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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE THREE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE MAUI BRANCH’S FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO SOLICIT BIDS, EXECUTE, AMEND, AND EXTEND CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES.

This submittal requests subject authorization to purchase three pickup trucks at the cost of $270,000 ($90,000 each) for fire suppression by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife’s Maui Branch. The trucks will be stationed at the Maui, Molokai, and Lanai baseyards and be used as fire suppression mobile attack units. The trucks are needed to maintain response capacity and replace aging, outdated equipment. Due to the aging fleet, many pieces of equipment and vehicles are becoming too costly to maintain. These types of off-road pickup trucks allow firefighters to access and deliver water to remote areas on difficult terrain. Purchase of such equipment is vital to maintaining the Division of Forestry and Wildlife’s response capabilities to wildland fires as mandated by the Land Fire Protection Law, Chapter 185, Hawaii Revised Statutes. General funds from LNR 402 will be used to purchase the trucks.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board authorize the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to procure three motor vehicles, including authorizing the Chairperson to solicit bids, execute, amend, and extend Contracts for Goods and Services for the purchase of the motor vehicles, subject to availability of funds and subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General’s Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

ITEM C-2
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

[Signature]

SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
TO: THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

THRU: WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
Director of Finance, B&F

FROM: SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Purchase of Motor Vehicles for the Maui DOFAW Branch, Fire Management Program – 100% State Funds (G-042)

Background: Pursuant to EM 16-02, FY 2017 Budget Execution Policies and Procedures, this is to request approval for the purchase of three (3) 4x4 F450 or equivalent pickup trucks for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Molokai, Lanai, and Maui baseyards will be allocated one truck each to be used as fire suppression mobile attack units. There is currently a decreasing supply of fire suppression equipment and vehicles due to DOFAW’s aging fleet statewide. Replacing these equipment and vehicles is vital to maintaining DOFAW’s response capabilities to wildland fire activities as mandated by Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 185 Land Fire Protection Law (HRS 185).

Funding Source: LNR 402 (G-17-042-0440-479)

Purpose or reason for requiring the equipment: In order to support HRS 185, DOFAW needs to maintain and acquire wildland fire suppression equipment, supplies, and vehicles to respond to such activities. These vehicles will replace some of the aging fleet inventory DOFAW Maui Branch currently has in operation. Due to the aging fleet, many pieces of equipment and vehicles are becoming too costly to maintain. In most cases, it is more practical and cost effective to purchase new vehicles and/or acquire excess property items. Each island office (Molokai, Lanai, and Maui) will be given a vehicle for replacement. These types of off-road pickup trucks allow firefighters to access and deliver water to very remote, difficult terrain, and hard to reach areas.

Nature and description of equipment to be provided: Three (3) 4x4 F450 or equivalent type pickup trucks.
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Benefit to be realized from the equipment: Purchasing new vehicles will allow DOFAW firefighters to respond to wildland fire activities within the district in a timely, efficient, and safe manner. This will also allow DOFAW to meet requirements set by HRS 185.

Why the services cannot be performed internally: District has limited number of reliable transportation and fire suppression vehicles in operation.

Cost and availability of funds to support this project and any future cost implications: The estimated total amount for this purchase order will be $270,000.00 ($90,000 per vehicle).

Projected time frame of the contracted purchase: The Division will solicit bids through the State of Hawaii’s electronic procurement system. May take up to 6-8 months from initial solicitation to delivery.

Impact if not funded: DOFAW will not be able to meet obligations mandated by HRS 185. There will be delays in fire response times and a decrease in fire response capabilities. This may lead to an unnecessary increase in damages to Hawaii’s natural resources and other watershed values.

Should there be any questions, please call Lance De Silva, DOFAW Maui Branch Forest Management Supervisor at (808) 873-3980.

RECOMMENDATION:

☑ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED

Suzanne D. Case
Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources

☑ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED

Wesley K. Machida
Director of Finance, Budget & Finance

Sep 25, 2016
Date

2/27/17
Date
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☑] APPROVED   ☐] DISAPPROVED

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Mar 17, 2017
Date