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HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LAUNCHES STATEWIDE DEMONSTRATION OF HIRENET HAWAII

State to provide demonstration sessions on how to use Hawaii's most Advanced and Comprehensive Job-Matching System for Both Employers and Employees

HONOLULU- The Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) announced today that HireNet Hawaii demonstration sessions for employers have been scheduled throughout the state beginning September 11, 2006 and continuing through September 19, 2006. (See attached schedule) In response to overwhelming requests from around the state, the DLIR will conduct workshops for employers on how to use HireNet Hawaii.

HireNet Hawaii is a first-of-its-kind integrated employment matching system that provides Hawaii's employers and jobseekers with access to the most advanced and comprehensive job-matching system in the state, revolutionizing the way in which Hawaii businesses hire employees. Since HireNet Hawaii's roll out on July 27, 2006, the state's leading employment matching system has attracted over 6,500 new job

seekers and 436 employers looking to fill 3,589 postings of available jobs. Additionally, 1,306 resumes have been posted on the system for review by potential employers.

HireNet Hawaii allows jobseekers to post their resumes online and search for all available jobs in Hawaii, with a search engine that "spiders" company and government websites, newspaper postings, and corporate job boards for employment opportunities in Hawaii. They can register on this new secure system, match their skills with occupations, search job postings, research occupational wages and industry trends, and create custom occupational profiles from their queries.

Employers are able to post their job openings, at no cost, and search for candidates to fill their employment needs. Employers can also use HireNet Hawaii for recruitment and educational services, download required employment posters, review Labor Laws, and connect to the DLIR's Workforce Development Division.

The demonstration sessions are a continuation of the July 27, 2006 roll out and demonstration session of HireNet Hawaii by Governor Linda Lingle, the DLIR, and the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) at the Hawaii State Capitol that was attended by a couple hundred Hawaii employers.

The individual demonstration sessions will be co-sponsored with island specific or regional chambers of commerce or other professional business organizations.

Additionally, a demonstration session has been specifically scheduled for providers and leaders of the Micronesian community, which will be held at the McKinley Community School for Adults Multipurpose Room, Room 110, on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. For more information about this session, please contact Keith Yabusaki, Office of Community Services, at (808) 586-8680.

"We have experienced great success and very positive feed back from both employers and employees on the use of HireNet Hawaii," said Nelson B. Befitel,

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Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. "Providing additional

demonstration sessions for employers, especially on the neighbor islands, allow us to

bring greater awareness and use of the state's premier job matching system for

Hawaii's employers."

"We recently had the opportunity to welcome three new members to our team

thanks to the new website (HireNet Hawaii).... This site is a real service to the

people of Hawaii, employers and potential employees alike. The hours of

'operation' for the site are small business and applicant friend, the site is easy to

navigate, and listings are complete and very simple to post. I was able to list my jobs in

about 30 minutes after finding the site with no assistance."

Tony DeLellis, III
Tour Operator

KapohoKine Adventures, LLC

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HIRENET HAWAII DEMONSTRATION SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Hilo

Monday, September 11, 2006 Co-Sponsor: Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and Joint Chambers

Big Island Workplace Connection 1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 102 Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Two sessions at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Kailua-Kona

Tuesday, September 12, 2006 Co-Sponsor: Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce

Big Island Workplace Connection 74-5565 Luhia Street, C-4 Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Two sessions at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Oahu

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Oahu Worklinks - Kapolei Kapolei State Building 601 Kamokila Boulevard Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

One session at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 Co-Sponsor: Hong Kong Business Association

Oahu Worklinks 830 Punchbowl Street, Rooms 310-314 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

One Session at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Oahu Worklinks 830 Punchbowl Street, Rooms 310-314 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

One Session at 10:00 a.m.

Oahu (continued)

Thursday, September 14, 2006 Co-Sponsor: Junior Filipino Chamber of Commerce

Oahu Worklinks - Kapolei Kapolei State Building 601 Kamokila Boulevard Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

One Session at 3:00 p.m.

Kauai

Friday, September 15, 2006 Co-Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce

Kauai Island Utility Cooperative 4463 Pahee Street Conference Room Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Three Sessions at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Maui

Monday, September 18, 2006

Wailuku -Maui Community College 310 Kaahumanu Avenue Laulima Building, Room 225 Wailuku, Hawaii 96785

Two Sessions at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Lahaina

Monday, September 18, 2006

West Maui Senior Center 789 Pauoa Street Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

One Session at 3:00 p.m.