

ALAKA'I

Leading the Way Toward Modernization



Welcome to the EFS Project's **Monthly Newsletter!**

Stay connected and explore the latest news, insights,
and progress on the EFS Project.



A Year In Review

HAVE A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Reflecting on this year, 2024 was truly a year of connection, evolution, and learning. Our team made significant progress in securing \$31 million in partial funding, engaging stakeholders to increase project awareness and dedicating countless hours to developing the request for proposals (RFP) to procure a new software platform and system integrator for the EFS implementation.

We're excited to share that the RFP is in its final review stages before publication. As one of the largest modernization efforts the State has undertaken in decades, we are grateful to our project partners, subject matter experts and everyone involved in the EFS solicitation process for their invaluable support.

Although the journey ahead is long, we are confident that meaningful change will create tremendous opportunities and have a lasting impact on our state and local community.

Once again, we deeply appreciate the dedication and support of all who continue to help bring the EFS Project to life.

Wishing you a happy holiday season and warmest regards.

Sincerely,



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MONEY TALKS GENERAL FUNDS

Hosted by Daphne Kouvaka [LEARN MORE](#) >>

A circular inset image showing a portrait of Daphne Kouvaka, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, smiling outdoors.

Money Talks is a recurring series that breaks down the basics of public sector accounting, finance, and their real-world impact on the EFS Project and the State of Hawaii. In this session, we'll discuss "general funds."

Click [here](#) to listen now!

Executive Sponsors Share Insights at the 2024 HI Digital Government Summit



Executive sponsors Keith Regan and Christine Sakuda discussed the significance of the EFS Project and shared insights on modernizing local government at the **2024 Hawaii Digital Government Summit** on December 4, 2024.

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EFS Change Leader Spotlight



Janis Morita

***Administrative Services Office Chief
Department of Health***

“The EFS Project will play a vital role in streamlining the State of Hawaii’s business processes, promoting greater accountability in local government. As stewards of knowledge and experience, we must inspire the next generation to innovate, bring fresh ideas, and embrace new technology to enhance public services.”

EFS Team Spotlight



Karley Ichihara-Goins

Business Systems Analyst

“In Native Hawaiian culture, laulima symbolizes teamwork and collaboration. Guided by the saying “A’ohe hana nui ke alu’ia”—“No task is too big when shared”—our EFS team embodies laulima as we advance one of Hawaii’s largest modernization initiatives.”

ASK AN EXPERT



**Got a question about the EFS Project?
We want to hear from you!**

Submit your questions for a chance to have them answered by an EFS team member and featured in our monthly Alaka'i newsletter.

[Submit Your Questions](#)