

RCUH MKSOA RFP, Response to Offeror Questions Received April 23 – April 30, 2025

RCUH/MKSOA received multiple questions about the RCUH MKSOA RFP, “Consulting Services to Develop a Management Plan for Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA). Below are responses to the questions.

Q: What is the RFP number?

A: MKSOA 6884-2005-01

Q: To what extent will the MKSOA and administrative staff be involved in and participate with the planning process, project consultant team, and community engagement?

A: Administrative staff will be available on a case-by-case basis to assist in clarifying issues and will provide support in community engagement activities. It is also anticipated that communications will be at least on a weekly, monthly and quarterly basis as required in the RFP.

Q: Will the MKSOA serve as the project working group or is it expected that a public advisory committee (PAC) will be created? If PAC, has the MKSOA already identified those participants.

A: No. However, as information is provided weekly, MKSOA may provide recommendations.

Q: Will the management plan decide the future of TMT directly? Or will it address overall uses, policies, and guidelines for the summit with TMT being addressed more specifically by MKSOA after the management plan is complete and adopted?

A: No. The management plan will not decide the future of TMT. Yes, the management plan should describe the overall uses, policies and guidelines for the MKSOA responsible areas as provided in Act 255.

Q: To what extent is the consultant team expected to provide legal and economic analysis for the framework, criteria, and procedures for leases and permits?

As discussed in the pre-proposal meeting, the MKSOA is presently working to complete a working document “strategic framework” that the draft copy was provided to each of the attendees and will be provided to the consultant. MKSOA will coordinate this document with the consultant. The criteria, and procedures for leases and permits are requirements

of the RFP, and as discussed at the pre-proposal meeting, the present University of Hawaii (UH) master plan and the comprehensive management plans may be used as references for the development of these procedures.

Q: For the community outreach and engagement portion of the assignment, are MKSOA's expectations available that will identify agreement between scope of work and cost to perform the engagement? For example, number of community meetings, list of stakeholder groups, list of existing working groups, etc.

A: MKSOA will be involved with your community outreach programs and should be considered in relation to the scope of work to support expected results.

Q: Is there an overall budget limit? Or do we propose a scope of work that identifies effort and cost for each major work item?

Yes, there is an overall budget limit. However, it is very important that offers do have detailed scope of work, timelines, expected results and related costs to achieve goals.