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Mr. Ervin B. Lawson

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YOU ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR PERFORMANCE

WARRANTING SPECIAL ATTENTION.

I PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Close".

Timothy M. Close, CAPT, USCG

APPROVING OFFICIAL

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DATE

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE
ON-THE-SPOT CASH AWARD**

TO

MR. ERVIN B. LAWSON

Mr. Ervin Lawson is cited for excellent service as the Fourteenth Coast Guard District Webmaster. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork and camaraderie, he went above and beyond his normal duties to support many Coast Guard events. Mr. Lawson increased the morale and welfare of over 280 of the Coast Guard Ohana by maintaining the Coast Guard Ball Committee's website and creating a paypal account, thereby delivering easy access to Ball information and ability to purchase tickets on-line. Displaying keen technical knowledge, he assisted the District Legal staff in setting up internet connectivity for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center, resulting in tax assistance to approximately 149 personnel who received a savings of over \$29,000 in income tax preparation fees. He also led the charge of improving information technology by researching products and vendors for an approximately \$56,000 upgrade to the audiovisual equipment in the Executive Conference Room.

Mr. Lawson has also on his own accepted several other duties and responsibilities within the District. When Electronic Support Unit Honolulu lost the contractor for the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, he stepped up to the challenge and provided much needed support for the classified network. He upgraded the District's network to the new software allowing four workstations to be added to the network which increased users' access to classified information. Mr. Lawson also volunteered as the chairman for the Civilian Advisory Board, proactively bringing positive change to the Coast Guard civilian workforce.

Mr. Lawson's diligence and dedication significantly enriched the District's command, control, communications, and computer and information technology readiness and is an invaluable member of the C4IT staff.