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**One-Day Conferences Scheduled to Help Businesses Reduce
Workplace Injury Costs**

"Reducing Injury Costs in Your Workplace," a series of one-day conferences to inform businesses of ways to reduce workplace injuries and their associated costs, is being held throughout the state. The next conference is scheduled for March 3, 2004, at the Pearl Country Club, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Workplace safety and injury prevention are key points to controlling the rising cost of workers' compensation. The conference will help businesses learn how to cut workplace injury costs, manage workers' compensation claims, and implement useful, practical strategies and tools to provide a safe and healthy environment for employees.

The conference is sponsored through a collaborative effort between the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network –Oahu, American Industrial Hygiene Association – Hawaii Section, American Society of Safety Engineers – Hawaii Chapter, and Diagnostic Laboratory Services.

"Not only will this effort help ensure safe and healthy workplaces throughout Hawaii," said Labor Director Nelson Befitel, "But businesses will benefit by finding ways to reduce costs through improved hiring practices, injury and illness prevention and post injury practices."

For more information on the conference and future meeting dates and locations, and to register, contact the Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network – Oahu. Please call Anne at (808) 522-8131, Ext. 221.

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