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Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE TWO (2) HAWAI'I
INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL (HISC) PROJECTS
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE LAND BOARD ON
JANUARY 11, 2008

SUMMARY:

This Board submittal requests approval to revise two of the projects selected through the RFP process for Hawaii Invasive Species Research and Technology, which were previously approved by the Land Board on January 11, 2008. These two projects were among 15 Research and Technology projects awarded to support research and technology needs for invasive species priorities within the State of Hawaii.

BACKGROUND:

The 2003 State Legislature authorized the creation of the HISC and stated "the silent invasion of Hawaii by alien invasive species is the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, natural environment and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people and visitors." Hawaii is one of the seven states in the nation that has recognized the need for coordination among all state agencies, at a cabinet level, that have responsibility to control invasive species on the ground, as well as regulate the pathways in which invasive species can gain access into the state.

HISC is administered by DLNR and received an administrative budget of \$4 million dollars for the fiscal year 2008 (FY 08) to provide support for the operations of the HISC and its cooperating partners, to develop a comprehensive state-wide invasive species prevention, control, research and outreach program.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

On August 29, 2007 requests for proposals were posted on the State Procurement Office website for HISC Coqui Frog Research and Technology Projects (RFP No. DOFAW – HISC – RT – 08) applications were due October 5, 2007. After the evaluation committee's review, fifteen (15) projects were selected for funding, totaling \$782,156.00. These funds will be matched 1:1 (or better) with non-state dollars.

Contracts will be negotiated with the principal investigators authorized by the recipients, to implement the projects according to their project descriptions. The standard state contract form will be used and approved by the Attorney General's Office.

DISCUSSION:

The two projects needing revisions are as follows:

1. Chemical ecology of the little fire ant for detection delimitation and control in Hawaii (\$82,500.00) – Principal Investigator, Jang.

The requested revision is that the leading investigator be changed from Eric Jang who works through USDA-APHIS to Matthew Siderhurst who works in Hawaii through Eastern Mennonite University. Both Eric Jang and Matthew Siderhurst are listed as investigators/collaborators in the original proposal. The Scope of Services for this project will not change. No other details for this project will change.

2. Evaluating impact of *Puccinia psidii* rust strains on Ohia (\$36,049.00) – Principal Investigator, Hauff

The requested revision is that the funds be routed through the University of Hawaii instead of DLNR. Janice Uchisa, at the University of Hawaii will be Listed as a Principal Investigator on the original proposal awarded. No Changes will be made to the Scope of Services of this project. No other details for the project will change.

Upon approval by the Board, the division will submit the contracts for review and approval as to form by the Attorney General, and process the documents for signature by the chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

- 1) Approves the revisions of the two HISC Research and Technology Projects for FY 08;
- 2) Authorize the chairperson to negotiate and execute contracts subject to:

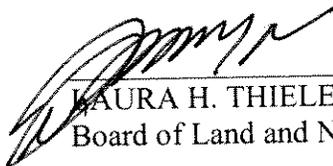
- a) Scope of services (contract deliverables) as described in the original proposals,
- b) Availability of state funds; and
- c) Approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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

Attachment