Volcano School Gearing Up for Master Build at Keakealani Campus

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With infrastructure for the front of the campus now completed, Friends of Volcano School of Arts & Sciences is gearing up to select a construction firm to complete the rest of the campus. The process will begin with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to be issued Friday, November 24, 2023 followed by Request for Proposals (RFP) issued to selected firms by February 3, 2024. RFQ and RFP information will be posted on friendsofvolcanoschool.org and volcanoschool.net. To receive the RFQ by email or for more information, email friends@volcanoschool.net

"This has been a long time coming," said Volcano School Principal, Kalima Kinney. Government development projects can take quite a long time under normal circumstances. "With delays due to COVID-19 causing supply chain issues and County office shut downs, as well as County permitting challenges including a bumpy roll-out of the County's new EPIC system, the project has taken far longer than we hoped," said Kinney.

"We also had to prioritize adding classroom space by installing a temporary portable classroom building and mobile kitchen," said Kinney. With 350 students and nearly 150 students on the waitlist, the school is bursting at the seams."

Friends of VSAS, the school, and partners, Civil Construction and Engineering Partners, Inc., powered through 43 permits with a number of twists and turns along the way to complete much of the infrastructure needed for the entire campus.

Friends of VSAS will be looking for a firm to handle a design build. The design build process will need to include some

modifications to the original design primarily because of County code changes and rising material costs. While the selected firm will handle construction of the rest of the campus, each building will be a separate phase for permitting purposes to enable the school to occupy each building when completed, isolate permitting challenges to individual buildings, and raise the remaining \$5M needed to complete the rest of the campus.







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