



**Hawaiian  
Electric**

# Renewable Energy Procurement

Community Engagement

# Goals for Procurements



**Community Input**  
Decrease Reliance on Fossil Fuel

**Low Cost**  
**Renewable Energy**  
Fair & Transparent Process  
In Service Quickly

**Reliable**

# Opportunities for Public Engagement

## RFP Development

- Community Meeting
- PUC Status Conference
- Written Comments to PUC

## Prior to signing agreement

- Required public meeting by selected developer
- Ability to submit written comments which will also be provided to PUC

## PUC Approval Process

- Written Comments to PUC

## Post PUC Approval Process

- Permitting approval processes requiring public comments



# Steps to Issuance of an RFP

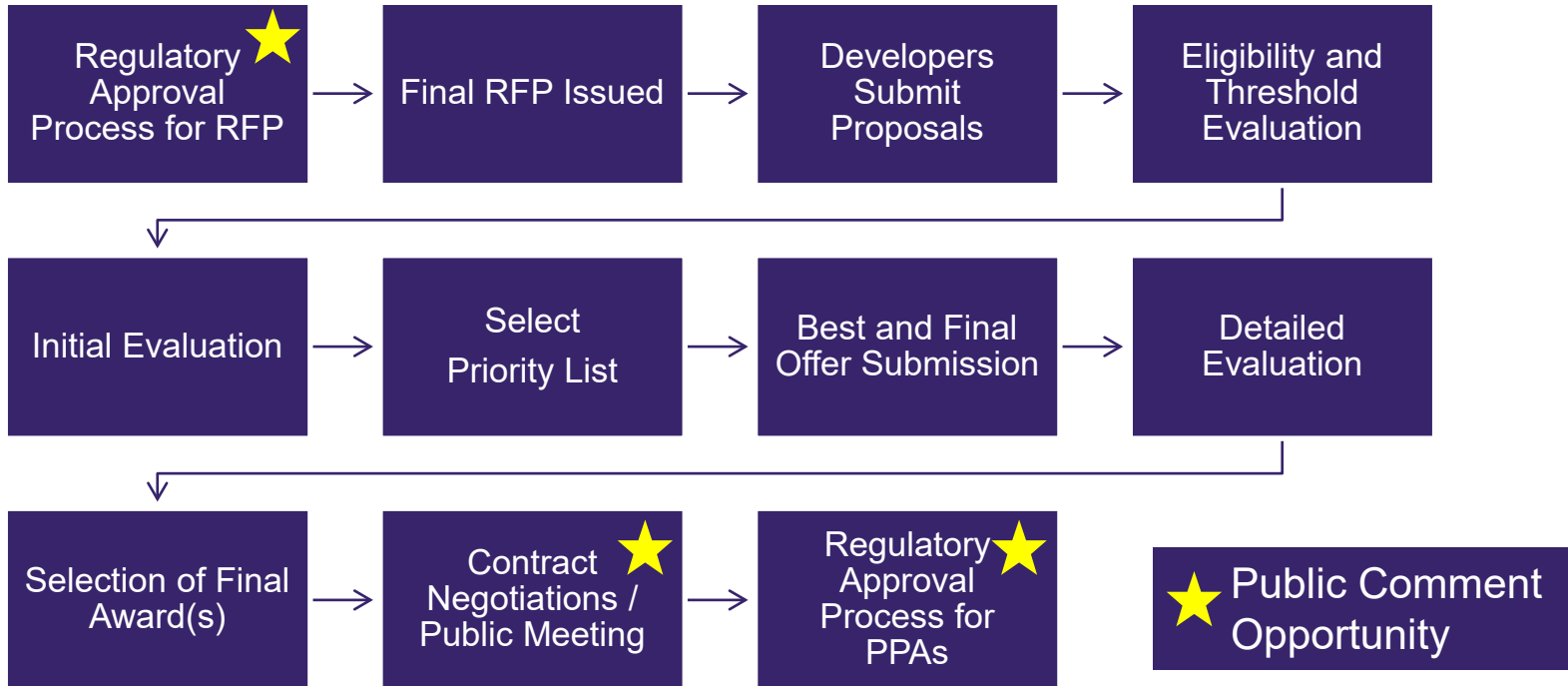
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<b>Step 1</b>	<b>• Company's Long Term Resource Planning</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>• Develop Initial Draft RFP (with Independent Observer)</b>
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>• File Draft RFP with Public Utilities Commission (PUC)</b>
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>• Public Status Conference Conducted by PUC</b>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>• Public Comment Period (includes Consumer Advocate)</b>
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>• PUC Comments</b>
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>• Revise Draft RFP &amp; Submit Final RFP to PUC</b>
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>• PUC Approval of Final RFP</b>
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>• Issue RFP to Public for Bids</b>



# Model Renewable Energy Procurement Process

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# Community Outreach is evaluated in the RFPs

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- ◆ Extensive Requirements for Developers
- ◆ Multi-step evaluation process
  - Threshold pass/fail
  - Non-Price Evaluation
- ◆ Post-Selection
  - Updated plan within 5 days of selection
  - Creation of project website
  - Public meeting and comment collection
    - Also memorialized in contract



# Community Outreach Plan RFP

## Requirements

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- ◆ **Project description.** A thorough description including a map of the location of the Project.
- ◆ **Community scoping.** Identify stakeholders (individuals, community leaders, organizations), community issues and concerns, and community sentiment.
- ◆ **Project benefits.** An explanation of the need for the Project. This will help the community to understand how the Project might benefit their community.
- ◆ **Government approvals.** Required government permits and approvals, public hearings and other opportunities for public comment.
- ◆ **Development process.** A Project schedule that identifies key milestones will facilitate the community's understanding of the development process.
- ◆ **Communications Plan.** A communications plan including a detailed community outreach schedule that will keep the affected communities and stakeholders informed about the Project's outreach efforts during early Project development period through construction and operations
- ◆ The Community Outreach Plan **shall be a public document**



# Cultural Resource Protection RFP Requirements

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- ◆ Proposal to ensure cultural sites are identified and carefully protected as part of a cultural impact plan as it pertains to the Project Site and interconnection route.
  - Proposers should identify:
    - Any valued **cultural, historical, or natural resources** in the area in question.
    - The extent to which **traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights** are exercised in the area.
    - **The extent to which those resources** – including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights – **will be affected or impaired** by the proposed action.
    - **The feasible action(s), if any, to be taken** to reasonably protect native Hawaiian rights if they are found to exist.
- ◆ Proposers should have already contracted with a consultant with expertise in this field to begin a cultural impact assessment for the Project.





# Community Outreach Plan

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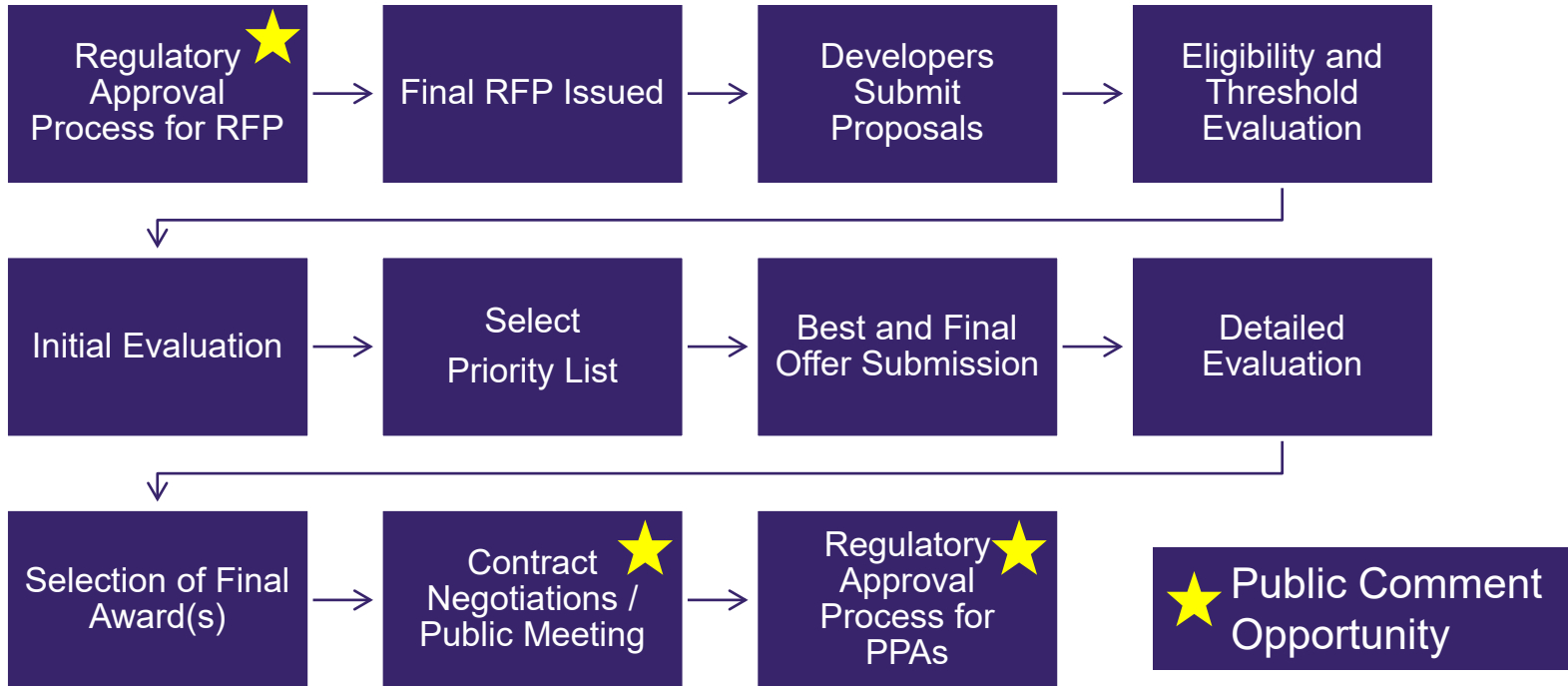
## Upon selection to Final Award Group:

- ◆ Perform a comprehensive **update of Community Outreach Plan**.
- ◆ **Develop a public Project website**, which shall include required public information and Community Outreach Plan
- ◆ **Develop a Project presentation**, which shall include **required public information**
- ◆ **Implement the Community Outreach Plan** by communicating important information about the Project with stakeholders **in advance of community meeting**.
- ◆ **Perform media outreach and advertising** to raise community awareness of any public meeting.
- ◆ **Public comments** in support and in opposition to the proposed Project **must be compiled and filed verbatim** with the Public Utilities Commission.
- ◆ Proposers must provide community members **timely information during ALL phases of the project**, which must include, but not be limited to the Power Purchase Agreement negotiation period, the permitting process periods, and throughout construction.



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# PPAs Require Community Outreach

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## ◆ §29.21

- Provide comprehensive outreach and engagement plan
- “...agrees to work with neighboring communities and stakeholders and provide them timely information during all phases of the Project...”
- Host public meeting w/ 30 days for comments
- Comments included in PUC approval application
- Ongoing submission of comments after 30 day period
- Acknowledgement that meeting and comments are not the only activities that can and should be performed
- Designate a community representative



# Public Information Requirements

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- ◆ Project name
- ◆ Project benefits
- ◆ Community benefits
- ◆ Proposed facility location
- ◆ Project description
- ◆ Site layout plan
- ◆ Interconnection route
- ◆ Required government permits and approvals
- ◆ Environmental impacts
- ◆ Cultural impacts
- ◆ Where to find more information
- ◆ How to provide input



# Proposer Considerations

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- ◆ Some communities believe they should shoulder an unequal share of infrastructure burdens and this may be reflected in its stance on projects or initiatives.
- ◆ Each community has a distinct character and resources that are exceptionally valued to support island sustainability.
- ◆ Utilize processes that involve opportunities for impacted communities to share its views on projects and participate in effective community dialogue.



# Lessons Learned

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- ◆ Communicate early and regularly with the community.
- ◆ Listen and solicit input into decision making.
- ◆ Demonstrate care with respect, humility, and patience.
- ◆ Build trust by doing what you say will do.





Mahalo for your time.

Any questions?