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ISSUANCE OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY FOR THE INSPECTION AND REMEDIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S FORMER WAIKOLOA MANEUVER AREA COVERED UNDER THE FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES PROGRAM UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WAIMEA-KOHALA AIRPORT <u>HAWAII</u> TAX MAP KEY: (3) 6-7-001: PORTION OF 008

APPLICANT:

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), whose mailing address is 230 Otake Street, Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Sections 26-19 and 171, as amended.

LOCATION AND TAX MAP KEY:

Portion of Waimea-Kohala Airport, Kamuela, Island of Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Key: (3) 6-7-001: Portion of 008.

AREAS:

IMPROVED, UNPAVED LAND

Area/Space No. 810-102, containing an area of approximately 26,378 square feet, and Area/Space No. 810-103, containing an area of approximately 27,495 square feet, as shown and delineated on the attached Exhibit A.

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ZONING:

State Land Use District: County of Hawaii: Agricultural District A-40A Agriculture

LAND TITLE STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act: <u>Non-Ceded</u> DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to Hawaii Admission Act YES____ NO <u>X</u>

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Land presently encumbered by Governors Executive Order No. 1789, dated May 21, 1957, setting aside a portion of the Waimea-Kohala Airport under the control and management of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) for Airport purposes.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Remediation of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC), requiring soil sampling, geophysical surveys, clearance of surface vegetation and may involve excavation and disposal of MEC.

TERM:

One year upon the acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Right-of-Entry (ROE).

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

To be determined by the Director of Transportation at a later date.

CONSIDERATION:

Gratis. Government project.

CHAPTER 343, HRS - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The HDOT has determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed ROE for the subject land use is covered by the Waimea-Kohala Airport Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), published by the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) in the November 8, 1999, issue of The Environmental Notice. Accordingly, all relevant

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mitigation from the FEA and best management practices will be implemented to address the minimum impacts of this action.

REMARKS:

The USACE is seeking a ROE to allow continued investigations and munitions clearance activities, if warranted, and to respond to the potential condition of the subject areas located within or adjacent to the former Waikoloa Maneuver Area (WMA) in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

In 1993, the approximately 100,000-acre, WMA was designated eligible for the Formally Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program which was established to identify and remedy such areas where past Department of Defense activities may have contributed to a contaminated condition that could present a risk to human health and the environment.

In accordance with HRS, Section 171-11, relating to <u>Public Purposes, Lands Set Aside by</u> <u>the Governor; Management</u>, the HDOT proposes to issue a ROE to the USACE, for the inspection and remediation of the subject areas located within or adjacent to the WMA under the FUDS Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on this submittal, and testimony and facts presented, the HDOT recommends the Director of Transportation finds that approving the issuance of a ROE to the USACE, including its terms and conditions, and subject to the one-year term and renewal requirements, will serve the best interests of the State, and delegate to the Department of Land Matters, authority to approve any continuation or renewal or the ROE for additional one-year periods for good cause shown.

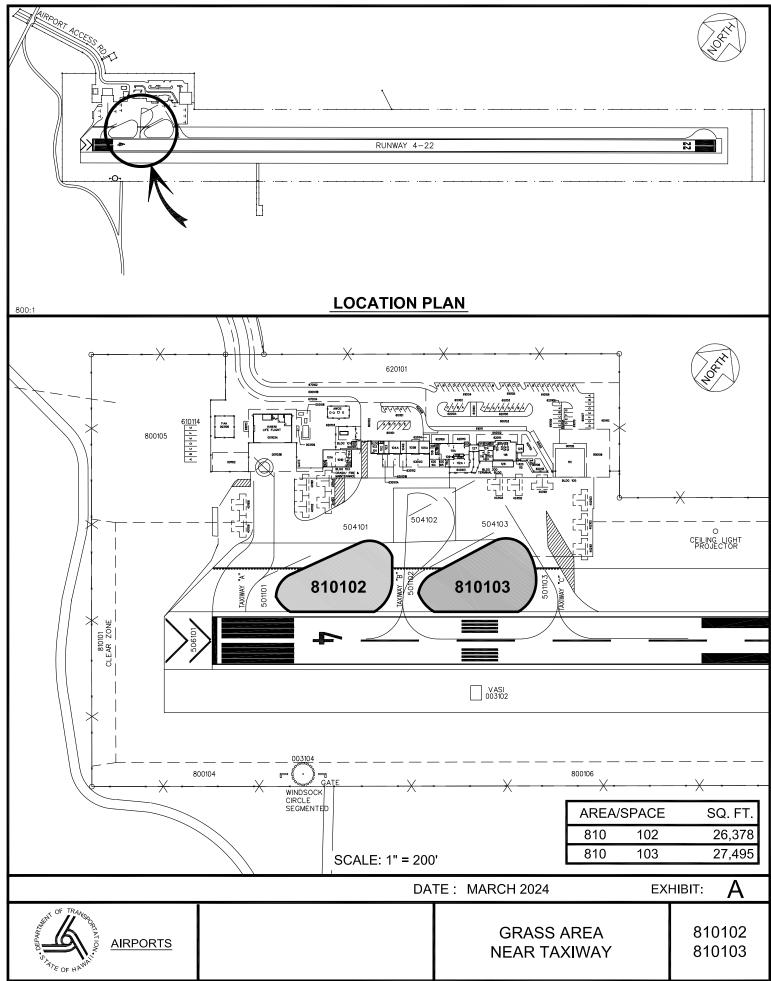
Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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