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To: Elections Commission

From: Scott T. Nago
Chief Election Officer

Re: STATUS OF OPERATIONS

Since our last meeting, on March 28, 2014, the Office of Elections has been focused on the completion of the statewide voter registration project procurement and preparations for the 2014 Elections.

Statewide Voter Registration System

On May 29, 2014, the Office of Elections issued a notice of award to BPro, Inc. for a new statewide voter registration system that would include an online voter registration system and an election management system. The final price was \$1,686,198.74. A total of six vendors submitted proposals and BPro, Inc. received the highest score. It is expected that the project will be completed in time for the 2016 Elections.

Preparations for the 2014 Elections

As previously reported, we are finalizing logistical matters and working with the counties and the voting system vendor to have everything in place.

1. Seasonal Personnel

Seasonal personnel in the form of clerical, warehouse, and hotline operators have been hired to handle the additional demands of this time of year. We have appropriate staffing for this election cycle.

2. Candidate Filing

Candidate filing was completed on June 3, 2014. No significant issues arose during the candidate filing process. However, at the close of candidate no

individual had filed to be a nonpartisan candidate for Lieutenant Governor. As the law establishes that a candidate for Governor must have a corresponding running mate for Lieutenant Governor, we are going through the court process of having the four nonpartisan candidates for Governor removed from the ballot. *Hirono v. Peabody*, 915 P.2d 704, 81 Hawaii 230 (1996) (Interpretation of Article V, Section 2 of the Hawaii State Constitution).

3. Precinct Official Recruitment Including Split Shift Workers

Precinct Official recruitment is going well and it is expected that we will be able to recruit sufficient precinct officials for the upcoming Primary Election.

As for the recruitment of split shift workers through nonprofit organizations, we have received very little interest from these organizations at this point. This could be due in part to these organizations having already established a practice of recruiting individuals to serve a full shift. With time as these organizations look to recruit additional individuals to raise additional funding, it is our hope that they will consider modifying their internal recruitment to include soliciting split shift workers. As this is a pilot project, we will be reviewing the utilization of the split shift option at the end of the election cycle.

In terms of training, we have hired and trained precinct official trainers. These precinct official trainers have begun conducting precinct official trainings statewide. The trainings include a revised training manual and videos, based on prior input from precinct officials who expressed a desire for a shorter and more streamlined training.

4. Polling Places

All polling places have been confirmed for the upcoming election cycle. We are currently recruiting the facility officials that are responsible for the setting up and breaking down of each polling place and we are on target for filling those positions.

5. Counting Center Operations

The counting center managers for the four county counting centers have been hired. Training of these counting center managers along with their staffs will occur during the week of June 16, 2014. Additionally, voting equipment has been prepped and shipped to the neighbor islands in order to conduct testing with the Official Observers. Observer's test will be conducted on July 12, 2014 in Honolulu and the following week in each county.

6. Voter Services

In an attempt to encourage voter registration, voter turnout, and voter education, our Voter Services Section has developed a series of television and radio commercials covering a variety of topics which will be broadcast at various times over the election cycle. Additionally, our seasonal hotline operators have been trained and have begun to assist in answering the frequent calls from voters this time of year. Finally, the Hawaii Votes Brochure, which is an educational resource for voters is in the process of being mailed to every registered voter household.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-442-VOTE (8683).