

KALAELOA STATUS REPORT

December 7, 2005

1. Kalaeloa Master Plan

Staff is currently in the process of reviewing comments received on the Draft Kalaeloa Master Plan and making revisions. A summary of the comments and responses will be presented to the Authority. Staff is presently considering a revision to the Kalaeloa Master Plan schedule to account for the pending decision by the Navy to homeport an aircraft carrier at Pearl Harbor (see item 3 below). Given the necessity for Governor's approval and concurrence by the U.S. Navy after adoption by the Authority, it appears prudent that revisions to the Draft Kalaeloa Master Plan be made after the aircraft carrier decision is announced in early 2006.

2. HCDA Staffing and Kalaeloa Office

The recruitment period for the Kalaeloa Program Specialist closed on November 18. Staff is in the process of reviewing applicants. Space for a field office in Kalaeloa was secured from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in November. The office is located at Building 1756, Suite 211 on Yorktown Avenue in "downtown" Kalaeloa. Staff is in the process of finalizing the lease agreement and securing furniture and supplies for the field office. The Kalaeloa Program Specialist will work at the field office.

3. Aircraft Carrier Strike Group Homeporting

There has been staff-level discussion with the Navy and others regarding the decision making process for the homeporting of an aircraft carrier in Pearl Harbor. It is understood that a decision may be announced in January or February 2006.

4. Legislative Update

Staff had proposed legislation for the 2006 session to request CIP funds to assist in the implementation of the Kalaeloa Master Plan. Also, a CIP request for Kalaeloa was submitted for inclusion in the administration's supplemental budget request. The administration however, in consideration of these requests, was unable to include them in the supplemental budget.

5. Economic Momentum Commission

Staff attended a public meeting on the State Economic Momentum Commission's (EMC) draft recommendations on November 15. Included in the draft recommendations is the development of affordable workforce housing in Kalaeloa. Specifically, the EMC recommends that, "HCDA in cooperation with the City & County of Honolulu develop and execute a plan for the development of an affordable community at Kalaeloa, Oahu (Barbers Point). The potential 500-acre development site should be similar to Kakaako – a public/private partnership for a master planned community to include mix-use live/work/play design, a convenient connector to the planned mass transit system, and have ample green open space. All homes would be for owner-occupants and sold at prices that are 'workforce affordable.' The Kalaeloa model should be developed as a potential prototype for other planned public/private partnerships throughout the state in order to offer our citizens affordable housing." The EMC is expected to finalize its recommendations in December.