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Preliminary design concepts for Daniel K. Inouye Center unveiled

The University of Hawai‘i (UH) today unveiled preliminary design concepts for the future Daniel K. Inouye Center for Democratic Leadership (DKI Center), which will be located at the current Henke Hall site on the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UH Mānoa) campus. The concepts, which incorporated input from a diverse group of public-private partners, community leaders, and university campus experts, can be viewed at <http://go.hawaii.edu/3O>.

The preliminary concepts demonstrated an array of possible design options to meet the current and future needs of UH Mānoa students, the campus, as well as the surrounding community. Included in the presentation were a variety of space options for student innovation zones, civic engagement areas, and archival preservation sections.

“The Daniel K. Inouye Center is part of the university’s ongoing efforts to redefine buildings and public spaces on the UH Mānoa campus and align it to better meet the evolving educational, social and cultural needs of students and the community. We’re excited to share these preliminary design concepts for the center, which were developed in consultation with key university and community stakeholders, and invite the public to share their thoughts with us at <http://go.hawaii.edu/V3>. This is an opportunity for the public to provide insights as to what spatial elements might be needed to meet the present and future needs of students, the campus and the surrounding communities,” said UH Mānoa Chancellor Tom Apple.

“The DKI Center is an excellent example of the dynamic possibilities that can arise out of a public-private partnership. The features and functionalities envisioned for the center, particularly the student innovation zones and civic engagement areas, will create exciting, new learning environments that will encourage and foster meaningful discussions on a variety of topics. When completed, the center will play a key role in UH’s commitment to providing opportunities that transform lives for students and their families through higher education and scholarship,” added UH Interim President David Lassner.

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The preliminary design concepts are part of the pre-design phase for the center. During this phase, key parameters and objectives of the design are researched and defined, including site analyses, functions, room types and systems.

Janine S. Clifford, AIA, the project’s architect of record and principal of local firm Clifford Planning & Architecture, added, “Although conceptual in nature at this point, Clifford Planning & Architecture and Pei Cobb Freed & Partners are excited to share with you the initial design ideas. These ideas incorporate many of the form and functional requirements that were raised during our community-based workshop for the center, and integrate them into an exciting design concept that maximizes unique sustainable features such as the use of trade winds for natural ventilation. At the conclusion of this phase, the project will enter the formal design process and work on actual schematic design will begin.”

A final design plan, which may incorporate features from various preliminary concepts, will be developed and presented for additional feedback at a later date.

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About the University of Hawai‘i

The University of Hawai‘i (UH) was established in 1907 and its campuses are all fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The UH System now comprises all public higher education in the State and provides a rich array of associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees and certificates to about 60,000 students through seven community colleges, two baccalaureate campuses and a major research university that holds land-, space- and sea-grant designations. For more information, visit www.hawaii.edu.

About the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa serves approximately 20,000 students pursuing more than 225 different degrees. Coming from every Hawaiian island, every state in the nation, and more than 100 countries, UH Mānoa students thrive in an enriching environment for the global exchange of ideas. For more information, visit <http://manoa.hawaii.edu> and <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/media/>. Follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/uhmanoa> and Twitter <http://twitter.com/UHManoaNews>.

About the Architectural Design Team

Clifford Planning & Architecture LLC and Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP serve as the architectural design team for the Daniel K. Inouye Center for Democratic Leadership (DKI Center).

Clifford Planning & Architecture is a Honolulu-based firm that offers professional services in land use, project management, architecture, and interior design. The firm has completed numerous institutional projects in Hawai‘i, including project managing the Molokai Education Center at the University of Hawai‘i; the Campus Headquarters for the University of Phoenix in Honolulu, which received the 1999 AIA Award for Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse; and the ongoing renovation of the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana‘ole Federal Building and U.S. District Courthouse in Honolulu.

Since its formation in 1955, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, based in New York, has completed nearly 250 projects in more than 100 cities across North America and around the world. The firm’s clients include major corporations, private developers, and public authorities as well as educational, cultural, and religious institutions, and its projects have received more than 200 major design awards. Among the firm’s best-known works are the Grand Louvre in Paris, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. In its former manifestation as I. M. Pei & Associates, the firm designed the East-West Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, a 1963 complex that includes the iconic Jefferson Hall and Kennedy Theater.