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More jobs on the horizon: HART's Industry Day provides information about upcoming work on the rail project

More than 250 representatives from 135 companies are expected to attend the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART) Industry Day on Monday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Honolulu Country Club located at 1690 Ala Puumalu Street in Salt Lake.

The event, sponsored in partnership with Move O'ahu Forward and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, is designed to bring large prime contractors together with local companies, and to provide the latest information about upcoming construction contracts that will be put out for bid in the coming months. This is the second time HART has held Industry Day, which encourages local companies to participate in the construction of the rail transit project.

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Martin, HART Board Chairman Ivan Lui-Kwan and HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas will open the event at 9 a.m., followed by an update on rail construction opportunities and a question-and-answer session.

"Industry Day is an excellent way for local contractors to connect with us and with other contractors to learn about upcoming contracts for work on the rail project," Grabauskas said. "It is one of several ways to encourage broad participation and to create local job opportunities within the project."

Scheduled exhibitors at next week's event include: Ansaldo Honolulu; Kiewit; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; City & County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services and Offices of Business Development and Economic Development; the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises program; and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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