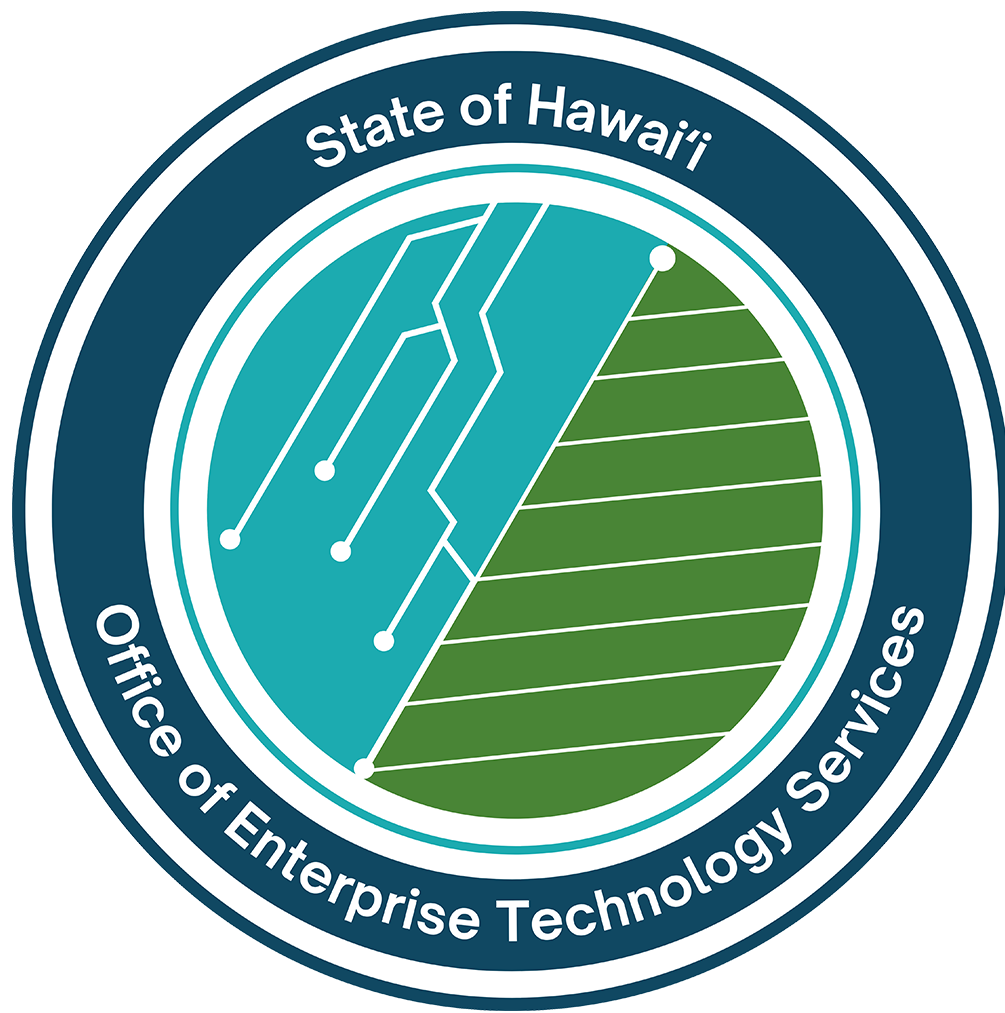




MESSAGE FROM CIO CHRISTINE SAKUDA



Aloha ETS!

As we continue our journey to modernize the State of Hawai'i's technology landscape, I'm reminded that every transformation — whether cultural, organizational, or technological — begins with a moment of renewal. This season marks one of those moments for ETS as we unveil our newly designed ETS logo, created by our talented team member and redesign contest winner, Vianca Cao Sorkin. Her design beautifully reflects both where we come from and where we are headed.

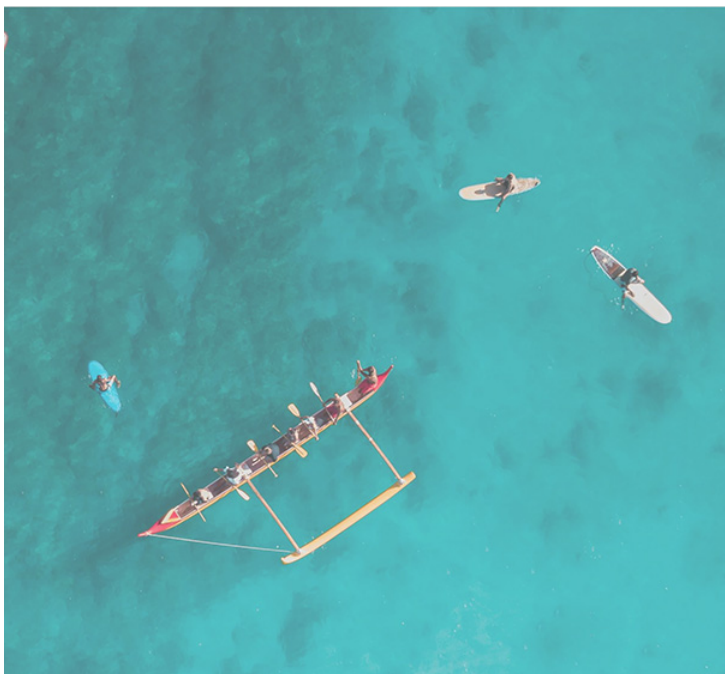
A New Beginning for ETS: Honoring Our Roots, Advancing Our Future

Rooted in the symbolism of the wa'a, the traditional Hawaiian outrigger canoe, our new logo honors the spirit of innovation that has guided navigators for generations.

The wa'a represents shared purpose, collective movement and the courage to explore new horizons — values deeply aligned with our mission as ETS steers statewide technology forward.

Designed with Purpose: The Story Behind the New ETS Logo

Every element of the logo tells a part of our story. The concentric circles, inspired by the rings of the koa tree, remind us that growth happens outward from a strong foundation — something we continue to build together as we strengthen our systems and services. The eight diagonal lines symbolize the interconnectedness of our islands and the essential public services we support statewide. The olonā-inspired green, drawn from one of nature's strongest fibers, speaks to resilience and the bonds that connect us. And the shades of blue, representing the many forms of the ocean, reflect adaptability, curiosity and our willingness to look beyond the horizon for solutions. Integrated throughout are subtle circuit-like patterns, bridging ancestral knowledge with modern technology — the very essence of government innovation today.



**2026 ETS LOGO
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Design with Heart: Vianca Sorkin's Vision Shapes the New ETS Logo

Vianca shared a sentiment that resonates deeply with our mission. "I wanted the logo to honor the cultural foundations of innovation in Hawai'i while representing the teamwork, resilience and curiosity that define ETS."

As we continue advancing system modernization, enhancing cybersecurity, expanding digital equity and improving services for all residents, this new logo stands as a visual reminder of our values — and the shared voyage ahead. Like the wa'a, ETS moves forward only through the strength of every person paddling together.

Mahalo for your continued dedication and partnership. Let's embrace this new beginning and chart the next chapter of ETS with intention, unity and aloha.

Mahalo!

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

State Technology Leadership Unites Agencies at the Hawai'i AI Safety Symposium

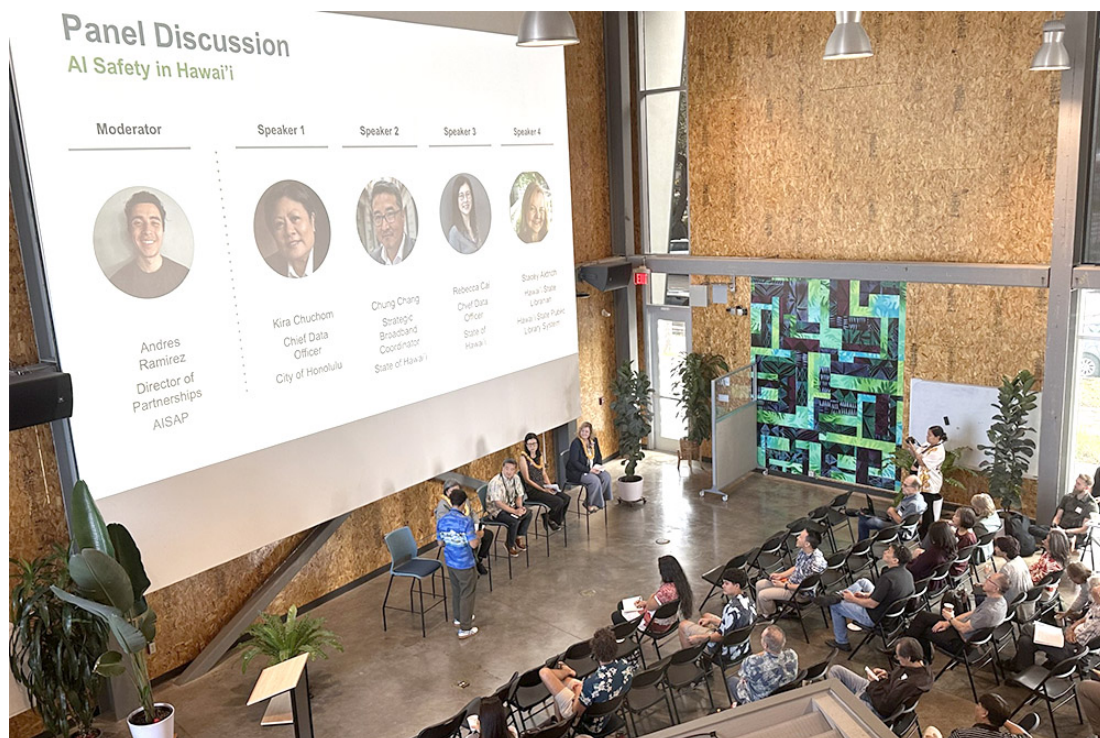


Hawai'i AI Safety Week brought together technologists, policymakers, educators and community partners for the Hawai'i Statewide AI Safety Symposium, hosted at the Entrepreneurs Sandbox in Honolulu. As part of the program, State Chief Information Officer (CIO) Christine Mai'i Sakuda delivered the Governor's prepared remarks, offering a forward-looking vision for how Hawai'i can harness artificial intelligence responsibly and for the public good.

Speaking on behalf of Governor Josh Green, CIO Sakuda emphasized that technology is a critical enabler in tackling the state's most complex challenges — from cost of living and housing to healthcare access, climate resilience and Maui's recovery efforts. She noted that while AI presents significant opportunities, Hawai'i's approach must be grounded in community values, equity and trust.

In delivering the Governor's message, she highlighted that emerging technologies must support real outcomes for families across the islands. "As we look to the future, technology has the potential to help us solve some of the toughest problems facing Hawai'i — but only if we commit to using it responsibly, transparently and in service to the people," she shared.

Building on these themes, CIO Sakuda framed Hawai'i's digital journey through The Way of the Navigator, a cultural reminder that intentionality, collaboration and kuleana are central to good leadership. She emphasized that ETS plays a crucial role in governing statewide IT systems, strengthening cybersecurity, advancing data sharing and preparing agencies for the safe adoption of AI.



The symposium capped a week of free, statewide workshops designed to build AI understanding across sectors. As Hawai'i continues its modernization efforts, ETS remains committed to ensuring that new technologies are adopted thoughtfully, safely and in alignment with the Governor's priorities and the needs of Hawai'i's people.

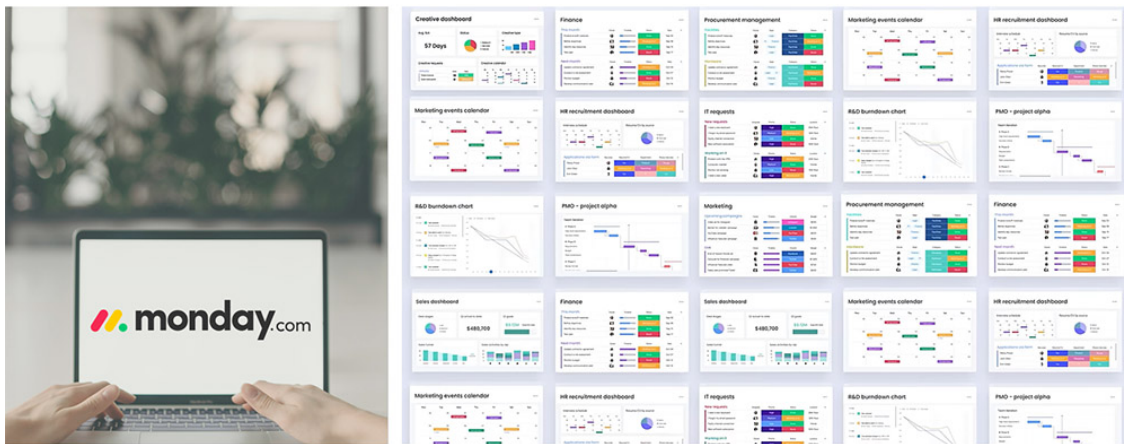
From Sticky Notes to Smart Boards: Monday.com Arrives at ETS



The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) is moving forward with a major internal modernization effort: the division-wide adoption of Monday.com as a centralized platform for project management, collaboration, and workflow visibility. This new tool will support ETS's growing portfolio of statewide IT initiatives and help teams work more cohesively across branches.

Monday.com is a cloud-based, highly visual work management system designed to help teams plan, track, and manage projects and daily tasks in a single, organized space. The platform offers user-friendly dashboards, customizable workflows, automated task management, and enhanced communication tools—all aimed at reducing manual processes and improving team alignment.

ETS's shift to Monday.com comes at a pivotal time. Today, teams rely on a patchwork of tools and informal methods, making it difficult to see division-wide priorities, manage workloads consistently, or generate standardized reporting. According to the Monday.com Adoption Impact Summary, the new platform will help address these challenges by providing centralized project and task management, greater transparency into resource allocation, clearer strategic alignment, and standardized practices across ETS.



The implementation will follow a phased approach throughout 2026. Activities include discovery and strategic planning (January through early May), followed by pilot training, division-wide rollout, and continuous training and performance monitoring through the end of the year. The project is slated for completion in December 2026.

To support a smooth transition, all ETS supervisors are required to identify 2–3 subject matter experts (SMEs) from their teams. These SMEs will receive focused training and play a critical role in supporting team adoption and ongoing management within Monday.com. In addition, all executive leadership and supervisory personnel will participate in mandatory training to build proficiency with the new platform.

Hawai'i State Chief Information Officer Christine Sakuda highlighted the importance of this effort in advancing ETS's mission and strengthening statewide digital service delivery. "This initiative will enhance coordination, accountability, and operational effectiveness across ETS," she shared. "By working together and embracing modern tools, we can better support the departments and communities we serve."

More details on training schedules and onboarding resources will be shared in the coming weeks as ETS prepares for the next phase of implementation.

Lights, Camera, AI: Join Our Summer Movie-Themed Art Contest



ETS is excited to launch a brand-new creative challenge for the summer: The Art of the Prompt, an AI-generated art contest celebrating imagination, storytelling, and the power of emerging technology. This friendly competition invites state employees to explore the possibilities of AI tools while having a little fun along the way.

This year's theme is Summer Movies—with a twist. Participants are encouraged to use AI to design an original poster for a fictional film inspired by an existing movie. Think along the lines of a Hawai'i-set Bourne Identity, a whimsical Crazy Rich Asians 2, or a mashup like Godzilla vs. Transformers. Any genre is welcome, as long as the final poster is creative, appropriate, and connected to a recognizable film.

To participate, each submission must include:

- The AI software used
- The specific prompt(s) used to generate the artwork
- The AI-created poster itself
- A short written summary or explanation of the concept

Entries will be featured as part of ETS's Instagram content, showcasing the talent and creativity across Hawai'i state government.

All submissions are due July 31. Send via email to joanna.y.lee@hawaii.gov

We look forward to seeing the imaginative ways our colleagues blend technology, storytelling, and local flavor. Let your creativity shine—and may the best prompt win!

ETS IS HIRING!

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