

Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii Contracts Ocean Networks to Conduct a Submarine Optical Fiber Desktop Study to support the Linking of the Hawaiian Islands.

Honolulu, HI, USA and Atlanta, GA, USA – May 24th, 2022 - The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) and Ocean Networks announced the award of its RFP for Cable Landing Station (CLS) Site Surveys to Ocean Networks, Inc (ONI). The notice to proceed was issued on May 23, 2022.

The scope of work for the CLS Site Surveys includes identifying potential beach manholes and landing points on Kauai, Oahu, Maui and the Big Island, as well as potential cable landing stations. At minimum two sites on each of the four island will be identified to ensure redundancy between islands. Work will also identify potential locations on Lanai and Molokai.

The industry standard study will identify suitable landing sites, landing stations, the safest submarine cable routing and the required cable specifications to build a new inter-island fiber optic network for the Hawaiian Islands.



University of Hawaii VPIT & CIO, Mr. Garret Yoshimi added “we are very pleased to have selected Ocean Networks. The Ocean Networks team has significant industry experience and specifically working in the Hawaiian Islands. The planned inter-island cable system will leverage the generational Federal investment in human and technological infrastructure, to support Hawaii’s broadband initiative and position the Hawaiian Islands for long-term economic growth. The resulting network will be carrier-neutral, and sufficiently robust to support all manner of telecommunications carrier and enterprise traffic, including anticipated future high-capacity demands supporting healthcare, education, research, public service, commerce and government uses”.

“We are delighted to collaborate with the RCUH and proud that ONI has been selected to perform this initial step towards the implementation of a new undersea cable system that will provide critical improvement to the broadband infrastructure for the state of Hawaii,” said Cliff Miyake, VP Business Development at Ocean Networks.

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About Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i (RCUH) was established by the Hawai‘i State Legislature in 1965 as a public instrumentality and is attached to the University of Hawai‘i for administrative purposes.

The RCUH mission is to support and enhance research, development, and training in Hawai‘i, with a focus on the University of Hawai‘i.

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About Ocean Networks

Ocean Networks, Inc. is a privately held telecom development and service company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia (USA). Ocean Networks develops submarine cable systems for carriers, content providers, governments, and research and education groups. Under its subsidiary Submarine Cable Salvage, Ocean Networks repurposes Out of Service (OOS) submarine cable systems for ocean science. Ocean Networks currently owns 8,000+ km of submarine cable systems globally. Please visit www.OceanNetworks.com for more information.

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