

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 2, 2005 HCDA MEETING**

Following is a summary of actions taken at the March 2, 2005 meeting of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

### **Draft Kalaeloa Strategic Plan**

Authority members authorized the HCDA Executive Director to solicit public and stakeholder input to the draft Kalaeloa Strategic Plan. HCDA is now working to develop a strategic five-year plan for Kalaeloa that will provide near term actions that support HCDA's mission and gives direction towards the vision for Kalaeloa. The draft Kalaeloa Strategic Plan's vision statement sets Kalaeloa as a *wahi ho'okela* or "center for excellence" in the Kapolei region. The draft plan sees the HCDA's mission in Kalaeloa is to lead the District's transformation through a long term commitment and to focus on planning, partnership, advocacy and stewardship.

### **Construction of a Community Center in Kapolei**

HCDA members authorized the HCDA Executive Director to prepare a letter in support of the Salvation Army in Hawaii's effort to receive grant funding for the development of a community center in Kapolei. The Salvation Army is seeking a \$60 million grant to build and operate a community center on a 10-acre site in Kapolei, northeast of Kalaeloa, at the intersection of the North-South Road and Kapolei Parkway.

HCDA supports the development of this center as it would serve as a gathering place for the residents of Kapolei, Ewa Villages, and Kalaeloa for educational, recreational, athletic and cultural purposes. The proposed center would further assist HCDA's redevelopment efforts in Kalaeloa by serving as an anchor in the community.

### **Request for Qualifications for JABSOM, Phase II**

The Authority voted to allow a change in the date for the University of Hawaii to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Phase II of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) from March 15 to March 18, 2005. In December 2004, the Authority granted approval to enter into exclusive negotiations with the UH for development of a Cancer Research Center of Hawaii on a HCDA-owned site in the Kaka'ako Waterfront. One of the conditions of this approval was that the UH issue a RFQ for the second phase of JABSOM no later than March 15, 2005. The change in date for issuance of the RFQ will allow for UH Board of Regents approval.

### **Environmental Report for HCDA-Owned Lands in He'eia**

HCDA members authorized the expenditure of up to \$20,000 to conduct an Environmental Phase I Report on 385 acres of HCDA-owned He'eia Meadowlands. HCDA acquired the land through a land exchange with Kamehameha Schools in 1991. Because the Meadowlands more closely fit with

the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) expertise and mission than HCDA's, the environmental report will be necessary to facilitate the transfer of the land to DLNR ownership.