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MR. ALAN HILTON APPOINTED CEROS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

(Kailua-Kona, HI) The Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Alan C. Hilton as the new Technical Director of the National Defense Center of Excellence for Research in Ocean Sciences (CEROS). Mr. Hilton will begin his tenure with CEROS on January 19, 2010.

Mr. Hilton brings years of technical management experience to CEROS. In August 2009, Mr. Hilton retired after 20 years of service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Corps. His most recent position was Associate Director for Operations at the NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (PMEL) in Seattle, WA. He also fulfilled extended tours of duty as Executive Officer and Operations Officer on several NOAA research vessels. A significant portion of Mr. Hilton's NOAA Corps career was completed on shore and sea assignments based in Hawaii.

CEROS solicits and supports innovative technologies for national maritime military applications and sustained technology-based economic development in Hawai'i. Since 1993, CEROS has funded 238 technical projects for over \$101 million. The CEROS program has supported the creation of over 135 technology-based jobs in Hawaii.

For more information or to schedule a meeting with Mr. Hilton, please contact Ms. Jacquie Brewbaker, CEROS Program Manager for Outreach & Administration, (808) 327-4310. For more information about the CEROS program, please consult www.ceros.org.

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