

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Engineering Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Permission to Contract Professional Services to Assist the Mineral Resources Section

The Engineering Division desires to engage a consultant to provide professional services to assist in performance of duties of the Mineral Resources Section, which includes the management of geothermal resources statewide and the protection of public safety by addressing hazards from rockfall or slope movements from DLNR Lands.

The Engineering Division currently has no staff in the Mineral Resources Section to address statutory responsibilities, coordinate numerous inquiries from potential geothermal developers in a timely manner as the quest for alternative energy sources becomes forefront, or address rockfall hazards on DLNR lands.

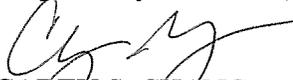
The consultant will provide specialized technical assistance and advisory services which may include, but are not limited to: review and analyses of development proposals or permit applications; perform assessments, data collection and compilation, analyses and interpretations; and make recommendations for appropriate actions. Factors to be considered in the performance of such services may include, but are not limited to: existing statutes and administrative rules; geothermal or geotechnical engineering practices and/or standards; potential for the production of geothermal energy; prospects for the utilization of the geothermal energy in the area; geologic hazards that potential geothermal projects could encounter; social and environmental impacts; compatibility of geothermal development and potential related industries with present uses of surrounding land.

Funds for this work are available from the Engineering Division's operating special funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorize the hiring of a consultant for the work indicated and authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents pertaining to the project, subject to Governor's approval and review and approval as to form by the Department of the Attorney General.
2. Recommend that the Board authorize the Chairperson, subject to review and approval as to form by the Department of 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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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:


WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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