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TO: Office of the Governor, Chief Operating Officer

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Executive Branch, Finance Director Legislative Branch, Council Chair

Board/Departments of Water Supply, Manager/Chief Engineer Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, Executive Director

CC: Administrative Services Offices

FROM: Bonnie Kahakui, Administrator force a Halakui

SUBJECT: Hawaii Compliance Express Update

Effective immediately! Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE) has been enhanced to allow vendors to upload a Tax Compliance Report (TCR), a Letter of Determination, or a Hawaii Department of Taxation Waiver (Waiver), directly into HCE. This enhancement aims to streamline the compliance verification process for vendors, making it easier and faster for them to furnish proof of compliance with the requirements of 103D-310(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes. By integrating optical character recognition (OCR) technology, HCE ensures that the uploaded documents are scanned and the necessary vendor information is extracted to return an accurate compliance status. NOTE: The uploaded document must match **exactly** with the

vendor information entered into HCE. Vendors can find instructions a Vendor Reference Guide on the HCE homepage.

Vendors who upload a TCR, Letter of Determination, or Waiver (as applicable) will not be required to produce the paper documents to the purchasing agency to prove compliance, provided the vendor is "Compliant" in HCE. Additionally, no action is needed for vendors who are currently compliant with all regulatory agencies (Hawaii Department of Taxation, Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the Internal Revenue Service).

A complete listing of all current Procurement Circulars is available at https://spo.hawaii.gov/; under the *References* menu, click on *Procurement Circulars*.

Should there be any questions, procurement personnel may contact the listed SPO staff, or you may contact me at (808) 587-4701 or email bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov.

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