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Welcome to the EFS Project's Monthly Newsletter!

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A New Beginning for the EFS Project



About 150 EFS Project team members, change leaders and project partners gathered at the Hawai'i Convention Center for the **EFS Update Meeting** on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Led by **Keith A. Regan**, Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), the half-day meeting signaled a fresh start for the EFS Project, offering attendees insight into the collaborative efforts to modernize the State's financial accounting system.

"There is no hiding the fact that the State is dealing with an antiquated financial management system that no longer meets the needs of our organization, but the good news is that there is a light at the end of the tunnel," Regan assured employees.

Being that the current system is about 55 years old and was built from accounting processes that are now almost a century old, Regan further emphasized the urgency for modernizing the State's financial accounting system.

"How many of you have software that is 50 years old?" Regan asked attendees. "And how many of you have hardware that is 50 years old?"

Throughout the meeting, attendees listened to critical updates on the EFS Project from various project team members, consultants, and partners such as:

- **EFS Project Team:** Brian Frey, Enterprise Program Manager and Douglas Murata, Organizational Change Lead
- **Spire Hawaii:** Rodney Lee, Executive Vice President and Lucas Sayin, Partner
- **Transform Hawaii Government:** Christine Sakuda, Executive Director

For more information on the EFS Project, please visit efs.hawaii.gov for project updates.



EFS Change Leaders Pave the Way to Modernization

On Friday, April 12, 2024, over 60 distinguished "EFS Change Leaders" from across various State departments attended the project's first **EFS Change Leaders Workshop**. In recognition of their commendable efforts to support EFS initiatives, these EFS Change Leaders were hand-selected to participate in activities and discussions surrounding their role in creating co-creative change, increasing employee engagement, reducing change fatigue, and efficient project implementation. Learn more about what it means to be an EFS Change Leader by clicking [here](#).



An Innovative Approach to Developing the RFP

Currently, the project team is developing the "scope of work," a section of the RFP that states the goals and expectations to which potential vendors need to adhere, and a **new section defining "scenario-based requirements."** In contrast to traditional approaches to developing an RFP that merely requests vendors to provide simplified responses regarding their capabilities and services, the scenario-based requirements section will require vendors to describe in narrative form, how their solution will successfully meet the State's specific needs as outlined in the scope of work. To learn more about "scenario-based requirements" and the EFS Project, click [here](#).



EFS Software Vendor Demonstrations Completed

The EFS Project team recently hosted a series of **EFS Software Vendor Demonstrations**, offering prospective vendors the opportunity to present their software and service solutions to members of the EFS Project team and various stakeholders. During these demonstrations, vendor representatives shared their insights on modern business processes and technologies aimed at modernizing the State's financial processes and systems across all departments. For more information on the vendor demonstrations, click [here](#).

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