



HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD TECHNOLOGY, INC.

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### **WAIMANALO RESIDENT HEADS OPERATIONS AT TECHNOLOGY FIRM**

Honolulu, HI - Hawaiian Homestead Technology, Inc. (HHT) has promoted Paul Richards, a Kamehameha Schools graduate and Waimanalo homesteader, to Operations Manager to oversee and manage the day-to-day activities of the corporation.

Richards, a veteran of community-building and avid volunteer in Hawaiian communities, brings 17 years of business management experience to HHT, an information technology company. HHT is partnered with Indian tribes in 12 states to create sustainable economic development in rural Native communities around the country. More than 20 rural residents are employed in the Hawaiian Home Land communities of Waimanalo on Oahu and Anahola on Kauai, creating the first technology jobs inside these areas. HHT performs on government contracts to convert paper manuals and documents to electronic formats under a document conversion program created by Senator Daniel Inouye.

“HHT has doubled operations over the past year and Mr. Richards’ background in Total Quality Management will ensure our product meets the quality standards our clients expect and deserve,” said Olin Lagon, HHT’s CEO. HHT’s projects include document digitization work on the F16, Apache Helicopter, the H1, and the E2C – aircraft demanding the highest quality levels.

Richards comes to HHT during an important time, as the company looks toward an expansion to a third Hawaiian Home Land community in Papakolea, right above Honolulu. A production facility in partnership with the Papakolea Community Association is in the final planning stages and follows a community-based model launched by HHT from the first day it opened its doors in 2003.

Hawaiian Homestead Technology, Inc. (HHT) is a community-based economic development and social enterprise initiative of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit with more than 140 members working in Native Hawaiian communities. All profits from HHT are invested back into community-based initiatives. For more information, visit <http://www.hhtech.net/>.

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