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## **Comptroller's Certification**

Mr. Craig K. Hirai, Director Department of Budget and Finance State of Hawaii

We have verified the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART) compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §46-16.8 (e) for capital costs in invoices submitted to the Comptroller by HART in the accompanying Schedule of Invoices. The management of HART is responsible for HART's compliance with HRS §46-16.8 (e). Our responsibility is to verify that the invoices for capital costs comply with HRS §46-16.8 (e).

As more fully described in Note 2 to the accompanying Schedule of Invoices, our verification procedures involved procedures to obtain evidence about whether the invoices submitted by HART for the capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for a mass transit project comply with HRS §46-16.8 (e). We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

As more fully described in Note 3 to the accompanying Schedule of Invoices, adjustments may be made to reduce the amount of future reimbursements to HART for prior invoices certified by the Comptroller that are found to be in error due to fraud, illegal activities or other violations of laws and regulations.

Our verification procedures do not provide a legal determination of HART's compliance with HRS §46-16.8 (e). Further, as the objective of our procedures were limited to verifying that the costs in invoices submitted by HART complied with a specific law, our procedures have not been designed to detect fraud or other illegal activities.

Based on the results of our verification procedures performed, the invoices for capital costs in the accompanying Schedule of Invoices comply with HRS §46-16.8 (e).

| /S/             | Dated: January 28, 2021 |
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| Curt T. Otaguro |                         |
| Comptroller     |                         |

# HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION

# **Schedule of Invoices**

| Vendor  | Contract No. | Reference No. | Amount          |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| CH2M Hill, Inc.   | SC-1400027   | 00175         | \$ 326,076.54   |
| CH2M Hill, Inc.   | SC-1400027   | 00193         | 326,384.13      |
| Lea + Elliott   | SC-1400049   | 00123         | 695,466.03      |
| Lea + Elliott   | SC-1400049   | 00128         | 659,616.51      |
| Lea + Elliott   | SC-1400049   | 00132         | 1,144,218.20    |
| Lea + Elliott   | SC-1400049   | 00138         | 824,575.00      |
| Nan, Inc KHSG   | SC-1600152   | 00042         | 3,172,816.01    |
| Nan, Inc KHSG   | SC-1600152   | 044R1         | 2,579,519.00    |
| Nan, Inc KHSG   | SC-1600152   | 00045         | 1,405,800.00    |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00216         | 153,434.00      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00223         | 129,941.71      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00224         | 236,158.57      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00226         | 372,735.10      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00231         | 379,008.35      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00234         | 408,275.69      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00235         | 329,730.19      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00236         | 497,036.19      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00237         | 300,389.08      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00238         | 220,831.94      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00239         | 387,965.92      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00240         | 389,762.90      |
| PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.  | SC-1400050   | 00243         | 213,167.26      |
| Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.   | SC-1600008   | 00096         | 658,841.58      |
| Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.   | SC-1600008   | 00106         | 1,164,407.73    |
| Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.   | SC-1600008   | 00108         | 954,087.99      |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Invoices.

#### HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION

## Schedule of Invoices (Continued)

|     | Vendor                                   | Contract No. | Reference No. | Amount           |
|-----|--|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| (A) | Hawaiian Dredging Co.                    | CT-1500236   | 00046         | \$ 705,405.33    |
| (A) | Hawaiian Dredging Co.                    | CT-1500236   | 00047         | 319,741.63       |
| (A) | Hawaiian Dredging Co.                    | CT-1500236   | 00048         | 685,898.69       |
| (A) | Nan, Inc KHSG                            | CT-1600152   | 00046         | 1,731,747.94     |
| (A) | Nan, Inc WOSG                            | CT-1500503   | 00044         | 575,141.71       |
| (A) | Nan, Inc WOSG                            | CT-1500503   | 00048         | 409,439.11       |
| (A) | Nan, Inc WOSG                            | CT-1500503   | 00049         | 448,457.80       |
| (A) | Road and Highway Builders, LLC           | CT-1900074   | 00001         | 1,431,608.02     |
| (A) | Road and Highway Builders, LLC           | CT-1900074   | 00002         | 3,194,382.63     |
| (A) | Road and Highway Builders, LLC           | CT-1900074   | 00003         | 782,837.24       |
| (A) | Shimmick/ Traylor/ Granite JV            | CT-1600385   | 00041         | 9,365,664.81     |
| (A) | Shimmick/ Traylor/ Granite JV            | CT-1600385   | 00042         | 13,562,097.28    |
| (B) | PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.               | CT-1400050   | 00217         | 615,436.01       |
| (B) | PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.               | CT-1400050   | 00222         | 604,862.29       |
| (B) | PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.               | CT-1400050   | 00229         | 592,209.92       |
| (B) | PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.               | CT-1400050   | 00230         | 581,345.85       |
| (B) | PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.               | CT-1400050   | 00232         | 624,575.31       |
| (B) | PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.               | CT-1400050   | 00233         | 431,489.81       |
| (B) | Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.        | SC-1600008   | 00105         | 960,013.48       |
| (B) | Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.        | SC-1600008   | 00110         | 1,246,479.43     |
| (C) | Nan, Inc WOSG                            | CT-1500503   | Multiple      | (93,923.70)      |
|     | \$24000000000000000000000000000000000000 |              |               | \$ 38,774,910.59 |
|     |  | TOTAL        |               | \$ 56,705,156.21 |

- (A) Adjustments were made for change orders and field change notices which have been deemed not allowable per HRS §46-16.8 (e) to reduce the amount reimbursed to HART. See Note 2. Hawaii Revised Statutes §46-16.8 (e) and §40-81.5.
- (B) Adjustments were made to reverse amounts deemed not allowable per HRS §46-16.8 (e) to reduce the amount reimbursed to HART. See Note 2. Hawaii Revised Statutes §46-16.8 (e) and §40-81.5.
- (C) Adjustments were made to reverse amounts deemed not allowable per HRS §46-16.8 (e) from invoices certified in previous quarters. See Note 2. Hawaii Revised Statutes §46-16.8 (e) and §40-81.5.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Invoices.

#### HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION

#### Notes to Schedule of Invoices

## 1. Organization

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) is a semi-autonomous government unit of the City and County of Honolulu (City) which came into being pursuant to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu (RCH). HART is authorized under the RCH to develop, operate, maintain, and expand the City guideway system.

#### 2. Hawaii Revised Statutes §46-16.8 (e) and §40-81.5

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §46-16.8 (e) provides for the use of surcharge revenues received from the State of Hawaii (State) for capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for a mass transit project provided revenues derived from the county surcharge of State tax shall not be used:

- To build or repair public roads or highways, bicycle paths, or support public transportation systems already in existence prior to July 12, 2005;
- 2) For operating or maintenance costs of a mass transit project or any purpose not consistent with this subsection; or
- 3) For administrative or operating, marketing, or maintenance costs, including personnel costs, of a rapid transportation authority (Authority) charged with the responsibility for constructing, operating or maintaining the mass transit project.

HRS §40-81.5 requires the Comptroller, upon request for payment by the rapid transportation authority, to verify that the Authority's invoices for capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for a mass transit project comply with HRS §46-16.8 (e). After submission of invoices by the Authority for capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for a mass transit project are verified by the Comptroller as an acceptable use of funds pursuant to a surcharge on State tax authorized pursuant to HRS §46-16.8 (e), the Comptroller shall submit a certification statement, including any appropriate supporting documents, to the State Department of Budget and Finance for allocation of funds from the Mass Transit Special Fund, if available. The certification statement shall include, at a minimum, the total amount contained in the invoices for capital costs that are verified as an appropriate use of funds pursuant to HRS §46-16.8 (e).

During the quarter ending December 31, 2020, the Comptroller identified twelve invoices that contained amounts totaling \$3,876,464.84 for change orders and field change notices which have been deemed not allowable per HRS §46-16.8 (e). These invoices were adjusted by the amounts billed for these change orders and field change notices to reduce the amount reimbursed to HART - see items (A).

#### HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSIT

#### Notes to Schedule of Invoices (Continued)

The Comptroller also identified eight invoices that contained amounts totaling \$109,485.69 for administrative costs that are not allowed per HRS §46-16.8 (e). for Consultant's and Subconsultant's Public Outreach personnel costs and purchase of laptop computers. These unallowable charges are being reversed to reduce the amounts reimbursed to HART - see items (B).

In addition, the Comptroller also identified nine invoices that were certified in previous quarters that contained amounts totaling \$93,923.70 for field change notices which have been deemed not allowable per HRS §46-16.8 (e). These unallowable charges are being reversed to reduce the amounts previously reimbursed to HART - see items (C).

As of December 31, 2020, the balance in the Mass Transit Special Fund totaled \$56,705,160.26. As disclosed in the accompanying Schedule of Invoices, the total amount certified by the Comptroller as of January 28, 2021, totaled \$56,705,156.21.

# 3. Fraud, Illegal Activities and/or Violations of Laws and Regulations

During February 2019, HART was served with three separate subpoenas by the United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii. As a result of such actions by Federal authorities, DAGS has determined that adjustments to reduce the amount of future reimbursements to HART will be made should prior invoices certified by the Comptroller be determined to be in error due to fraud, illegal activities or other violations of laws and regulations as a result of investigations, audits and/or judicial proceedings by any governmental body. The scope of this policy includes the findings and conclusions of investigators, auditors or other third parties contracted by such governmental bodies for the purpose of examining HART for possible fraudulent and illegal activities or other violations of laws and regulations.