

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
(Chapter 103D, HRS)  
Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 103D, HAWAII  
REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED, THE COUNTY OF HAWAII IS REQUESTING  
BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**ADVERTISED DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

Invitation for Bids (IFB) Title: FURNISH AND DELIVER LOW FLOOR  
PARATRANSIT VEHICLES TO THE MASS TRANSIT  
AGENCY, COUNTY OF HAWAII

IFB Number: 4655

Offer Due Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 2:00:00PM HST

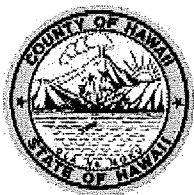
County MASS TRANSIT AGENCY, COUNTY OF HAWAII  
Department(s)/Division(s):

***EIGHT (8) EACH LOW FLOOR PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FOR THE MASS TRANSIT  
AGENCY***

**Before submitting a bid, the Offeror shall be responsible for reading and  
examining the Solicitation and/or proposal documents, including any offer pages,  
scope of work, special provisions, exhibits, General Terms and Conditions,  
addenda (if any), and any other sections or documents attached hereto, and all  
applicable requirements by law. Submission of an offer shall be deemed  
verification of such reading and examination.**

**No Offeror shall, in any way, be relieved of any obligation with respect to its offer  
or the contract due to its failure or neglect to secure, receive, examine, familiarize  
itself with, acquaint itself with, or understand the work requirements, the  
Solicitation and/or proposal documents, or any addenda hereto, applicable  
standards or requirements, or existing conditions, difficulties, restrictions or  
obstacles. No claim for additional compensation to the Offeror shall be allowed  
based on lack of knowledge or misunderstanding.**

**Pre-Bid Conference: N/A**



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**DATES TO ADVERTISE**

**State of Hawai'i – Hawai'i Awards & Notices Data System (HANDS)  
September 19, 2024**

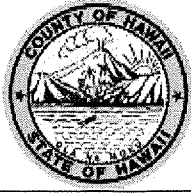
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Sealed tenders will be received electronically on the Public Purchase System and publicly opened on **October 3, 2024** at 2:00 pm in the Office of the Purchasing Division, Department of Finance, County of Hawai'i, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, for:

**IFB 4655  
FURNISH AND DELIVER LOW FLOOR PARATRANSIT VEHICLES TO THE MASS  
TRANSIT AGENCY, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I**

Upon application, forms of proposal and specifications may be obtained from the above-named office, through the Public Purchase System ([www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com)), an e-procurement system. Any request for approval to substitute any item or take exception to any specification, special provision or general condition, or clarification must be received through the Public Purchase System on or before **September 26, 2024**. All potential offerors are advised that the County of Hawai'i reserves the right to reject any offer or proposal that does not follow these instructions.

*Diane Nakagawa*  
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Diane Nakagawa (Sep 19, 2024 07:07 HST)  
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DIANE NAKAGAWA  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS (Chapter 103D, HRS) Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

### NOTICE REGARDING ACT 188 (SLH 2021)

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the statutory requirements for a Contractor Past Performance Database ("Database"), which was established pursuant to Act 188, SLH 2021, to routinely capture a contractor's performance information in a structured and uniform way that is accessible and utilized when future procurements arise and where there is a need to determine whether a bidder or offeror is "responsible" as defined under HRS § 103D-104.

This Database is housed in the Hawai'i Awards and Notices Database System ("HANDS"). **No matter the cost of the procurement, all County contracts for goods, services, and/or construction solicited under Competitive Sealed Biddings ("IFB") (HRS § 103D-302); Competitive Sealed Proposals ("RFP") (HRS § 103D-303); or Sole Source (HRS § 103D-306) that are completed on or after January 1, 2024, shall have a Contractor's Performance Form ("Performance Form") completed.**

This Performance Form is electronically accessible on the HANDS website. All Contractors must sign up for a HANDS account to access each Performance Form. There is no cost to sign up for the HANDS account. The below steps provide detailed information about this new process.

1. **In its Offer or Proposal, the Offeror/Proposer shall include an email address for the appropriate person of the entity who will have the responsibility of receiving, reviewing, and completing the Performance Form.** It is important that this email address be accurately and correctly typed in and is an email address account that is checked often. The County of Hawai'i will input this specific email address into the Performance Form and upon submission of the form, the HANDS system will automatically send a notification to the Contractor's email address provided.
2. After completion of contract, County of Hawai'i completes the Performance Form on HANDS.
3. After the County submits the Performance Form on HANDS, the Contractor will automatically receive a notification that the Performance Form is ready to be reviewed. Upon notification, the Contractor shall review the Performance Form within twenty (20) working days and submit comments, rebuttal statements, or additional information/attachments, or the Performance Form will be considered completed by the Contractor after the twenty (20) working days have elapsed. Note: A Contractor may go back in and edit its comments as many times, up to twenty (20) working days after the Contractor was notified to take action.
4. At the end of the twenty (20) working days, the County will automatically receive an email notification from HANDS, and the County's Procurement Officer must review (within twenty (20) working days upon notification) the Performance Form as completed by the Contractor.
5. After the County's Procurement Officer finalizes the Performance Form, it is kept in the HANDS Database, and the information included therein may be used in making a "responsibility" determination pursuant to Act 188.

More information about this new law, its requirements imposed on the County, and the HANDS website may be accessed at the following websites:

- To access or sign up for Database:  
<https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/contractorperformance>
- Applicable State Law (HRS 103D-329):  
[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol02\\_Ch0046-0115/HRS0103D/HRS\\_0103D-0329.htm](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol02_Ch0046-0115/HRS0103D/HRS_0103D-0329.htm)
- State Procurement Office FAQs on the Database: <https://spo.hawaii.gov/faqs/#tabs-1>
- State Procurement Office Circulars on the Database:  
<https://spo.hawaii.gov/references/procurement-circulars/>