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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ANNOUNCES THE 2004 CONSTRUCTION
CAREER EXPO**

Expo to Promote Well Paying Jobs in Hawaii's Different Construction Trade
Organizations

Honolulu- The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) announced today that it will sponsor the Construction Career Expo at the Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, October 20, 2004. The Expo is a joint venture between the DLIR, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (US DOL), and the Apprenticeship and Training Coordinators Association of Hawaii.

In keeping with U.S. DOL's "Skills to Build America's Future Initiative" and in an effort to heighten public awareness of the career opportunities available in the construction industry, the Expo will provide detailed information about various construction occupations and will expose potential applicants to promising and lucrative jobs in the construction trades. Attendees will be able to find detailed information about trade entrance standards and job performance requirements, view demonstration and

ask questions of trades professionals. In addition, attendees will have the chance to speak with training program providers who may be able to assist eligible individuals prepare to enter the trades. The goal is to create a larger pool of better-informed and better-qualified jobseekers for the construction industry.

In February, Governor Linda Lingle testified before the United States Senate Appropriations Committee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education on the increasing apprehension that Hawaii may be facing a lack of skilled workers to sustain industry growth. Local economists have highlighted the fact that the construction industry in Hawaii is recovering from years of decline. A more robust economy, low interest rates, as well as increased construction and renovation of military housing in the state have fueled this recovery.

"Construction is one of the state's vital industries and its recent activity has helped kickstart our economic recovery," said Nelson B. Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "To secure our future, we will need the skills and talents of a new generation of trades workers to fill the jobs created by a stronger economy and those to be vacated by retiring Baby Boomers."

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List of Exhibitors

Sponsors

Apprenticeship and Training Coordinators Association of Hawaii (ATCAH)
Hawaii State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR)
 Workforce Development Division
 Workforce Development Council
 Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division
U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT)

Associations

Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Building Industry Association of Hawaii

Construction Trades Organizations– Non Union

Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.

Construction Trades Organizations-Union

Hawaii Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training
Hawaii Electricians JATC
Hawaii Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Sheet Metal Industry
Hawaii Laborers' Training Program
Hawaii Masons & Plasterers Training Office
International Union of Elevator Constructors
International Union of Painters & Allied Trades
Iron Workers 625 Training Program
Operating Engineers JAC
Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry
Roofers' Union Local 221

Training Programs/Providers

DLIR, Workforce Development Division
 Oahu Work Links
 Honolulu Community Action Program
 Alu Like
 Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation and Services
 for the Blind
 DLIR, Research & Statistics Office, Career Kokua
Hawaii Job Corps Center
Honolulu Community College
Maui Economic Development Board/Women In Technology Project

Other

American Red Cross
Helmets to Hardhats
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Apprenticeship
Program

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