



Employer Nominations Sought For Hiring Persons with Disabilities

The Business Leadership Network, East Hawai`i Chapter, is holding its 5th annual Ho`omohala Awards banquet on September 27, 2014 (Saturday) at the `Imiloa Astronomy Center and is currently seeking nominations to recognize employers who have directly contributed to the employment of persons with physical, developmental, or mental disabilities.

The Ho`omohala Awards Program will honor employers in four categories: small employer category with less than 50 employees; medium employer category with 51 - 100 employees; large employer category with more than 100 employees, and government employer category.

Persons can submit an employer nomination by calling Raymond Elia at 981-2860, Ext. 228 or email at hoomohala@hiwedohawaii.org. Nominations are being accepted through September 8, 2014.

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Last year's winners were: Small Employer: Hawaiian Springs, LLC/Robert Smart, Quality Assurance-Control Manager; Medium Employer: Hamakua Health Center/Irene Carpenter, CEO; Large Employer: Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home/Donna Okinaka, Human Resources Manager; Government Employer: State of Hawaii: DLIR-Workforce Development Division, Hawaii Island/Blayne Hanagami, Branch Manager.

