

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

### Pursuant to Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), Market Development Branch (MDB), is seeking proposals in response to a Request for Proposals RFP-17-04-MDB (RFP).

The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016 (Act 124, SLH 2016) appropriated funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, to the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund, section 141-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Allowable uses of this fund include activities intended to increase agricultural production or processing that may lead to reduced importation of food, fodder, or feed from outside the State.

The goal of RFP-17-04-MDB is to solicit proposals for a pilot project to grow rice as a buffer to protect against nene (Hawaiian geese) crop damage, as provided in Act 124, SLH 2016. The project will be entitled NENEPILOT17.

To achieve this goal, the HDOA announces the availability of up to **\$500,000** for one project as described above.

**The closing date and time for receipt of proposals under this RFP is 12:00 p.m. noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.** Proposals received after this deadline will not be processed by staff or reviewed by the evaluation committee.

Applicants must submit their proposals electronically in MS word format with all attachments via email to [hdoa.addrfp@hawaii.gov](mailto:hdoa.addrfp@hawaii.gov). In addition to submitting proposals in electronic form, applicants may also, but not in lieu of, send a completed proposal with all attachments in hard copy to the address below. All proposals must be received by **12:00 p.m. noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2016**, as evidenced by the HDOA time clock.

Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA)  
NENEPILOT17  
Market Development Branch  
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Honolulu, HI 96814-2512

**Contact Information:**

A copy of the RFP is available online at <http://spo3.hawaii.gov/notices/notices>, or to request or inspect a copy, or for further information, please contact Micah MuneKata, telephone number (808) 973-9552 or email [micah.k.munekata@hawaii.gov](mailto:micah.k.munekata@hawaii.gov).

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