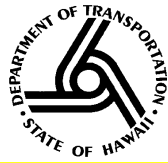


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## Hawai'i Construction Career Days

The 5th annual Hawai'i Construction Career Days (CCD) event was held on **October 20 & 21, 2011**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Honolulu Community College (HCC). An estimated 1,000 high school students from 30 schools and HCC students had a opportunity to explore first-hand the career possibilities in the construction industry. CCD's primary goals are to enhance career technology education, increase the diversity of the construction industry workforce, and to better prepare high school and college students for careers in the construction industry. Additionally, the event provides a great opportunity for industry representatives to meet future prospective employees. The students had the opportunity to learn about various construction fields and participated in hands-on activities in both "Heavy Equipment" and "Trades/Exhibitors" area. The event has been a tremendous success and has grown in popularity each year. Currently we are working on a new website which should be available in January 2012. We will have more information available on the Spring newsletter. See more photos of CCD event on page 3.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



# Public Hearing and disparity study update

The Hawaii, Department of Transportation (HDOT), Office of Civil Rights, held a public hearing on October 5, 2011 to solicit comments on a proposed waiver request to the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding HDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program's goal setting methodology.

HDOT commissioned a Disparity Study which examined disparities between the availability and utilization of minorities and women in HDOT's prime contracts and subcontracts. The Study found underutilization of firms owned by African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans (including Native Hawaiians) and women in both construction and construction-related professional services. Based on this finding, the Study recommended that HDOT include only those firms identified by the Study as experiencing large and statistically significant disparities in HDOT's race-neutral program for credit toward race-conscious or contract goals.

If the waiver is approved, this will mean that participation by firms owned by Asian-Pacific American males (including those of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Korean ethnicity) will be limited to fulfilling race-neutral, or overall DBE goals set by HDOT. For race-conscious or contract goals on federal-aid projects, prime contractors will be given goal credit for the utilization of Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans, and women.

HDOT will be conducting extensive outreach to certify more DBE firms. It is anticipated that race-conscious or contract goals will not be implemented until federal fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013) so that HDOT may increase its pool of DBEs through this outreach.

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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise  
Program (DBE)  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

# HIOSHI workshop



To complete our small business workshops and training for 2011, we conducted a Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health (HIOSH) informational workshop. The DBE Office sponsored a HIOSH training on December 1, 2011 at the Ke'elikolani Building. Jennifer Shishido, the Administrator from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations shared her knowledge and expertise on safety, employer responsibilities, inspections and showed many photos and examples of most cited standards. Some of the examples were fall protection, ladders, head protection and other potentially serious accidents that could be avoided. Several of the lessons learned at this workshop is why should a business have a safety and health program? It saves money (long term) and it's the right thing to do. One recommendation was to request for a consultation to assist and identify hazards, abatement recommendations, improve safety & health management program and businesses may be eligible for inspection exemption. For more information and resources: [www.hawaii.gov/labor/hiosh/](http://www.hawaii.gov/labor/hiosh/) or [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)  
**Consultations:** by request only, priority to small, high-hazard employers, confidential, *FREE*, no citations or penalties. **Phone: 808 586 - 9135**



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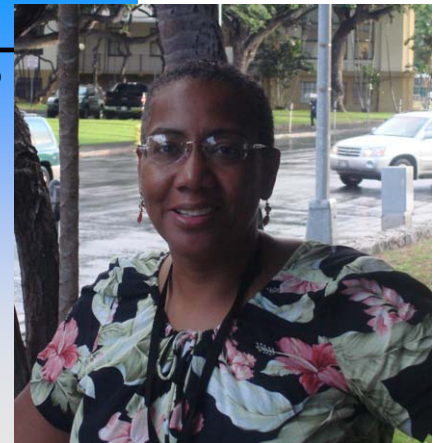
# DBE Renewal

As of July 1, 2011, Hawai'i Department of Transportation's (HDOT) DBE Program Office **no longer requires** a "Recertification Application" every three years for DBE firms certified in Hawaii. According to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, §26.83 HDOT may conduct certification reviews which may include an onsite visit, if it is determined that there have been significant changes to a DBE firm, or if there is a complaint by a third party. Recently we have a new "DBE Renewal" form that replaces the "Recertification Application". The DBE office conducts an eligibility review for all DBE firms seeking continued certification. As part of this review, the DBE firm must submit 1) *Affidavit of Continued Eligibility*, 2) *Personal Financial Statement*, 3) *DBE Renewal Form and supporting documents* to remain certified as a DBE. More details can be found at <http://hawaii.gov/dot/administration/ocr/dbe> "DBE Renewal Form" and "Instructions for PFS (DBE Renewal)" both forms are PDF files and fill able.

## DBE Program Certifier

The Office of Civil Rights, DBE Program is pleased to welcome Ms. Eloise V. Lewis to the DBE Ohana as the new DBE Program Certifier. Eloise is originally from Chicago, Illinois and grew up in a large family of 5 siblings. She has attained a B.S. in Education, a Master's Degree in Community Mental Health from Northern Illinois University and a Master's degree in Counseling from the University of Phoenix. Eloise came to the DBE Program from the Department of Health as a Program Monitor where she performed similar duties. Her career interests intersect between health and law and she is enthusiastic about joining the team. Please help us welcome Eloise V. Lewis to the HDOT, Office of Civil Rights, DBE Program.

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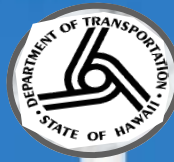
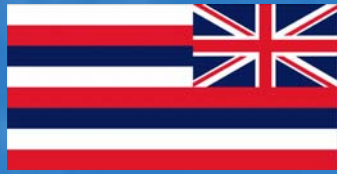


## Hawai'i Construction Career Days



more photos continued





# DBE Certifications

## 2011

### August to December

## Recertified DBEs



Aiwohi Bros, Inc.

- **Kapolei, HI** • Construction: Site Preparation & Trucking Services •  
angelaiwohi@sandwichisles.net

Critical Path, Inc.

- **West Fargo, ND** • Consultant: Airport Services •  
jessica@criticalpathinc.com

CSW Funding, LLC

- **Lemon Grove, CA** • Consultant: Real Estate Loan Processing •  
wlrogers@cswfunding.com

Fujikawa Associates, Inc.

- **Honolulu, HI** • Construction: General Contracting •  
shimogawane@contmech.com

Michael S. Chu dba LP&D Hawaii •

- Honolulu, HI** • Consultant: Landscape Architectural Services •  
mchu-lpd@hawaii.rr.com

Ohana Environmental Construction, Inc.

- **Honolulu, HI** • Construction: Asbestos, Lead Paint Abatement Mold Remediation •  
oeci@hawaii.rr.com



## Newly Certified

American LED & Energy Corp.

- **Honolulu, HI** • Other: Full Service Energy Solutions Company • info@al-e.com

- Carol Kwan Consulting, LLC • **Mililani, HI** • Consultant: Certified Arborist - tree protection & preservation plans, monitoring of tree • ckwan@hawaii.rr.com

EHunus, Inc. • **Vienna, VA**

- Consultant: Railroad Rolling Stock •  
achoi@htt.co.kr

- Ellana, Inc. • **New York, NY** • Consultant: Cost Estimating and Construction •  
ebereznitsky@ellana.net

- Genesis Consulting Group, LLC • **Phoenix, AZ** • Consultant: Enterprise & Program Mgmt., Construction Admin, Aviation Planning Services •  
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Ka'ala Systems Technology Corp

- **Waianae, HI** • Consultant: Information Technology & Telecommunications Services •  
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Longhouse Inventory Solutions, LLC

- **Claremore, OK** • Concession: Manufacturer of Sign Bases & Distributor of Child Safety •  
jami@longhouseinventroysolutions.com

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