STATE OF HAWAII
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Engineering Division

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Permission to Hire a Certified Arborist to Develop a Management Plan for Trees on the Island of Oahu
Funded by DOFAW Operating Funds

The Engineering Division desires to hire a certified arborist to develop a comprehensive management plan for trees on the island of Oahu. The management plan would encompass the development of three major components: 1) establishment of an inventory and assessment of existing trees (to include hazard assessments), 2) mitigative actions to reasonably minimize risk posed by existing trees, 3) Departmental Best Management Practices (including tree protection plans) for all tree work and construction work near trees. These services will give the State cost effective solutions to the elimination and prevention of hazards to public safety due to trees on DOFAW land. The services of a certified arborist are needed to ensure that all work is done in accordance with industry standards. Funding for this work will be provided from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife's operating budget, through general funds appropriated by the State legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorize the hiring of a consultant for the project indicated and authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents pertaining to the project, subject to review and approval by the Attorney General and Governor's approval.
2. Recommend that the Board authorize the Chairperson, subject to review and approval by the Attorney General, to enter into supplemental contracts to address unforeseen conditions and sign the necessary documents to implement the additional work with the consultant.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Requested by:

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Approved for Submittal:

LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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