

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Engineering Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRPERSON TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON TO ENTER INTO ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS THEREUNDER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRE-PLANNING FOR THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT TAX MAP KEY: (1) 7-4-001:25 FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT WAHIAWA SUBSTATION, OAHU, HAWAII.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) seeks to find a location for a new permanent substation facility in the Wahiawa area. This new substation will help DOCARE provide enforcement and conservation services to the central and north areas of Oahu because of its location in Wahiawa.

A parcel at 525 Avocado Street, TMK (1) 7-4-001:25, in Wahiawa, is a potential location for the new substation because of its proximity to Kamehameha Highway and to other DLNR properties in Wahiawa. The property is privately owned and DLNR is currently in negotiations with the owner to acquire the property. If this property cannot be acquired, then DOCARE will resume its search for a new location for the substation in the Wahiawa area.

The project is currently in the initial due diligence and pre-planning phases. The University of Hawaii Community Design Center (UHCDC) has been tasked to provide a proof-of-concept design study for the substation facility. The proof-of-concept design study will include stakeholder involvement, applied research, conceptual planning, and design investigation with budgetary cost estimates. The proof-of-concept study is part of the due diligence and pre-planning process and will help DLNR make an informed decision on if the property fits DOCARE substation requirements. The results of the proof-of-concept design study can also be used for other potential sites in Wahiawa.

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HRS Chapter 343 and Title 11, Chapter 200.1 HAR will be satisfied, and a Ka Pa'akai analysis will be done in the planning and design phase of the project. A consultant has been selected to complete these tasks.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA):

The MOA between DLNR and University of Hawaii (UH) will outline the scope of work UHCDC will execute for the proof-of-concept study, the amount they will be compensated for the work, a tentative schedule, and the deliverables that will be submitted to DLNR. The total amount that UHCDC will be compensated for their work is approximately \$76,893. DOCARE operating funds were appropriated for the MOA.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to enter into an agreement between DLNR and UH, as needed, to carry out the intent of the project scope of work, subject to review and approval as to form by the Department of the Attorney General.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to enter into any other agreement between DLNR and UH, that is related to this project, subject to review and approval as to form by the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Approved for Submittal:



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Chairperson