

State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

October 12, 2007

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

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO  
IMPLEMENT THE FY08 WATERSHED PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM  
GRANTS**

This Board Submittal approves contractual relationships for six watershed management projects throughout the State and authorizes the Chairperson to enter into contracts for these services, subject to the certification of availability of funds and approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Land and Natural Resources published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on April 24, 2007 on the State Procurement Office website for the FY08 Watershed Partnerships Program Grant (WPPG). This grant is funded by the Natural Area Reserve Special Fund. The primary purpose of the WPPG is to support the development and implementation of watershed management plans developed by the Watershed Partnerships and negotiated with private landowners. These plans help to coordinate and implement landscape-level watershed protection involving multiple landowners (both public and private), government agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife received 11 proposals, requesting over \$3.5 million dollars in funding. An evaluation committee comprised of staff from DLNR (DOFAW and CWRM), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), State Department of Health-Environmental Protection Agency, and the Honolulu County Board of Water Supply reviewed each proposal and ranked them, utilizing the criteria outlined in the RFP. Primary criteria evaluated the extent to which the proposal: was complete and organized, had merit (strongly supported major objectives and goals identified in the watershed management plans, effectively addressed threats, directed at on-the-ground actions, protected high-quality native vegetation), was feasible and sustainable (likelihood of deliverables met by May 25, 2009), and had leverage and impact (generated match, enhanced or supported other initiatives such as USFWS recovery plans, State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, county plans, etc.).

A total of 11 projects were selected for FY08 funding across five islands with awards totaling close to \$2.6 million. These projects support the ongoing efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect important watersheds as well as habitat for native species in cooperation with other agencies and private landowners. Five of the awarded proposals and portions of the six identified in this submittal will not require contract approval in order to implement the projects because funds will be dispersed through agreements with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU) of the University of Hawai'i, implemented by DOFAW staff, or other government entities such as CWRM in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey (attachment A – award notice).

The six proposal projects that require contract approval are:

<u>Project code and Proposal title</u>	<u>Contract Recipient</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
<u>W38 Watershed Protection in East Maui.</u> To conduct feral animal control, invasive weed control, and outreach and education in over 10,000 acres of the East Maui Watershed Partnership area. Major management actions include fence maintenance and inspection, new fence construction, aerial shoot missions for feral animal control, monitoring for both feral ungulates and invasive weeds, organization of a volunteer hunting program, school programs both in-class and in the field, community education events, miconia aerial reconnaissance, and biocontrol application and research.	Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.	\$114,330
<u>W39 2008/9 Sustaining the East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership south slope conservation efforts.</u> To conduct feral animal control, invasive weed management, and fire management in over 13,000 acres of the East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership. Major management actions include fence surveys, aerial shoot missions for feral goats and ground hunts for pigs and goats, completing ground surveys and removal sweeps for blackberry, strawberry guava, New Zealand flax, Karaka nut, Punis, Clidemia, and Tobouchina, facilitating semiannual Molokai Fire Task Force meeting; training all field staff in S130/190 basic wildland fire training.	The Nature Conservancy	\$90,000
<u>W40 Implementation of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership management plan.</u> To conduct feral animal management, invasive weed control, rare plant protection, and outreach and education over 14,000 acres of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership. Major management actions include fence inspection, aerial shooting, monitoring and data collection for both ungulates and invasive weeds, control of priority weeds such rubus argutus, seteria palmifolia, acacia mearnsii, cortaderia jubata, conduct workshop on fire management to develop fire plan, development of website and outreach materials concerning watershed management.	Malama Kahalawai, Inc.	\$55,784
<u>W41 Kohala Watershed Partnership Project 2008.</u> To conduct feral animal control, invasive weed management and education and outreach over 10,000 acres of Kohala Watershed Partnership. Major management actions are erecting 2.5 mile of fencing to protect last known habitat for rare tree snail, conduct baseline survey of ungulates and vegetation composition and snail populations, feral cattle and pig removal, field and classroom curricula development, educational day camps, volunteer program, and field days to involve community members.	The Kohala Center	\$153,200
<u>W43 Kaua'i Watershed Management Plan Implementation FY08/09.</u> To combat priority invasive weeds (Kāhili Ginger, Australian Tree Fern, and Strawberry Guava) in core 850 acre watershed area of the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance. Major actions include treatment, aerial mapping, and monitoring through data collection and GIS spatial analysis.	The Nature Conservancy	\$260,368

W46 Proposed management of Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Forests. To conduct restoration and biological surveys over 10,000 acres of the Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership. Major management actions include planting 10,000 native seedlings in protected restoration site resulting in approximately 50-100 acres in primary restoration phase and methodologies refined, biological surveys of Kaupo Ranch and Nuu Maua Ranch, banana poka biocontrol application, and exploratory survey for bocconia biocontrol with field work conducted.

Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc. \$28,875

CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

Contracts will be negotiated with the identified organizations to implement the projects according to their awarded proposals. 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 document for signature by the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorizes the Chairperson to negotiate and execute Contracts for watershed management as outlined above subject to:

- 1) Certification of availability of funds by the comptroller;
- 2) Approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

Respectfully submitted,



PAUL J. CONRY  
Administrator

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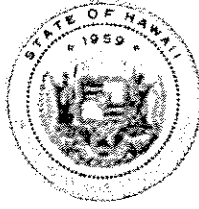
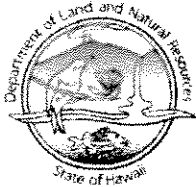
Attachments

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



for LAURA H. THIELEN  
Chairperson

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



LAURA H. THIELEN  
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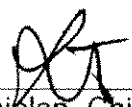
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**NOTICE OF AWARD (Best and Final Offer)**  
**in response to Request for Proposal**  
**No. DOFAW-WPPG-08**  
**for the Watershed Partnerships Program Grant-FY08**

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AWARDED PROPOSALS (in ranking order from first to last)	AWARDED AMOUNT
Three Mountain Alliance watershed planning, protection, and management	\$464,297
Watershed Protection in East Maui	\$417,800
2008/9 Sustaining the East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership south slope conservation efforts	\$90,000
Implementation of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership management plan	\$297,098
Kohala Watershed Partnership Project 2008	\$205,700
Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership Management Plan Implementation FY08	\$350,541
Kaua'i Watershed Management Plan Implementation FY08/09	\$260,368
Survey and collection of propugules of 17 critically rare plant taxa in Ko'olau Mountains watersheds	\$49,140
Lāna'i hale watershed: outreach for managing biodiversity and forest integrity	\$22,695
Proposed management of Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Forests	\$323,405
Proposal for stream gages and rain gages pertaining to Watershed Partnerships	\$118,175

  
Laura H. Thielen, Chief Procurement Officer, DLNR

9/4/07  
Date

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