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PTA supports 'Buying Local First' program

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii—It is important for local businesses to support each other, especially in these down economic times.

During a meeting with Hawaii Mayor Billy Kenoi at his Hilo office on Jan. 12, the garrison commander of Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), expressed her support for Big Island's 'buying local first' program.

“ ,” said Lt. Col. Warline Richardson. “ .”

Sometime in April, PTA will host another seminar which will give residents an opportunity to learn how to get a government job. In January, PTA hosted “How to Do Business with the Government” seminar, which focused on contract jobs and small business opportunities.

Michael Williams, publisher and owner of B2B magazine and Uniserv Technology, sees a connection between government and local businesses.

It is paramount that the County of Hawaii considers looking at local businesses first for large projects to keep the money circulating locally, adding to the stimulus of the local economy, and giving back to small communities, Williams said.