

## CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM (SPEAKERS)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**



### **Laurie Ho, Coordinator for Garden Island RC&D**

Laurie earned a BS in Agricultural Technology from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She has been with the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for 30 years. Working for NRCS has taken her to organizational meetings, trainings and worksites including the Territory of Guam, giving her a national perspective on agriculture, as well as the ability to integrate and relate this knowledge to others. Having participated in the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i's (ALFH) Agricultural Leadership program in 1991, she enhanced her skills in facilitation and ability, learning a statewide perspective of agriculture. Since moving to Kauai County in 1983, she took a position in 1997 as Coordinator in a USDA program called Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) and presently work with grassroots community-based organizations on projects such as advocating the establishment of a viable forest industry on Kauai and provide financial oversight for the Kauai Invasive Species Committee (KISC); worked with the County of Kauai's Office of Economic Development to apply for Empowerment zone designation and earned Kauai County USDA's Rural Champion Community status. Laurie is a member of the Kauai County Farm Bureau since 1991 and serves as an advisor and resource person to the Kauai Agricultural Advisory Committee and Kauai County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. She also serves as a Citizen's Advisory Committee member for the Lihue Town Core Urban Design Plan looking at enhancing the livability of Lihue, and is the Kauai representative to the Board of Agriculture.

**9:45am-12:00pm**

### **MORE THAN JUST BRIGHT IDEAS – Status, Challenges & Opportunities for Renewable Energy Projects on Kauai**

*Davelyn Noelani Kalipi (Director of Government & Public Relations, First Wind) will replace Mike Gresham (Vice President of Operations, First Wind) on this panel.*

**1:30-3:15pm**

### **GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT – Streamlining Legislation & Regulation for Renewables**

*William Milks (Attorney at Law and Former Executive Director of the Hawai'i Division of Consumer Advocacy (DCA)) will replace Catherine Awakuni (Executive Director, Hawai'i DCA) on this panel.*

**3:30-4:45pm**

### **WASTE NOT, WANT NOT: Energy Conservation & Demand Side Management**

*Miles Kubo (President & Chief Operating Officer of Energy Industries) will replace Brian Kealoha (Senior Vice President of Sales & Business Development at Energy Industries) on this panel.*



### **Miles Kubo, President & Chief Operating Officer, Energy Industries**

Mr. Kubo joined Energy Industries in 2004 as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara and received his MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining EI, Mr. Kubo served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer with Alakai Mechanical a large Hawai'i contractor and most recently as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Hawai'i Dental Service the Delta Dental insurance provider in Hawai'i. Today, Mr. Kubo is a key proponent for intelligent energy project financing geared at Chief Financial Officers and is a recognized speaker on the economics of energy projects. He has also published articles on that topic.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

**9:00-10:30am**

### **THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX – Kauai's Adaptability in the Global Energy Equation**

*Scott Thigpen (Senior Associate with Booz Allen Hamilton) will replace Dawn Lippert of Booz Allen Hamilton on this panel.*



### **Scott Thigpen, Senior Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton**

Scott Thigpen is a Senior Associate with Booz Allen Hamilton in San Antonio, TX. Mr. Thigpen has more than 25 years of supply and demand side energy experience including serving a regulatory liaison to the California Public Utilities Commission on Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Integrated Resource Plan, assisting major private developers in analyzing opportunities for clean power generation and repowering opportunities, and serving as Program Manager for EPA's ENERGY STAR Product Labeling Programs. His current duties at Booz Allen include working with the U.S. Department of Energy to design more robust commercialization efforts for advanced building efficiency technologies and working with the U.S. Air Force to develop most robust efforts to comply with various federal clean energy mandates. He has significant experience building national and international partnerships to accelerate the commercialization of efficiency and clean energy technologies. Mr. Thigpen holds a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University and a Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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