



HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. 2019 Availability and Disparity Study

Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) engaged Keen Independent Research LLC, an economic consulting and policy analysis firm, to analyze whether there is a level playing field for minority- and women-owned firms in Hawaii. The study is examining HDOT contracts for construction, professional services, goods and other services and airport concessions. HDOT will use this information to update its overall goals for disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation in its federally-funded contracts. The study team will also survey businesses about their availability to perform HDOT work.

This disparity study is analyzing any evidence of disparities or other evidence of discrimination affecting minority- and women-owned businesses in the public and private sectors in Hawaii. The study team will interview local business owners and other groups.

David Keen and Annette Humm Keen, Keen Independent Principals, are directing this assignment. They are two of the nation's leading disparity study consultants. Mr. Keen has served as an expert witness successfully defending DBE programs.

Keen Independent is joined by the following local study team members: Spire Hawaii, a Honolulu-based accounting and advisory services firm; and Pauline Worsham Marketing, a Kailua-based communications company. Keith Wiener, Attorney with Holland & Knight, Kim Stewart of Abaci Research & Consulting and Suzanne Donaldson of Donaldson Enterprises are also study team members.

Schedule

The disparity study launched in March 2018. Keen Independent will complete a draft report in 2019.

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