CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF
BOND COUNSEL
FOR MUNICIPAL BOND FINANCING

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, is seeking statements of qualifications from firms interested and qualified as bond counsel for various municipal bond financing. Interested firms are requested to submit to the Chief of Treasury, Division of Treasury, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, City and County of Honolulu, 530 South King Street, 1st Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, a statement of qualifications in the manner specified under STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS and expressions of interest for evaluation and inclusion on a list of attorneys qualified to provide bond counsel services.

Whenever circumstances require, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services will select a bond counsel from the resulting pre-qualified list. There is no guarantee that the submission of a Statement of Qualifications will result in an inclusion to the pre-qualified list or an award of a contract to serve as bond counsel for a public financing. All material submitted in response to the RFQ will become the property of the City and County. The City and County reserves the right to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications.

STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

One original and three copies of the Statement of Qualifications shall be submitted along with a letter of interest. The Statement of Qualifications should include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name of the firm or person, the principal place of business, and locations of all of its offices.

2. The age of the firm and its average number of employees over the past five years.

3. Experience:

    a. Summarize your firm's ability to provide bond counsel services for tax-exempt municipal bonds, including general obligation, revenue, community facilities district, anticipation notes, special assessment, private activity, 501(c)3, and housing bonds.
    b. Describe your firm's experience with tax-exempt obligations in the State of Hawaii.
    c. Describe your firm's knowledge of and experience with Federal, State of Hawaii, and City and County of Honolulu laws relating to bond issuance and administration of municipal bonds.
    d. In the past three years, list the Hawaii tax-exempt financings in which the firm participated. Include issue, issuer, issue size, sale date, and firm's role.

4. Resumes of key personnel who would be involved in providing bond counsel services to the City and County of Honolulu, including area of expertise, number and amount of bonds participated in, and capacity of involvement (lead issuer's counsel, associate issuer's counsel, lead

underwriter's counsel, associate underwriter's counsel, tax counsel, etc.). Detail each individual's experience with Hawaii financings.

5. The names and phone numbers of up to five clients who may be contacted, including at least two for whom services were rendered during the preceding year.

6. Disclose any lawsuits or administrative actions taken against you by the Federal Government, a state, or a municipality during the past three years related to public finance. Disclose the nature and status of the action. If none, so indicate.

7. Describe any support services provided to the City subsequent to the completion of a financing. Indicate any charges or fees associated with such services.

8. Any promotional or descriptive literature, which the firm desires to submit.

9. Disclosure of any conflict of interest in providing services for the City and County of Honolulu.

The letter of interest and Statement of Qualifications shall be submitted and received by the Chief of Treasury, Division of Treasury, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, no later than 4:00 P.M., Hawaiian Standard Time on September 29, 2006. NO FACSIMILES WILL BE CONSIDERED. Any inquiries may be directed to the Chief of Treasury at (808) 527-5673.

MARY PATRICIA WATERHOUSE, Director
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
By order of MUFI HANNEMANN, MAYOR
City and County of Honolulu