

KALAELOA STATUS REPORT

June 1, 2005

1. U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA) Grant Implementation

Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan was adopted in May. Copies of the final plan are being distributed to the participants in the meetings/workshops and copies are available from the HCDA website.

Master Planning: A workshop with area stakeholders was held on May 11 to better understand government agencies coordination requirements and define the needs of the surrounding communities. The workshop was intended to step forward from the Strategic Plan and begin the process of refining the need for jobs, recreation, education, and resource protection in Kalaeloa such that it help support the region. Additionally, Belt Collins Hawaii has been conducting interviews with select landowners, governmental officials, community representatives, and kupuna who are familiar with the history and unique characteristics of Kalaeloa.

The findings of the workshop and interviews were discussed on May 16-17 during a charrette workshop with Belt Collins, HCDA staff and the Kalaeloa Subcommittee. During this meeting, conceptual framework of the master plan and regional economic analysis was discussed.

2. Aircraft Carrier Strike Group Homeporting

On May 13, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld presented his recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC) Commission. In review of the recommendations, no reference was made for the relocation of an Aircraft Carrier Strike Group (CSG) to Pearl Harbor. While absent from the May recommendations, the BRAC Commission has the discretion to make amendments before presenting its recommendations to the President in September. However, specific criteria must be met for BRAC Commission to make such revisions.

Recent media stories also suggest the possibility of relocating a CSG to Pearl Harbor outside of BRAC during the Department of Defense Quadrennial Review process. The findings of this process are expected to be reported early next year.

3. Marketing/Sale of Rental Housing

Ford Island Properties is in the process of closing its sale of the four rental housing areas at Kalaeloa. The prospective buyer is Carmel Partners of California. HCDA previously sent a letter to Carmel's representatives informing them of HCDA's acknowledgement of the existing zoning variance and process for rule making.

4. Fort Barrette Road Widening Project

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) provided a response to HCDA's letter requesting improvements to the intersection of Ft. Barrette Road and Roosevelt Avenue. In their letter, DOT indicated their willingness to include the demolition of the structures at the intersection as part of road widening project. These structures include: the former Security Office, rock walls, bollards, and other appurtenances. They indicated however, that such work would not begin until the road widening project commences in 2007. A copy of the DOT letter is attached for reference.