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IN REPLY REFER TO:

**AIR-PM 25.0463**

June 26, 2025

DOT Land Matters  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

ISSUANCE OF A REPLACEMENT LEASE FOR STATE LEASE NO. DOTA-13-0002  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND  
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
LIHUE AIRPORT  
TAX MAP KEY: (4) 3-5-001: PORTION OF 158

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APPLICANT:

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration, National Weather Service (NWS), whose mailing address  
is 2725 Montlake Boulevard #E, Seattle, Washington 98112.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Sections 26-19 and 171-2, as amended.

LOCATION AND TAX MAP KEY:

Portion of Lihue Airport (LIH), Lihue, Island of Kauai, identified by  
Tax Map Key: 4th Division, 3-5-001: portion of 158.

AREA:

Area/Space No. 004-119, each containing an area of approximately 209,982 square feet  
of improved, unpaved land, as shown and delineated on the attached Exhibit.

ZONING:

State Land Use District:	Urban
County of Kauai	Industrial General/Special Treatment-Public Use (IG/ST-P)

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LAND TITLE STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act: Non-Ceded  
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to Hawaii Admission Act YES ☐ NO ☒

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Land presently encumbered by Governor's Executive Order No. 4614, dated October 28, 2019, setting aside 883.583 acres designated as LIH to be under the control and management of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) for Airport purposes.

CHARACTER OF USE:

NWS will use the space for continuing operation of a data collection office, upper air inflation facility, and weather equipment at LIH.

TERM OF LEASE:

20 years.

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

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

ANNUAL RENTAL:

No charge.

CHAPTER 343, HRS - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The HDOT deems the action as de minimis and exempts it from the preparation of an exemption notice in accordance with HAR, Section 11-200.1-16(b). Type 8, Part 1: HDOT administrative activities and operations that would not result in direct, indirect or cumulative adverse impacts to the environment, 8.h., Creation or extension of leases, revocable permits or easements of property for continuing aeronautical or maritime uses or complementary purposes.

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REMARKS:

The HDOT proposes to issue a directly-negotiated fixed-base operations lease to the NWS for continuing operation of a data collection office, upper air inflation facility, and weather equipment at LIH.

The FAA was issued State Lease No. DOTA-13-0002 for the Premises for the operation of a data collection office and upper air inflation facility which expired on November 15, 2024. The HDOT will execute this new lease to supersede Lease No. DOTA-13-0002.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on this submittal, and testimony and facts presented, the HDOT recommends the Director of Transportation finds that approving the issuance of directly-negotiated lease to the NWS, subject to: (1) terms and conditions herein outlined, which are by reference incorporated herein; (2) such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Director of Transportation to best serve the interests of the State; and (3) review and approval of the Department of the Attorney General as to the lease form and content.

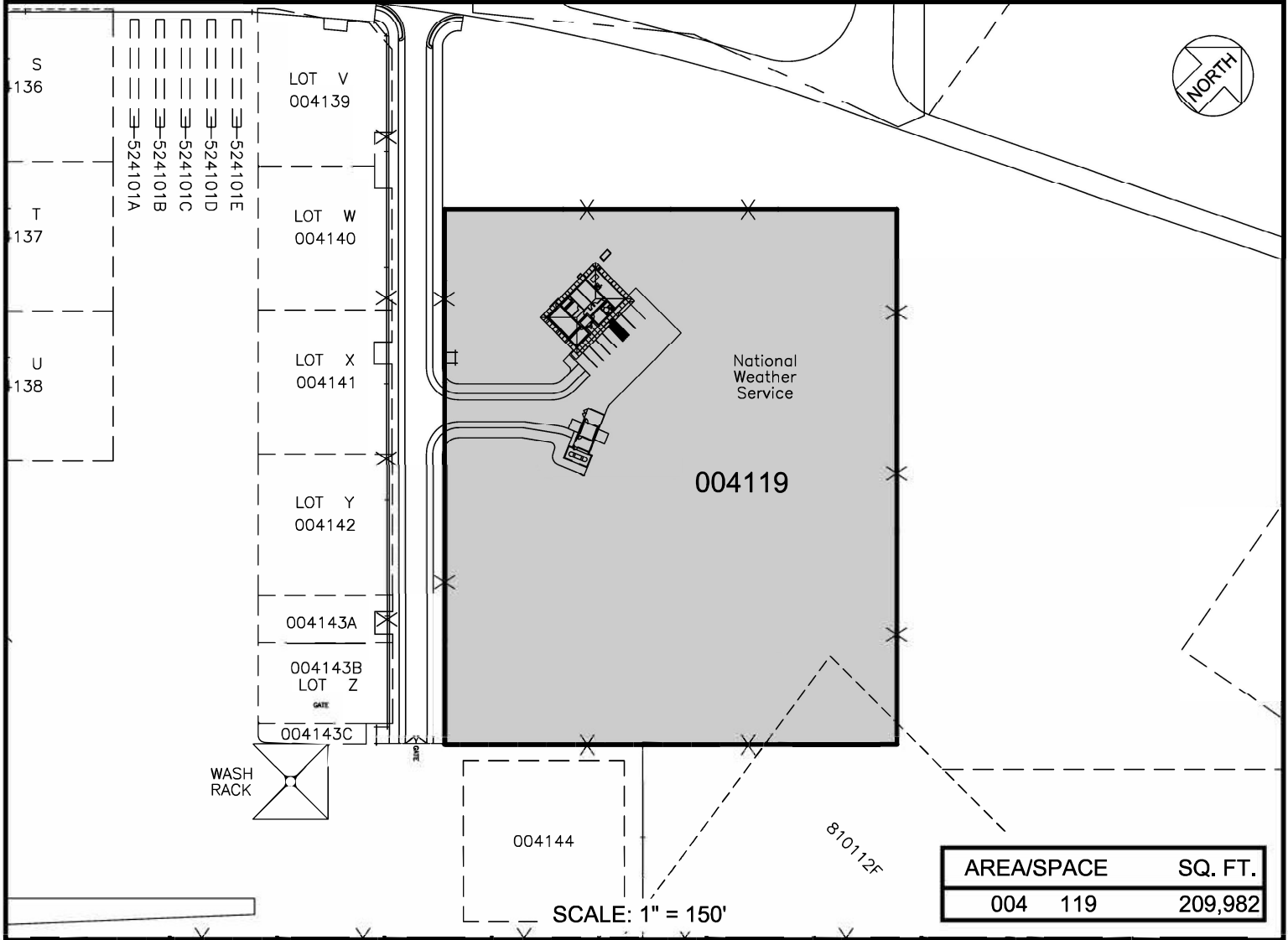
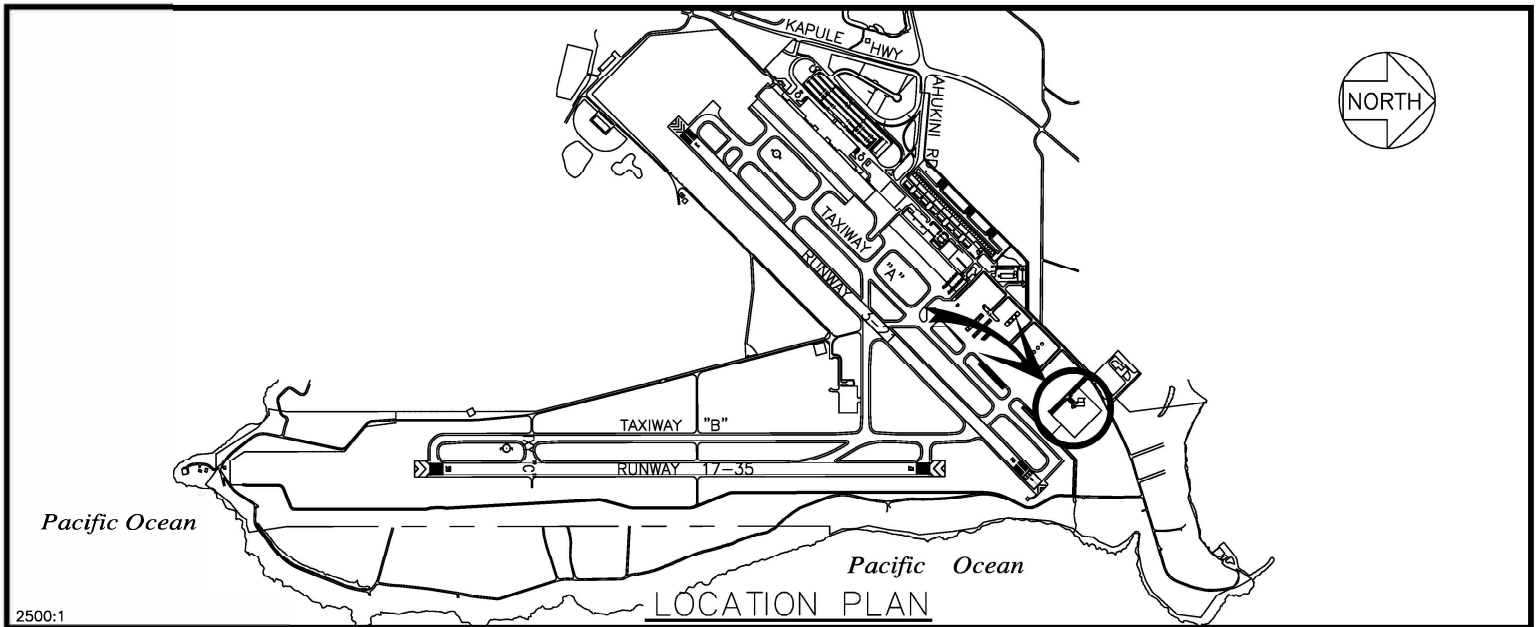
Respectfully submitted,



CURT T. OTAGURO

Deputy Director of Transportation for Airports

Attachment



DATE : MAY 2025

EXHIBIT:



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