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Subject: State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation Harbors Division TIGER VI Discretionary Grants Application; Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor, Hawaii Island

Dear Director Okimoto,

Pacific Shipyards International, LLC. (PSI) supports the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division's (HDOT) TIGER VI Discretionary Funds grant application for the Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor, Hawaii Island.

Constructing a new pier at Hilo Harbor will establish a significant industrial benefit to Hawaii as a state as well as giving back to the community by providing jobs with sound skills and technology in addition to employment, good wages, and a positive input to the State's budget, economy, and tax base.

Almost all of Hawaii's commercial and consumer goods arrive via ocean transportation. The new pier would assist in adding an additional port of entry for those goods as well as act as a connection to the world markets and each other. Without piers, numerous amounts of products would not be imported and Hawaii itself would not be able to thrive.

Completing this project would enhance qualitative measures and improve productivity amongst the businesses and communities that depend on goods to be transported in a timely fashion with the most cost effective route. Improving the pier would not only give back to the community, state, and economy, but to the environment as well. Transporting goods via ocean transportation reduces the dependence on oil/greenhouse gas emissions and saves monies that can be used elsewhere.

Our ship repair industry will be positively affected by the completion of this project as it increases the health of the state harbors as a whole. Completion of the project also creates a

strong maritime infrastructure which is beneficial to industries such as ours. It allows our industry to support other harbor roles and activities.

During these times of economic recovery, infrastructure development is crucial to the future prosperity of our state as a whole. The TIGER VI Discretionary Funds for the Hilo Commercial Harbor Pier 4 Wharf Project will make a positive impact for Hawaii's economy and will help stimulate the recovery needed.

Thank you for taking the time to read over PSI's support for this project and for the opportunity for PSI to voice their viewpoint.

Respectfully,



Iain Wood

Chief Operating Officer

Pacific Shipyards International, LLC.