

# Future of the Oahu Community Correctional Center

## Vol. 30 – New Animal Quarantine Station Plans Taking Shape

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### Hawaii Department of Public Safety

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) is responsible for carrying out judgments of the state courts whenever a period of confinement is ordered. Its mission is to uphold justice and public safety by providing correctional and law enforcement services to Hawaii's communities with professionalism, integrity and fairness. Currently, offenders are housed within State of Hawaii jail and prison facilities located within Hawaii, at the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu, and in private contractor facilities on the mainland.

PSD operates Community Correctional Centers (CCCs), widely known as jails, on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and Oahu. Each CCC houses short-term sentenced (felons, probation, and misdemeanor), pretrial (felon and misdemeanor), other jurisdiction, and probation/parole violators. CCCs provide the customary county jail function of managing both pre-trial detainees and locally-sentenced misdemeanor offenders and others with a sentence of one year or less. CCCs also provide an important pre-release preparation/transition function for prison system inmates who are transferred back to their county of origin when they reach less than a year until their scheduled release. Although some offenders will remain in prison for life, the majority (over 95 percent) will serve their sentences and be released, eventually returning to the community.

PSD is committed to providing a safe, secure, healthy, humane, social, and physical environment for inmates and staff. However, aged and obsolete CCCs have limited PSD's ability to provide such environments. All jail facilities are antiquated with limited space for programs and treatment services. Improvement of the declining facilities (and replacing facilities when necessary) is a priority. Chief among such priorities is replacement of the existing Oahu CCC (OCCC) with a new facility at the Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) in Aiea/Halawa. Assisting with OCCC planning and development is the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and a team of consultants (the "OCCC Team").

### Planning New Animal Quarantine Station Underway

The new OCCC is planned to be constructed within the eastern portion of the current Animal Quarantine Station (AQS), therefore, development of a new AQS facility in advance of construction of the new OCCC is essential.

The AQS is operated by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) which is responsible for protecting the State's agricultural resources by preventing the introduction of plants, animals, and diseases that would be harmful to Hawaii's unique ecosystem. With that, all animals traveling to Hawaii are required to be vaccinated against rabies and other diseases and are subject to quarantine if they fail to meet certain requirements. As the only rabies-free State in the nation, the AQS is integral to Hawaii's success at protecting public health and the environment.

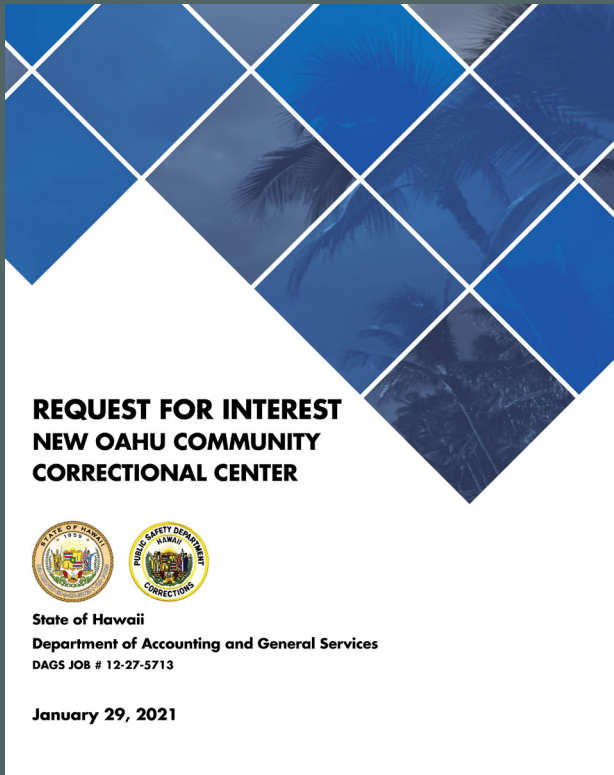
Fortunately, with advances in rabies science and changes in policies, the need to confine animals in quarantine has drastically declined. The existing AQS facility, built in 1963 with 1,600 dog and cat kennels, is oversized and an operational burden. A new AQS is envisioned as a modern, compact and efficient facility to be developed just west of the H-3 Freeway.



Future AQS location

# RFI Responses Due March 12, 2021

The State of Hawaii released a Request for Interest (RFI) about plans to develop a new OCCC with responses due to DAGS by 5:00 PM HST on March 12, 2021.



Firms comprising the design, construction, finance and facility maintenance industries are encouraged to respond to the RFI, particularly those experienced in alternative project delivery of public infrastructure and utilizing private financing and/or maintenance responsibilities; having a successful track record in social infrastructure of similar characteristics, size, and/or complexity; and/or the resources available to commit to delivery of a new OCCC and sharing the State's vision for the project. Responses to the RFI will assist the State of Hawaii in determining interest in a possible future procurement.

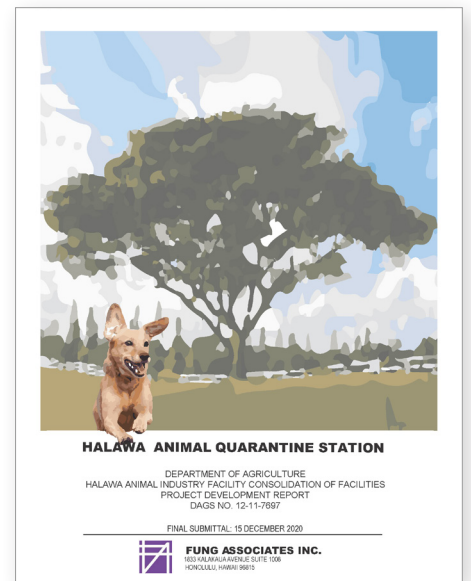
The RFI and additional project-related information is available on the OCCC Future Plans website (<http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans/>) or by contacting: Joseph M. Earing, Chief, Planning Branch, Public Works Division, Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services at: [occcrfi@wsp.com](mailto:occcrfi@wsp.com).

# AQS Concept Plan Developed

Much has been accomplished in planning for a new facility that will support Hawaii's current and future animal quarantine policies and practices. This includes conducting the planning and programming work necessary for future stages of design and construction of a new AQS. The work completed to date includes conducting an operational assessment of the current AQS, identifying new programmed spaces, performing a site analysis of the western portion of the property (where operations of the Animal Industry Division can be consolidated into a single campus), and developing conceptual plans and a cost estimate for a new facility.

An animal quarantine station is a highly specialized facility that combines animal housing with veterinary services. It must accommodate different users including animal owners/visitors; the cat and dog population and large animals; quarantine animal caretaker personnel; and a staff of administrators, vets, vet assistants, and inspectors. The physical layout of a new AQS requires an understanding of the unique interface of users and activities such as how public circulation and work traffic patterns are organized; how dogs

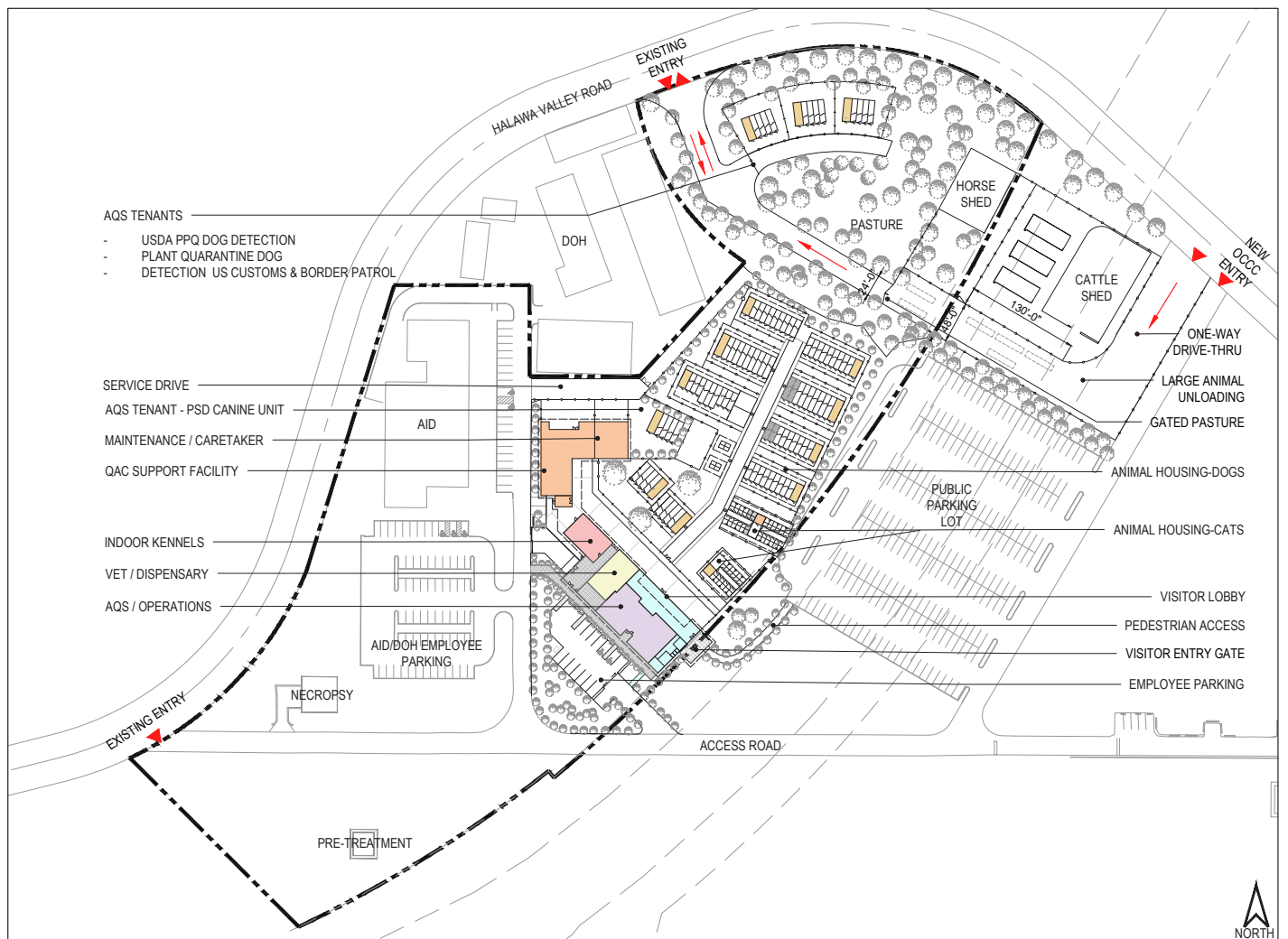
and cats are received and housed; how animal facilities are cleaned and disinfected; and how animal housing areas are oriented and ventilated. A high level of quality is necessary to keep animals in the healthiest, least stressful environment possible, while meeting the standards of animal care and the demands of daily sanitization and operation.



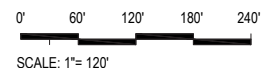
**AQS Project Report**

Analysis of the planned site has revealed that the new AQS building would be ideally located on the south end where the land is relatively flat, there is good vehicular and pedestrian access, and good connections to the nearby Animal Industry Division building. The central portion of the site is ideal for locating the kennels and catteries with the steeper topography and vegetation found to the north and northeast providing a buffer zone between the larger animals and the kennels. A secured perimeter fence and vegetation around the new kennels would provide the needed buffer zone between the kennels and various office buildings. The best orientation for the kennel structures is northeasterly to take advantage of the tropical trade winds. It is advantageous for the kennel sleep areas to face the cooler north side and the animal runs to face the sun direction or the south side as shown on the concept plan (below). Abundant natural ventilation and lighting in animal housing areas is essential for their well-being.

There are currently several points of vehicular entry to the AQS site. There are two existing entries to the west and northwest and it is envisioned that the future large animal holding area will require a separate access from the Halawa Valley Road for the large trailers that transport the animals. This entry could potentially be combined with the new primary access to the new OCCC to be located east of the H-3 Freeway.



Concept plan for new AQS. Credit: Fung Associates Inc.









*Oahu Jail in Kalihi, ca. 1921*

## Upcoming Activities

The following activities are anticipated in the months ahead.

<b>March 2021</b>	<p>Responses to RFI received; review and assessment of each begins</p> <p>Attend Aiea Neighborhood Board and Community Association meetings.</p> <p>Be present at Hawaii Correctional Systems Oversight Commission meeting.</p> <p>Continue OCCC public outreach, information, and engagement. Look to OCCC Future Plans website for announcements, upcoming events, and recent activities.</p>
<b>April 2021</b>	<p>Complete review of RFI responses; undertake one-on-one meetings with select Respondents.</p> <p>Attend Aiea Neighborhood Board and Community Association meetings.</p> <p>Be present at Hawaii Correctional Systems Oversight Commission meeting.</p> <p>Continue OCCC public outreach, information, and engagement including publication of Newsletter Vol. 31. Look to OCCC Future Plans website for announcements, upcoming events, and recent activities.</p>
<b>May 2021</b>	<p>Attend Aiea Neighborhood Board and Community Association meetings.</p> <p>Be present at Hawaii Correctional Systems Oversight Commission meeting.</p> <p>Continue OCCC public outreach, information, and engagement. Look to OCCC Future Plans website for announcements, upcoming events, and recent activities.</p>

## Interested in Learning More?

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