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OHA PROMOTES COMMUNITY-BASED TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

(Honolulu, HI) – The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), through its Community Based Economic Development (CBED) program, has extended the reach of a technology job creation project implemented by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA). An OHA grant of \$50,000 will be invested in the hiring and training of Native Hawaiians in technology jobs located on or near Hawaiian homestead communities on the island of Oahu.

"We are excited to be partnering with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to bring technology jobs directly into Hawaiian communities," said Robin Danner, CNHA's CEO. "To date, 17 jobs have been created, and with OHA's help, this number will increase over the next 12-18 months."

CNHA incorporated an enterprise company in 2003 called Hawaiian Homestead Technology (HHT) to serve a market niche of document conversion needs in the government and private sector. New jobs are available at two technology centers located in Anahola, Kauai and in Waimanalo on Oahu, with plans for expansion to other communities around the state.

As a community-based model, HHT partners with individual community associations that are responsible for employee outreach and oversight of each of the technology centers. New hires are put through a tailored and rigorous training program and then assigned task orders to deliver converted product for HHT's clients.

"Technology is an important sector in Hawaii and we were pleased to see a project proposal focused on this industry, as well as sustainable job creation in Hawaiian communities," said Clyde Nāmu'ō, OHA's Administrator.

For more information on CNHA and its enterprise HHT, call 521.5011 or visit www.hawaiiancouncil.org. OHA offers competitive CBED grants to support sustainable economic development projects and initiatives statewide that can enhance the economic well-being of the Hawaiian community. For more information on OHA, call 594.1888 or visit www.oha.org.

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