

KALAELOA STATUS REPORT

December 1, 2004

1. U.S. Economic Development Agency Grant Implementation

Staff submitted its first invoice to EDA for staff costs incurred between September 16 and October 31. EDA also approved HCDA's revised budget and request for a time extension on October 5, 2004. Staff is also preparing to submit a draft strategic planning contract scope of work to EDA for review and approval.

2. Kalaeloa Subcommittee Meeting:

The Kalaeloa Subcommittee, appointed at the October 6th meeting, held its first meeting on November 16. Present at the meeting were Members Goshi, Timson, Wegesend, and Souza. Noel Akamu attended for DHHL.

During the meeting, Stanton Enomoto, provided an update on staff activities and his recent visit to Washington D.C. (see below). Members also discussed the steps for moving HCDA forward in the redevelopment of Kalaeloa. This included the preparation of a strategic plan, a reassessment of the Community Redevelopment Plan, and an engineering study for drainage and infrastructure. A conceptual timeline for the completion of these projects is attached for reference.

3. Washington D.C. Visit:

On November 10-12, Stanton was in Washington D.C. and scheduled meetings with staff from offices of Senator Akaka, and Congressmen Abercrombie and Case. Additionally, he met with the Minority Staff Director of Senate Armed Services Appropriation Subcommittee. He also met with representatives from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment who were involved in the 1993 closure of Barber's Point NAS.

During the various meetings, information was shared on HCDA and its role and recent activities regarding the redevelopment of Kalaeloa. The potential for stationing an aircraft carrier airwing at the former base was also discussed. It was understood that the decision would be a part of the next round of base realignment and closures (BRAC) in 2005. The need for improvements to infrastructure as well as continued coordination with the Navy on remaining conveyances and brokered properties were also discussed and recognized as important considerations, especially should a carrier strike group be stationed in Hawaii.

4. Other Activities:

Staff has continued to respond to public calls regarding Kalaeloa. Inquiries are primarily associated with availability of rental housing. Some concerns have been expressed about the condition of vegetation in Navy retained properties. Staff is aware that the Navy has recently undertaken efforts to maintain the grounds and has removed vegetation and cut back weeds throughout the downtown and housing areas. Stanton also attended the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board meeting on October 27th and provided an update on Kalaeloa.