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## MESSAGE FROM CIO CHRISTINE SAKUDA



**Aloha mai kākou!**

The 2025 Legislative session was very productive for ETS, and the results will be extremely helpful for doing our work.

Several items for ETS projects were included in the FY26/FY27 state budget that is now being considered by Governor Green including:

- \$5,530,000 for Microsoft 365 licenses

- \$3,200,000 for Cybesecurity Risk Mitigation
- \$2,000,000 for Independent Verification and Validation
- \$3,773,000 and 5 positions for Data/AI Office and AI Risk Management Tools and Geospatial License Renewal

One of the highlights of the session was when the full Senate confirmed me as CIO with a unanimous. It was incredibly special to have my parents, spouse, and children there to share the moment with me.

I'm truly grateful for the trust and support given to me by Governor Josh Green, Comptroller Keith Regan, Deputy Comptroller Meoh-Leng Silliman, the Legislature and all of you as we move forward with our vision for the future of technology in our state.

We are now looking forward to a busy and productive summer with reports and committee work on IT consolidation and our strategic plan, upcoming cybersecurity and digital government summits, and preparing for our 10<sup>th</sup> and final Hawai'i Annual Code Challenge (HACC) competition set for November.

I'm also excited to launch our CNTRL+ART+CREATE wall-art contest to make our dull hallways brighter and more interesting. I encourage everyone to participate and share your artistic talents with the team! Whether you're an experienced artist or just enjoy creating for fun, we would love to see your work. Please see the details below and join us in transforming our space!

In observance of May's "Ha'aheo, Pride in Public Service Month," I'd like to take this opportunity to reiterate to you all how proud I am of the work you continue to do every day to benefit the residents of Hawai'i.

I know that your service, compassion, and commitment exemplify the true meaning of aloha. <https://dhrd.hawaii.gov/blog/haaheo-pride-in-public-service-month-proclamation-may-2025/>

**Mahalo!**

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

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"Shaved Ice Banyon" by Joe Pierce

## SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK TO BRIGHTEN BASEMENT WALLS

ETS invites our staff to showcase their creativity through **CTRL + ART + CREATE**, a new initiative celebrating the artistic talents of our internal team.

**Submission Deadline:** Click [HERE](#) to submit your artwork for consideration by 4 p.m. HST on Friday, June 27, 2025.

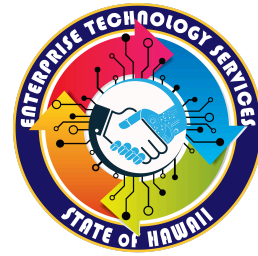
Selected artworks will be displayed this summer in the Kalanimoku Building basement hallway near Room B-20, as part of a seasonal exhibit showcasing staff creativity.

For information, please review the *ETS Art Display Fact Sheet* in its entirety. If you have additional questions, please email [ets@hawaii.gov](mailto:ets@hawaii.gov) and list "2025 ETS Art Submission Inquiry" in the subject line.

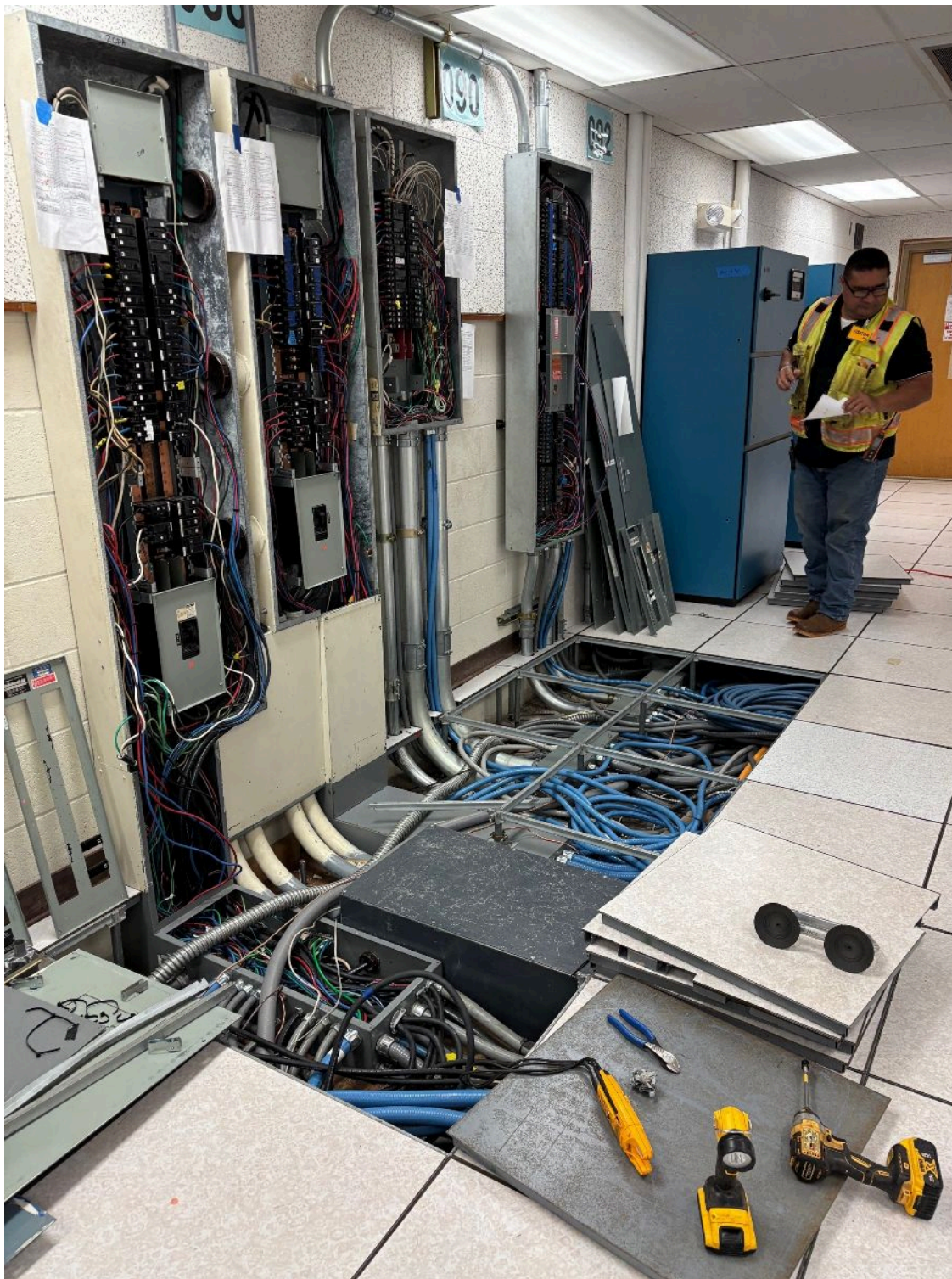
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**WELCOME OUR NEW HIRES**

- Nathan Akamu - Project Management Office
  - Richard Baltazar- Client Services Branch
  - Nicholas Huff - Client Services Branch
  - Sheryl Matsuo - Program Management Branch
  - Lyon Singleton - Client Services Branch
  - Kelcie Wade - Technology Support Services Branch
  - Amy Yamashita - Administrative Services Office
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## FINDING A CONNECTION IN THE DATA CENTER

As part of the ongoing decommissioning of our data center in B-30, a contractor is doing an analyses of implementing new uninterrupted power supply. That means tracing all our existing cables from beginning to end.

These wires are used to power all equipment in data center and have been under the 7,000 square foot floor for between 30 to 40 years.

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## 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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