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**Building Industry Association of Hawaii Announces  
\$100,000 Educational Funding to Support the Industry’s Future Workforce**  
*Youth Build Green Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Program*

HONOLULU (May 6, 2024) The Building Industry Association of Hawaii is excited to announce a strategic partnership has been formed with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation to support the **Youth Build Green Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Program (Green PACT)**. The \$100,000 funding will support the building industry’s future workforce.

The Green PACT training program is designed to equip unemployed and underemployed young adults with the knowledge and skills necessary for environmentally friendly construction employment in a training environment with financial support that allows underprivileged students to concentrate on their learning. The program intends to facilitate an equitable and inclusionary transition into the workforce for underprivileged students, thus creating more access to the trades and a diverse and inclusive skilled workforce.

Each Green PACT training spans three months and will accommodate two student group cohort trainings: 12 students in the FY2024 cohort and 8 students in the FY2025 cohort for a total training initiative of 20 students and 2,500 training hours.

“BIA is committed to providing educational training opportunities to support our ongoing commitment to fostering the growth and development of the construction industry and empowering the youth of Hawaii,” said Roseann Freitas, CEO of BIA Hawaii. “BIA is proud to unveil our Green PACT program set to make a profound impact in 2024 and 2025. This program is a cornerstone of BIA’s educational initiatives offering participants an opportunity to earn nationally recognized certificates, further enhancing their career readiness and increasing their employability in the construction sector.”

BIA Hawaii is excited about the opportunities and possibilities that this funding will bring to our youth and our industry. BIA has a strong commitment to creating a brighter future for the youth of Hawaii and investing in the growth and sustainability of the construction industry. Together, we aim to foster a skilled and motivated workforce that will contribute to the prosperity and development of our great state.



## About BIA Hawaii

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii) is the voice of the construction industry and Hawaii's leading not-for-profit trade organization chartered by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in 1955, with more than 300 professional members across the industry including developers, contractors, suppliers, realtors, and associate companies. BIA Hawaii is a proud supporter and advocate of housing at all price points, and our members work together to build the living spaces that kama'aina call home. Together, we educate, advocate, and grow. Industry Elite Partners are Castle & Cooke Homes, Armstrong Builders and Gentry Homes. 2024 Corporate Sponsors include Anderson Windows & Doors, Astrategy Marketing, Hawaiian Electric Company, Pacific Source, Stanford Carr Development and Hawaiian Dredging.

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