

**BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (BAAC)  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (DCCA)  
STATE OF HAWAII**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: Monday, December 10, 2012  
Time: 2:05 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 423  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

BAAC Members Present: Everett Kaneshige, Chair; Keali'i Lopez, Director, DCCA; Bob Barlow, President, Oceanic Time Warner; Lester Chu for Eric Yeaman, President, Hawaiian Telcom; Clyde Sonobe for Jennifer Sabas, Office of U.S. Senator Inouye; Sharene Urakami-Oyama, AT&T Wireless; Rep. Kyle Yamashita; and Mark Ow, Hawaii County.

Others Present: Jay April, CEO/President, Akaku; Wayne Hirasa, Sandwich Isles Communications; Joyce Masamitsu, Verizon Wireless; Celeste Nip for Verizon Wireless; Powell Onishi, tw telecom; Ed Sniffen, Sandwich Isles Communications; Dan Youmans, AT&T Wireless; Donn Yabusaki, DCCA CATV Administrator; Cathy Takase, DCCA Broadband Program Specialist; Todd Ogasawara, DCCA Broadband Program Specialist

Agenda: The notice for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Everett Kaneshige called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**II. Introductions**

Chair Kaneshige introduced new BAAC member Mark Ow, Director of Information Technology for Hawaii County. Mark succeeds Bobby Command as the representative from Hawaii County.

### **III. Minutes of October 18, 2012 meeting**

Chair Kaneshige asked for a review of the minutes of the last meeting. Council member Bob Barlow moved to approve the minutes. Board member Lester Chu seconded the move to approve the minutes. The minutes were given verbal approval by the board members present.

### **IV. Final Comments on Draft State Broadband Strategic Plan**

Chair Kaneshige gave Director Lopez the floor to discuss the DCCA Broadband Strategic Plan. Director Lopez thanked those who provided comments to the strategic plan. Director Lopez noted that the strategic plan is an ARRA Grant deliverable which builds off of the 2008 Hawaii Broadband Task Force Final Report. She pointed out that while the plan focuses on wireline broadband, the wireless section of the plan will be enhanced in the final version.

Sharene Urakami-Oyama, AT&T Wireless, asked that efforts be made to ensure language related to Objective 1.3 (*Utilize Government Resources And Partnerships To Deploy Government Broadband Infrastructure And To Lower Costs To Expand And Upgrade Private Networks*) be expressed in a competitively neutral manner.

Bob Barlow reported that Oceanic Time Warner had recently upgraded standard service downstream speeds from 10 to 15 Mbps on Oahu. This had not been formally announced at the time of the meeting.

Lester Chu (Hawaiian Telcom) commended the work done to produce the strategic plan. Director Lopez expressed appreciation for the input provided by the wireline and wireless service providers.

### **V. ARRA Grant – State Broadband Capacity Building Project**

Chair Kaneshige introduced the two activities in the next phase of DCCA's ARRA Broadband Planning Grant: The Capacity Building Project (CBP) and the Technical Assistance Project (TAP).

The Capacity Building Project has a short time frame. It is due on April 1. Director Lopez noted that this project leverages the BAAC workgroups to meet this time frame. Mr. Chu asked how this project aligns with the State

CIO's Hawaii Broadband Initiative (HBI). Director Lopez responded that the CIO is aware of DCCA's projects and will use this to inform his Office's plans. Cathy Takase (DCCA) clarified that the goal of this project is to create a work plan for the next phase of the grant project that will cover the next two years.

## **VI. ARRA Grant – Technical Assistance Project**

The intent is for the TAC work to inform the work of the BAAC. Director Lopez stated that DCCA will request funding from the legislature to provide resources to the counties for broadband projects. Mr. Chu asked how the groups would be formed. Director Lopez said that the DCCA will reach out to BAAC members in addition to county leaders for TAC member recommendations.

The CBP and TAP projects will help shape the development of broadband legislation for 2014. The work for this project should start in January, 2013 and has a June, 2013 completion date. Director Lopez reported that DCCA has met with the Mayor's of the counties to initiate discussions related to these two upcoming activities.

## **VII. Next meeting – to be scheduled**

## **VIII. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## **IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**