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Hawai'i EV Ready Grant Program: Grant Opportunity Announcement

HONOLULU –The Hawai'i State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) today announced the State is seeking grant applications from Hawai'i businesses, non-profit organizations, and State and county government entities to support the installation of commercially available and standard-compliant electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment and to accelerate the adoption of full-speed electric drive vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in Hawai'i.

The Hawai'i EV Ready Grants Program has approximately \$3,000,000 available for grants to make Hawaii ready for electric vehicles. The funds are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, and are explicitly directed for use in Hawai'i's State Energy Program under the United States Department of Energy. The Hawai'i EV Ready Grants will be administered by DBEDT. The deadline for application submission is July 26, 2010, 11 a.m. Hawai'i Time.

“This program continues our Administration’s commitment to one day be free from our dependence on fossil fuels and provide an energy-secure and self-sufficient future,” said Lt. Governor James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.

The grant program is in addition to an electric vehicle rebate program starting in August which will provide rebates of up to \$4,500 for the purchase of full-speed, commercially available electric vehicles and up to \$500 for electric vehicle chargers.

"The grant program is intended to help the infrastructure market in Hawai'i get established, to support the electric vehicles arriving later this year and in 2011 and 2012," explained Ted Peck, energy program administrator. "This grant program will support the installers of this important part of our energy independence and will employ electricians and others in building our energy future to use clean, renewable sources."

The full grant opportunity announcement is available on the State's energy website, <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/energy>.

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