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**STATE AIRPORTS ENERGY PROJECT TO CONTINUE
HAWAII'S EFFICIENCY MOMENTUM**

HONOLULU — Under the leadership of Gov. Neil Abercrombie, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's (DBEDT) State Energy Office is providing technical assistance and guidance for the Department of Transportation's newly announced energy efficiency program.

Using Energy Performance Contracting (EPC), the state's 12 airports will be modernized with the latest in energy efficient and green technology. The project will cut energy use by 49 percent, create hundreds of local jobs, and save at least \$518 million in energy costs over the next 20 years. Improvements will include the replacement of transformers, light fixtures and chilled water and air conditioning systems, as well as the addition of solar photovoltaic panels, installation of smart controls, and deferred maintenance.

"This energy savings agreement is further testimony of the leadership of Gov. Abercrombie, who constantly challenges all state agencies to lead by example and walk the walk," said Mark Glick, State Energy Administrator. "This project reflects our focus on high impact solutions to meet our efficiency and renewable energy portfolio targets."

EPC is an innovative approach to implementing energy and water efficiency measures using guaranteed energy savings to pay for projects. Hawaii leads the nation in EPC per capita investment and was recently honored with its second consecutive national Race to the Top award.

The project has garnered national praise from multiple energy organizations. Dan Crippen, Executive Director of the National Governors Association, noted that, "This announcement is a great example of how energy performance contracts can help governors and states achieve cost-effective energy savings in public facilities. "I am happy NGA was able to support Hawaii's work to set the stage for significant energy savings at state airports."

Added David Terry, Executive Director of the National Association of State Energy Officials, "This is the largest performance contract investment by a single state agency that we are aware of, and we commend the Governor and the State of Hawaii for this outstanding achievement."

According to the Energy Savings Coalition (ESC), which tracks EPC nationwide, Hawaii will now hold the largest single EPC agreement by a state agency, with the previous contract being the Alabama prison system for \$90 million. "Clean energy efforts like this demonstrate great leadership on the part of Hawaii state government," said ESC Executive Director Jim Arwood.

A division of DBEDT, the Hawaii State Energy Office (SEO) is providing key advice and technical assistance to DOT for this program. With a successful track record of assisting government agencies with EPCs since 1996, SEO has provided technical assistance to such entities as the University of Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu, and Counties of Hawaii and Kauai.

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*The **Hawaii State Energy Office** is leading the state's charge toward clean energy independence. With a goal to meet and exceed Hawaii's 70 percent clean energy targets by 2030, the State Energy Office is committed to developing and deploying high impact solutions that will maximize Hawaii's renewable energy resources and improve efficiency and transportation standards. Through effective policies and innovative programs, the State Energy Office has positioned Hawaii as a leading proving ground for clean energy innovation, which will generate quality jobs, attract investment opportunities and accelerate economic growth. The State Energy Office is a division of the state's Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. For more information, visit www.energy.hawaii.gov.*

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