaire shall be kept confidential. The Questionnaire will be returned to the Bidder after it has served its purpose.
2. If upon review of the Questionnaire, or otherwise, the Bidder appears not fully qualified or able to perform the intended work, the Chairman shall, after affording the Bidder an opportunity to be heard and if still of the opinion that the Bidder is not fully qualified to perform the work, refuse to receive or to consider any bid offered by the prospective Bidder.
3. Failure to complete and submit the Questionnaire by the designated deadline will be sufficient cause for the Department to disqualify a prospective Bidder.

D. PROPOSAL FORM

1. Prospective Bidders are being furnished with the proposal form giving the location, description, and the contract time of the work contemplated for which a lump sum bid price is asked or containing a schedule of items, together with estimated quantities of work to be performed and materials to be furnished, for which unit bid prices and/or lump sum bid prices are asked.

2. All papers bound with or attached to the proposal form shall be considered a part thereof and shall not be detached or altered when the proposal is submitted.
3. The drawings, specifications and other documents designated in the proposal form will also be considered a part thereof whether attached or not.
4. When quantities for individual items of work are listed in the proposal form for which respective unit prices are asked, said quantities are estimated or approximate and are to be used by the Department only for the purpose of comparing on a uniform basis bids offered for the work. The Department does not, expressly or by implication agree that the actual quantity of work will correspond therewith.
5. On unit price bids, payment will be made only for the actual number of units incorporated into the finished project at the unit price bid, subject to DHHL Construction General Conditions (CGC), Section 4.7, VARIATIONS IN ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.
6. The Bidder's proposal must be submitted on the proposal form furnished by the Department. The proposal must be prepared in full accordance with the instructions herein. The Bidder must state, both in words and numerals, the lump sum price or total sum bid at which the work contemplated is proposed to be done. These prices must be written in ink or typed. In case of a discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written in figures, the words shall govern over the figures. The Bidder shall sign the proposal in the spaces provided with ink.
7. If the proposal is made by an individual, the person's name and post office address must be shown in the space provided. If made by a partnership, the name and post office address of each member of the partnership must be shown and the proposal signed by all partners or evidence in the form of a partnership agreement must be submitted showing the authority of the partner to enter, on behalf of said partnership, into contract with the Department. If made by a corporation the proposal must show the name, title and business address of the president, secretary and treasurer and also evidence in the form of a corporate resolution must be submitted showing the authority of the particular corporate representative to enter on behalf of said corporation into contract with the Department. If made by a joint-venture the name and post office address of each member of the individual firm, partnership or corporation comprising the joint-venture must be shown with other pertinent information required of individuals, partnerships or corporations as the case may be. The proposal must be signed by all parties to the joint-venture or evidence in the form of a Joint-Venture Agreement must be submitted showing the authority of the joint-venture's representative to enter on behalf of said joint-venture into contract with the Department.
8. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 103D-302, HRS, each Bidder shall include in its bid the name of each person or firm to be engaged by the Bidder on

the project as joint contractor or subcontractor indicating also the nature and scope of work to be performed by such joint contractor and/or subcontractor and their respective contractor's license number. A joint contractor or subcontractor performing less than or equal to one percent of the total bid amount is not required to be listed in the proposal. The Bidder shall be solely responsible for verifying that their joint contractor or subcontractor has the proper license at the time of the submitted bid.

9. It is understood and agreed that the Contractor shall make no claim for anticipated profit, loss of profit or unabsorbed field, branch or home office overhead and impact losses due to the exercise of the Departments right to eliminate entire portions of the work or to increase or decrease any or all the quantities shown in the proposal form.
10. By submitting a bid on the proposal form, a Bidder accepts the language therein as its own.

E. BID SECURITY

1. Subject to the exceptions in Section 3-122-223(d), HAR, all lump sum bids of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) and higher, or lump sum base bids including alternates of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) and higher, that are not accompanied by bid security are non-responsive. Bid security shall be one of the following:
 - a. Surety bid bond underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in this State; or
 - b. Legal Tender; or
 - c. Certificate of Deposit; credit union share certificate; or cashier's, treasurer's, teller's or official check drawn by, or a certified check accepted by, and payable on demand to the State by a bank, a savings institution, or credit union insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.
 - (i) These instruments may be utilized only to a maximum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars).
 - (ii) If the required security or bond amount totals over \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars), more than one instrument not exceeding \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) each and issued by different financial institutions shall be accepted.
 - (iii) CAUTION - Bidders are cautioned that certificates of deposit or share certificates with an early withdrawal penalty must have a face value sufficient to cover the maximum penalty amount in addition to the proposal guaranty requirement. If the certificate is

made out to two names, the certificate must be assigned unconditionally to the Chairman.

2. Unless otherwise stated, the bid security shall be in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the lump sum bid or lump sum base bid including all additive alternates or in an amount required by the terms of the federal funding, where applicable.
3. If the Bidder is a corporation, evidence in the form of a corporate resolution, authorizing the corporate representative to execute the bond must be submitted with the proposal. (See sample in Appendix.) If the Bidder is a partnership, all partners must sign the bond or evidence in the form of a partnership agreement must be submitted showing the authority of the partner.
4. If the Bidder is a joint-venture, all parties to the joint-venture must sign the bond; provided, that one party to the joint-venture may sign on behalf of the joint-venture if evidence in the form of a joint-venture agreement or power of attorney, is submitted showing the authority of the signatory to sign the bond on behalf of the joint-venture.
5. In the case where the award will be made on a group or item basis, the amount of bid security shall be based on the total bid for all groups or items submitted.
6. Bidders are cautioned that surety bid bonds which place a limit in value to the difference between the bid amount and the next acceptable bid, such value not to exceed the purported amount of the bond, are not acceptable. Also, surety bid bonds which place a time limit on the right of the State to make claim other than allowed by statutes or the GENERAL CONDITIONS are not acceptable. Bidders are hereby notified that a surety bid bond containing such limitation(s) is not acceptable and a bid accompanied by such surety bid bond will be automatically rejected.

F. BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, SITE OF WORK, ETC.

The Bidder shall carefully examine the project site and study all Contract Documents (as defined in the DHHL Construction General Conditions) and any documents or items referenced therein and contract and bond forms therefore. The submission of a bid shall be considered as a warranty that the Bidder has made such examination and is informed of the conditions to be encountered in performing the Work and of the requirements of the Contract Documents and any documents and items referenced therein, and contract and bonds.

G. ADDENDA AND BID CLARIFICATIONS

1. The terms and requirements of the bid documents (i.e. drawings, specifications and other bid and contract documents) cannot be changed prior to the bid opening except by a duly issued addendum.

2. The Department may alter, increase or decrease the scope of the work or the contract time, provisions and conditions by issuing a written addendum which sets forth such alterations, increase or decrease.
3. If a Bidder discovers what it considers to be a discrepancy, ambiguity, omission or doubt as to the meaning of drawings, specifications and any other bid or contract documents, the Bidder shall request in writing an interpretation from the Chairman.
4. If the Department agrees that a discrepancy, ambiguity, omission or doubt exists, it shall issue a written addendum to the bid documents to all prospective Bidders known to have received a solicitation eight (8) days before the bids are opened. The Department may extend the bid opening to allow at least eight (8) days from the notification date of the addendum. Upon notification by the Department, all Bidders/addressees shall be deemed to be on notice of the information therein whether or not the addendum is actually received. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract documents.
5. No claim for additional compensation and/or time for performance will be allowed if the Contractor discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have discovered a discrepancy, ambiguity, omission or doubt for which an interpretation was not requested.

H. SUBSTITUTION OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT BEFORE BID OPENING

1. Brand names of materials or equipment are specified or shown on the drawings to indicate a quality, style, appearance or performance and not to limit competition. The Bidder shall base its bid on one of the specified brand names unless alternate brands are qualified as equal or better in an addendum. Qualifications of such proposed alternate brands shall be submitted in writing and addressed to the Project Manager. The face of the envelope containing the request must be clearly marked "SUBSTITUTION REQUEST". The request may be hand carried or mailed to DHHL, 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii, 96707. In either case, the written request must be received by DHHL no later than fourteen (14) days before the bid opening date and time specified in the Notice to Bidders. The written request will be time stamped by DHHL. For the purpose of this section, the time designated by the time stamping device in DHHL shall be official. If the written request is hand carried, the bearer is responsible to ensure that the request is time stamped by DHHL.
2. Submit three (3) sets of the written request, technical brochures, and a statement of variances.
3. A statement of variances must list all features of the proposed substitution which differ from the drawings, specifications and/or product(s) specified and must further certify that the substitution has no other variant features. The brochure and information submitted shall be clearly marked showing make, model, size, options, etc., and must include sufficient evidence to evaluate each feature listed

as a variance. A request will be denied if submitted without sufficient evidence. If after installing the substituted product, an unlisted variance is discovered, Contractor shall immediately replace the product with a specified product at no cost to the Department.

4. Any substitution request not complying with the above requirements will be denied. Substitution requests sent to other agencies and received by Project Manager after the deadline above will be denied.
5. An addendum shall be issued to inform all prospective Bidders of any accepted substitution.

I. DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS.

The entire proposal shall be placed together with the bid security, in a sealed envelope and delivered as indicated in the Notice to Bidders. Bids which do not comply with this requirement may not be considered. Proposals will be received up to the time fixed in the public notice for opening of bids and must be in the hands of the official by the time indicated. The time designated by the time stamping device in DHHL shall be official.

J. WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF PROPOSAL. Proposal may be modified prior to the deadline to submit the proposal by any of the following documents:

1 Withdrawal of Proposals:

- (a) A signed, written notice received in the office designated in the solicitation; or
- (b) A signed written notice faxed or e-mailed to the office designated in the solicitation.

2 Modification of Proposals:

- (a) A signed written notice received in the office designated in the solicitation, accompanied by a duly executed certificate of resolution for corporations, partnerships and joint-ventures, stating that a modification to the proposal is submitted; and
- (b) The actual modification sealed securely in a separate envelope or container, accompanying the written notice.
- (c) The modification may be sent by fax or email, provided that the originals must be submitted within two working days of the fax or email.

K. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the Notice to Bidders. Bidders, their authorized agents and other interested parties are invited to be present.

L. **DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS.** Any one or more of the following causes will be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a Bidder and the rejection of its proposal or proposals:

1. Non-compliance with Section I.A. **QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS**;
2. Evidence of collusion among Bidders;
3. Lack of responsibility and cooperation as shown by past work such as failing to complete all of the requirements to close the project within a reasonable time or engaging in a pattern of unreasonable or frivolous claims for extra compensation;
4. Being in arrears on existing contracts with the State of Hawaii, or having defaulted on a previous contract with the State of Hawaii;
5. Lack of proper equipment and/or sufficient experience to perform the work contemplated, as revealed by the Standard Questionnaire and Financial Statement for Bidders;
6. No contractor's license or a contractor's license which does not cover type of work contemplated;
7. More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or joint venture under the same or different name;
8. Delivery of bids after the deadline specified in the advertisement calling for bids;
9. Failure to pay, or satisfactorily settle, all bills overdue for labor and materials of former contracts in force at the time of issuance of proposal forms; and/or
10. Debarment or suspension pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 103D, 104 and 444, HRS, as amended.

M. **PROTESTS**

1. Protests shall be governed by Section 103D-701, HRS, and amended hereafter, and its implementing rules set forth in Title 3, Chapter 126, Subchapter 1, HAR, and as amended hereafter.
2. The Chairman is the Department's chief procurement officer to whom protests shall be addressed unless specified otherwise in the solicitation.

N. **WRONGFUL REFUSAL TO ACCEPT A BID.**

In the event the Chairman, for any reason, wrongfully refuses to accept what would otherwise be a responsive and responsible lowest bid, the exclusive remedy for such lowest Bidder shall be the recovery of the reasonable actual costs of preparing the bid. No other Bidder shall have any claim for damages.

III. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

A. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS; CANCELLATION.

After the proposals are opened and read, the figures will be extended and/or totaled in accordance with the bid prices of the acceptable proposals and the totals will be compared and the results of such comparison shall be made public. In the event of a tie bid, the low Bidder shall be determined in accordance with Section 3-122-34, HAR. In the comparison of bids, words written in the proposals will govern over figures and unit prices will govern over totals. Until the award of the contract, the Department may cancel the solicitation, reject any and all proposals in whole or part and may waive any defects or technicalities whenever such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Department.

B. IRREGULAR PROPOSALS.

Proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected for the following reasons:

1. If the proposal is unsigned.
2. If bid security is not in accordance with Section I.E. BID SECURITY.
3. If proposal is on a form other than that furnished by the Department; or if the form is altered or any part thereof detached.
4. If the proposal shows any non-compliance with applicable law, alteration of form, additions not called for, conditional bids, incomplete bids, non-initialed erasures, other defects, or if the prices are obviously unbalanced.
5. If the Bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an award.
6. If the Bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
7. When a proposal is signed by an officer or officers of a corporation and a currently certified corporate resolution authorizing such signer(s) to submit such proposal is not submitted with the proposal or when the proposal is signed by an agent other than the officer or officers of a corporation or a member of a partnership and a power of attorney is not submitted with the proposal.
8. Where there is an incomplete or ambiguous listing of joint contractors and/or subcontractors the proposal may be rejected. All work which is not listed as being performed by joint contractors and/or subcontractors must be performed by the Bidder with its own employees. Additions to the list of joint contractors or subcontractors will not be allowed. Whenever there is a doubt as to the completeness of the list, the Bidder will be required to submit within five (5) working days, a written confirmation that the work in question will be performed with its own work force. Whenever there is more than one joint contractor and/or subcontractor listed for the same item of work, the Bidder will be required to

either confirm in writing within five (5) working days that all joint contractors or subcontractors listed will actually be engaged on the project or obtain within five (5) working days written releases from those joint contractors and/or subcontractors who will not be engaged.

9. If in the opinion of the Chairman, the Bidder and/or its listed subcontractors do not have the contractor's licenses or combination of contractor's licenses necessary to complete all of the work.

C. CORRECTION OF BIDS AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS (HAR §3-122-31)

1. Corrections to bids after bid openings but prior to award may be made under the following conditions:
 - (a) If the mistake is attributable to an arithmetical error, the Chairman shall so correct the mistake. In case of error in extension of bid price, the unit price shall govern.
 - (b) If the mistake is a minor informality which shall not affect price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions, the Bidder shall request correction by submitting proof of evidentiary value which demonstrates that a mistake was made. The Chairman shall prepare a written approval or denial in response to this request. Examples of such mistakes include:
 - (1) Typographical errors;
 - (2) Transposition errors;
 - (3) Failure of a Bidder to sign the bid, but only if the unsigned bid is accompanied by other material indicating the Bidder's intent to be bound.
 - (c) For reasons not allowable under Subsections II.C.1.(a) and II.C.1.(b) when the Chairman determines that the correction or waiver of an obvious mistake is in the best interest of the Department or is warranted for the fair treatment of other Bidders.
2. Withdrawal of bids after bid opening but prior to award may be made when the bid contains a mistake attributable to an obvious error which affects price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions, and the Bidder requests withdrawal by submitting proof of evidentiary value which demonstrates that a mistake was made. The Chairman shall prepare a written approval or denial in response to this request.
3. Correction or withdrawal of bids after award is not permissible except in response to a written withdrawal or correction request by the Contractor, and the Chairman makes a written determination that the Department's procurement practices and policies would not be materially affected by such correction or withdrawal.

D. AWARD OF CONTRACT

1. The award of contract, if it be awarded, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) consecutive calendar days after the opening of the proposals to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder (including the alternate or alternates which may be selected by the Chairman in the case of alternate bids) whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed, but in no case will an award be made until all necessary investigations are made. The successful Bidder will be notified, by letter mailed to the address shown on the proposal, that its bid has been accepted and that it has been awarded the contract.
2. If the contract is not awarded within the one hundred twenty (120) days noted in Subsection II.D.1 above, the Department may request the successful Bidder to extend the time for the acceptance of its bid. The Bidder may reject such a request without penalty; and in such case, the Department may at its sole discretion make a similar offer to the next lowest responsive and responsible Bidder and so on until a bid is duly accepted or until the Department elects to stop making such requests.
3. No contract will be awarded to any person or firm suspended or debarred under the provisions of Chapters 103D, 104 and Chapter 444, HRS, as amended.
4. The contract will be drawn on the forms furnished by the Chairman. The contract will not be binding on the Department until all required signatures have been affixed thereto and written certification that funds are available for the work has been made.
5. Prior to award of the contract, the Department shall verify compliance with Sections 103D-310 and 103D-328, HRS, via Hawaii Compliance Express (ōHCEō). Firms who decline to participate in HCE shall submit paper certificates in a timely manner or risk determination that the bid is non-responsive.

E. CANCELLATION OF AWARD.

The Department reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract at any time before the execution of said contract by all parties. The exclusive remedy to the awardee for such cancellation shall be payment of the reasonable bid preparation costs and the reimbursement of any direct expenses incurred as directed in the Notice of Award. Such cancellation will not incur any liability by the Department to any other Bidder.

F. RETURN OF BID SECURITY.

All bid securities, except those of the four (4) lowest Bidders, will be returned following the opening and checking of the proposals. The retained bid securities of the four lowest Bidders will be returned within five (5) working days following the complete execution of the contract.

G. REQUIREMENT OF PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

1. Performance and Payment Bonds shall be required for contracts \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) and higher. At the time of the execution of the contract, the successful Bidder shall file good and sufficient performance and payment bonds on the form furnished by the Department, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the contract price unless otherwise stated in the solicitation of bids. Acceptable performance and payment bonds shall be limited to the following:
 - (a) Surety bonds underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in this State; or
 - (b) A certificate of deposit; credit union share certificate; or cashier's, treasurer's, teller's or official check drawn by, or a certified check accepted by, and payable on demand to the Department by a bank, a savings institution, or credit union insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.
 - (1) These instruments may be utilized only a maximum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars).
 - (2) If the required security or bond amount totals over \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars), more than one instrument not exceeding \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) each and issued by different financial institutions shall be acceptable.
2. If the Contractor fails to deliver the required performance and payment bonds, the Contractor's award shall be canceled, the Department shall have the remedies provided below under Section II.I FAILURE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT and award of the contract shall be made to the next lowest responsible and responsive Bidder.

H. EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT

1. The contract shall be signed by the successful Bidder and returned, together with satisfactory performance and payment bonds, within ten (10) calendar days after the Bidder is awarded the contract for execution or within such further time as the Chairman may allow. No proposal or contract shall be considered binding upon the Department until the contract has been fully and properly executed by all parties thereto. For projects funded with State Capital Improvement Project (SCIP) funds, the Chairman shall also endorse thereon its certificate, as required by Section 103D-309, HRS, that there is an available unexpended appropriation or balance of an appropriation over and above all outstanding contracts sufficient to cover the Department's amount required by such contract.

2. On any individual award totaling less than \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars), the Department reserves the right to execute the contract by the issuance of a Purchase Order. Issuance of a Purchase Order shall result in a binding contract between the parties without further action by the Department. The issuance of a Purchase Order shall not be deemed a waiver of the General Conditions, and Contract Document requirements.

I. FAILURE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

1. Before the Award. If a low Bidder without legal justification withdraws its bid after the opening of bids but before the award of the contract, the Department shall be entitled to retain as damages the amount established as bid security, and may take all appropriate actions to recover the damages sum from the property or third-party obligations deposited as bid security.
2. After the Award. If the Bidder to which a contract is awarded shall fail or neglect to enter into the contract and to furnish satisfactory security within ten (10) calendar days after such award or within such further time as the Chairman may allow, the Department shall be entitled to recover from such Bidder its actual damages, including but not limited to the difference between the bid and the next lowest responsive bid, as well as personnel and administrative costs, consulting and legal fees and other expenses incurred in arranging a contract with the next low responsible and responsive Bidder or calling for new bids. The Department may apply all or part of the amount of the bid security to reduce its damages. If upon determination by the Department that the bid security exceeds the amount of its damages, it shall release or return the excess to the person who provided same.
3. Chairman's Options. Upon a withdrawal of the lowest responsive bid, or upon a refusal or failure of the lowest Bidder to execute the contract, the Chairman may thereupon award the contract to the next lowest responsible and responsive Bidder or may call for new bids, whichever method the Chairman may deem to be in the best interests of the Department.

J. PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

A pre-construction conference will be conducted prior to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed.