The Commitment of Hawaii’s Construction Industry: Our Pledge to Avoid the Spread of COVID-19 on Hawaii’s Construction Sites

Whereas, Hawaii’s construction industry has been defined as an essential business by the State of Hawaii, with further guidance provided by the City and County of Honolulu, the County of Maui, the County of Kauai and the County of Hawaii; and

Whereas, Hawaii’s construction industry is unique in that workspaces are closed to the public, often outdoors or with access to fresh air; and

Whereas, Hawaii’s construction industry prioritizes the health and safety of its workers and the families and loved ones they go home to, as well as the greater Hawaii community; and

Whereas, Hawaii’s construction industry is heavily regulated by federal, state, and local governments regarding what can and cannot take place on a jobsite, we, the undersigned, hereby commit to the following practices, at a minimum, in order to prevent the introduction and spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19):

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

• Workers with CDC designated symptoms, such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, are to stay home and not report to work. Workers exhibiting these symptoms should be sent home immediately.

• In addition to other personal protective equipment (PPE), every person on the jobsite must wear safety glasses or a face shield and are encouraged to wear cloth/fabric face masks.

• Workers are encouraged to bring their own water containers for their personal use only. Bottled water may be provided as appropriate.

• Personal tools are not to be shared.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

• All workers are to maintain six feet of separation, where possible.

• No more than 10 people shall gather when a meeting is required, even when conducted outside.

• Stacking of trades in the same area is to be avoided, whenever possible.

• Items such as tools, tablets, pens, and other personal items should not be shared; shared items must be sanitized between uses.

HAND-WASHING

• Hand-washing facilities with soap are to be provided in easily accessible locations throughout the jobsite. Where no washing facilities are available, workers should be provided with hand sanitizer containing at least 60% ethyl alcohol.

• Workers are encouraged to wash hands at breaks and as frequently as possible.

HOISTS AND ELEVATORS

• The maximum number of occupants on hoists and elevators is to be limited.

• The hoist gate will only be opened and closed by the hoist operator.

• Hoists and elevators are to be sanitized daily.

COMMUNICATION

• Signage is to be placed at the entrances to jobsites and in other prominent areas among employees with COVID-19 symptoms, listing CDC recommendations, and encouraging good personal hygiene practices, like staying home when sick, and coughing and sneezing etiquette.