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Dear Mr. Fuchigami:

Congratulations on reducing the unexpended federal obligation balance, or "Pipeline," by more than \$100 million for the second year in a row. Specifically, the reduction for fiscal year (FY) 2016 was \$108,038,700 which follows FY 2015's reduction of \$100,964,597. The number of open projects was reduced by 87 after a reduction of 49 during FY 2015. As of the end of FY 2016 (September 30, 2016), the Pipeline balance is \$548,538,568 on 444 open projects. In FY 2015, the Pipeline closed at \$656,577,268 on 531 open projects. This year's Pipeline balance is the lowest it has been since FY 2000. This is a significant accomplishment and I greatly appreciate your leadership. I commend you and your staff on the continued progress.

While the number of open projects fell short of the 375 goal set for FY 2016, the dollar reduction surpassed the \$603,500,000 goal and puts the state a year ahead of schedule to meet the \$450,000,000 goal set for the end of FY 2018. Enclosed are a summary table and charts that further break down the Pipeline totals, along with charts on the Pipeline balances over the past several years, how Hawaii's balance compares to the other States, the monthly federal reimbursements for FY 2016, and number of open projects over the last five years.

We look forward to our continued collaboration in FY 2017 to improve project delivery and maintain these positive trends with a continuing focus on project closures. Thank you again for your full attention and cooperation to resolve both the project and program issues that contribute to the Pipeline.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Rizzo
Division Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Edwin Sniffen, Deputy Director
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Hawaii End of Fiscal Year 2016 Unexpended Federal Obligations

