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COMPTROLLER'S MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-14

TO: Department Heads

FROM: Curt T. Otaguro, Comptroller 

SUBJECT: Quarterly Interest Rate for Late Vendor Payments

Pursuant to Section 103-10 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the interest rate for obligations related to goods delivered or services performed that are unpaid after 30 days is equal to the prime rate for each calendar quarter plus two percent. The interest rate is adjusted quarterly using the prime rate as posted in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of the month preceding the calendar quarter.

This memorandum is to inform you that the interest rate beginning October 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 will be 5.25% per annum.

Interest due to vendors is automatically calculated if the payment is made in excess of 30 days from the Aging Start Date. The interest calculation is as follows:

Interest Due = (Daily Rate of Interest) x (Days in Excess of 30) x (Payment Amount)

Daily Rate of Interest = Current Interest Rate / 365 days

Days in Excess of 30 = Number of days starting from the day after the Aging Start Date up to and including the Date of the Check.

We will inform you of the effective interest rate at the beginning of each calendar quarter. If you have any questions, please call Ebru Yilmaz-Pedro of our Systems Accounting Branch at 586-0613.