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**Hawaii State Archives Documents Digital Progress**

HONOLULU – In conjunction with [Electronic Records Day](#) (otherwise known as “1010”), the Hawaii State Archives today briefed officials on its “Digital Archives Project,” providing an update on the progress of Hawaii’s first digital archives and offering a preview of the inner workings of the archival system.

“Much of the State of Hawaii’s rich and diverse heritage is contained within the documents and records created by state government officials and personnel on behalf of the people,” said State Archivist Susan Shaner. “Digital archives will not only ensure the migration of digital records in a cost-effective and legally compliant manner, it will provide a single access point to all citizens of the state in the digital age.”

There are numerous state, county, municipal, university, libraries, museums, businesses, religious and cultural institutions throughout Hawaii that create, convert and/or store these records of important historical value in an electronic format. Preserving the fiscal, historical, legal and cultural value contained within these electronic records is vitally important for future generations to understand the past, provide guidance on the future, trace their ancestors, understand community pride, confirm property rights, and maintain the laws.

“To assist the digital archives initiative, extensive training and best practice documentation must be developed and distributed statewide in order to educate all state employees on how to fulfill their responsibilities in managing digital public records,” Shaner added. “Careful and thorough management of records is crucial to the proper functioning of a civil society through efficient utilization of resources, ensuring compliance, promoting open government and enabling citizen access to the records of their government.”

The Hawaii State Archives is mandated to preserve and make accessible the historical records of the State, Territory, Republic and Kingdom of Hawaii in the public trust since 1905. Its efforts to develop the state’s first digital archives align with and are supported by the state’s Business and Information Technology/Information Resource Management Transformation Plan, being implemented by the Office of Information Management and Technology in partnership with all

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state departments, to streamline processes and improve the delivery of government programs and services to the people of Hawaii.

Visit the Hawaii State Archives website for more information regarding Electronic Records Day and the Hawaii Digital Archives Initiative at: <http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/>

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**Photo Caption:**

State Archivist Susan Shaner (right) stands with members of her digital archives team, (from left) digital archives specialists Taylor Kennedy and Robert Patch, acquisitions specialist Micah Takabayashi, project consultant Adam Jansen, and systems developer Dongie Agnir.

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