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To the Access Hawaii Committee:

I am offering this letter of recommendation to express appreciation for the level of service provided by Hawaii Information Consortium, LLC (HIC). The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), Department of Land and Natural Resources, and HIC have a long-term, positive relationship that spans over 14 years.

In 2000, HIC assisted DAR with the development of its online Freshwater Game Fishing License system (freshwater.ehawaii.gov) that has served DAR well, by providing the public with easy access to on-line fishing licenses. Throughout 2013 and 2014, DAR continued to work with HIC to develop several mobile applications and application redesigns. In addition, a complete overhaul of the existing fishing license system provided the opportunity to rebuild it from scratch – to update the look and feel, as well as make it responsive to work across all mobile devices and tablets. Launched in January 2014, the new system allows the public to purchase tourist, resident, military, and senior online freshwater fishing licenses.

For more than a decade, HIC has played a critical part in DAR's efforts to provide information and online services to the public. HIC continues to deliver invaluable services to DAR and is a responsive partner, providing ongoing maintenance, support, and customer service, all at zero cost to DAR. Thus, DAR can confidently recommend HIC's performance, their exceptional quality and dependability. DAR hopes to rely upon HIC and their services for any future needs.

Please feel free to contact me (<u>brian.k.kanenaka@hawaii.gov</u> or (808) 587-0332) if you need further information, regarding DAR's working experience with HIC.

Sincerely,

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