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Application:

Request for Re-certification as a Regional Center

Applicants:

State of Hawaii

Proposed Enterprise: DBEDT Hawaii Regional Center

Re: Designation of Hawaii Regional Center (HRC) as a Regional Center Under the Immigrant **Investor Pilot Program** 

## **BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) submitted a proposal for the re-certification and designation of the State of Hawaii as a USCIS Regional Center under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program. HRC will pursue a diversified portfolio of investment and development that will result in direct and indirect job creation. The focus of the intended investment projects for the DBEDT Hawaii Regional Center will include:

- 1. Tourism, Agricultural tourism, Cultural tourism, Educational tourism, Health & Wellness tourism and Technology tourism;
- 2. Technology, Research & Development and Life Sciences;
- 3. Transportation in Air, Harbors and Highways;
- 4. Trade & Manufacturing;
- 5. Health Services: Hospitals, Nursing homes, Private medical offices, In-Home healthcare, Outpatient services, Ambulance services and Laboratories;
- 6. Agriculture and Food Processing, Aquaculture, Major agricultural production, Exotic and specialized crops;
- 7. Higher Education, both Exported and Foreign students;