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TO: Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
3949 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816-4495

Attention: Luke Meyers, Administrator

SUBJECT: State Emergency Operations Center at First Responder Technology Campus

HTDC is pleased to support the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's funding request through the Community Project Funding Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to construct a hardened State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) within the planned First Responder Technology Campus (FRTC). Having a modernized and hardened SEOC located in the FRTC will facilitate collaboration and coordination between the community of first responders, multiple agencies and departments at the federal, state and county level.

The FRTC campus will house offices, training grounds, and shared facilities for federal, state and local agencies. The location of the FRTC is centrally located in Mililani Tech Park phase 2, with an elevation 900ft above sea level which is above the inundation zone. It is a safe location, given the rising concerns over climate change. The support for this project allows for a unique opportunity is able to improve guaranteed sustainability and resiliency for the State of Hawaii, and meet the necessary needs for emergency response for natural disasters.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len Higashi'.

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