

News from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services
State of Hawaii

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW CIO CHRISTINE SAKUDA

Aloha ETS!

Since starting with ETS on August 5, I have gained a deeper appreciation for the work you do, your commitment to that work, and the positive impact you are having for the State of Hawai'i.

It's important that we all gain an appreciation for the rich resources ETS provides and strengthen our collective capacity to support our partner departments and the communities they serve.

The HowzIT newsletter is one resource to keep us updated and connected on current events, celebrations, recognitions, and opportunities.

Please enjoy and let us know if you have any suggestions for content.

Read more about the CIO [here](#).

Chief Information Officer and administrator of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services Christine M. Sakuda



ETS TAKES TOP TEAM, EMPLOYEE AWARDS AT DAGS EVENT

ETS staffers were recognized during the Department of Accounting and General Services 2023 Incentive and Services Awards Ceremony at Washington Place July 29 for their efforts to improve state government.

The following awardees were named:

Team of the Year Award – Enterprise Technology Services

This award recognizes a team that works together to perform a specific function. Through the pooling of skills, talents, energy, and knowledge, they have accomplished a common goal that supports the organization's mission.

In June 2022, Governor Ige signed Act 179 which called for the development of a plan for the consolidation of information technology services and staff within the executive branch agencies. Although all executive departments were included in this project, the team members from ETS not only took the lead and oversaw the project, but also served as facilitators and note takers/timekeepers on the twelve committees that made up the larger group.

Act 179 ETS Core Team includes these ETS employees:

- *Bryce Fujii*
- *Todd Omura*
- *Juha Kauhanen*
- *Arnold Kishi*
- *Jussi Sipola*
- *Brian Frey*
- *Vince Hoang*
- *Patrick Stuart*
- *Dexter Lee*

- *Sheila Oliveira*
- *Sonny Kekipi*
- *Kathleen O'Brien*
- *Rachel Faitau*
- *Sheryl Miyagawa*
- *Michelle Muraoka*
- *Doug Murdock*
- *Jennifer Halaszyn*
- *Kyle Muranaka*

Employee of the Year Award

Michael "Mikey" Kleckner – Enterprise Technology Services

This award is the highest departmental award that recognizes an employee for outstanding performance and/or achievements.

As Time and Attendance Analyst, Mr. Kleckner has played a crucial role in the continued process of transitioning departments into the Hawai'i Information Portal (HIP). He also provides crucial help to Central Payroll, assisting with payroll processing when they are short-handed, ensuring that we are all paid on time.

Mr. Kleckner took the initiative to compile payroll processing and year-end procedures into a document that serves as a manual for Central Payroll. This manual ensures timely and accurate processing of payroll and annual W-2 forms.

ETS employees receiving **Length of Service Awards:**

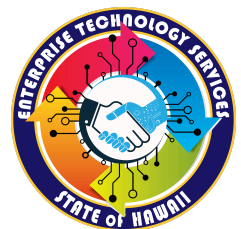
10 Year Service Award
Patrick Stuart

20 Year Service Awards
Brenda Aquino – ETS
Thurman Lukela – ETS
Jason Morioka – ETS
Michelle Muraoka – ETS

30 Year Service Award
Susan Lucas – ETS

See event photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/144304884@N07/albums/72177720319228174/>

**OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
KE'ENA HO'OLANA 'ENEHANA**



What's in a name?

ETS recently had our name translated into Hawaiian to comply with [Act 170](#) for placement on our letterhead and official documents.

The thought process went like this:

Ingredients

lanalana: one kind of lashing, especially tying the ‘ama (floater) to the ‘iako (booms).

lana: buoyant – no IT backbone, the state sinks.

lana ka mana’o: hopeful, looking toward the future, as we do upon the foundation of good data and a good understanding of where we are and how we are doing.

Take all of that and make it active, **ho’olana:** to float, to lash, to launch (the canoe), to inspire.

Ke’ena: office.

‘Enehana: technology.

Ke’ena Ho’olana ‘Enehana

The office that keeps our technology afloat, and keeps us seaworthy through technology. The office that ties us all together for the voyage, and lets us envision our future with the knowledge we observe and gather.

HACC 2024 DATES ANNOUNCED



SAVE The Dates

HACC 2024

Kickoff - Oct. 12th

Interim Workshops - Oct. 19th & Nov. 2nd

Judging & Presentation Day - Nov. 16th



The dates for the Hawaii Annual Code Challenge 2024 have been set and we need volunteers to support the event.

Kickoff is on Saturday, October 12 via Zoom

Interim Workshops are set for Saturday, October 19 & Nov. 2 via Zoom

Judging & Presentation Day will be on Saturday, November 16 at UH West Oahu

Check back on hacc.hawaii.gov for the times of these events.



STATE TO HOST HAWAII DIGITAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

This year, the State of Hawaii will host the Hawaii Digital Government Summit **on Sept. 17**. The summit is for and about state and local government. The purpose of the event is to foster discussion and dialogue on the use of information technology as a strategic tool for managers, executives and policy makers.

For more information: [GovTech](#)

ETS IS HIRING!

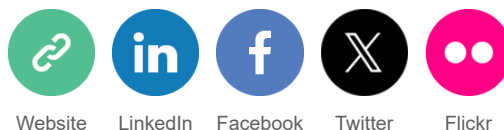
ETS has several job openings to fill. If you know someone that may be interested in being part of our dynamic, innovative team that works on the latest cutting-edge technology in the industry, please visit [jobs](#), for more information.



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