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Honolulu Clean Cities Releases Electric Vehicle Charger Lessons Learned Report

HONOLULU — Honolulu Clean Cities (HCC) Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing petroleum consumption in Hawaii's transportation sector, has released a report capturing the lessons learned from early adopter commercial properties that have installed publically available electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on Oahu.

The report, which is entitled "Lessons Learned: The Early Adoption of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations from the Perspective of Oahu's Commercial Properties," is available online at the Honolulu Clean Cities website (www.HonoluluCleanCities.org).

HCC's *Lessons Learned* report is one of many efforts being conducted under the \$300,000 Department of Energy "Clean Cities Community Readiness and Planning for Plug-In Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure" grant that was awarded to the University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC) in September 2011. The primary goal of the grant project is to develop an EV Implementation Plan for Maui County. The plan is intended to be a model that can be adapted for broader application across the State of Hawaii and other regions of the United States.

As a grant sub-recipient, HCC conducted research, evaluated data, and documented early adopter lessons learned about planning, permitting, installing, operating and maintaining charging stations. The research reflects the installation of over 76 chargers among 22 different properties across Oahu.

"The lessons of early adopters are useful to help glean what's needed elsewhere," said Anne Ku, Project Director, UHMC Maui Electric Vehicle Alliance. "This report shows the need for education for better decision making of new technology and will assist in the planning and improvement efforts recognized in the implementation plan for Maui."

Hawaii is at the national forefront for the deployment of EV charging stations. With over 200 chargers located across the islands, Hawaii is currently the nation's leader on a per-capita basis for publically available chargers.

"The adoption of public charging locations will play a vital role in limiting EV drivers' range anxiety, and reaching the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative's (HCEI) target of reducing petroleum use for ground transportation" said Margaret Larson, State Energy Office Vehicles Specialist and HCC Co-Coordinator.

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More Information on HCC is available online at www.HonoluluCleanCities.org

About Honolulu Clean Cities

Honolulu Clean Cities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and voluntary government and industry partnership designed to achieve a cleaner environment in Hawaii by supporting local actions to reduce petroleum consumption. Clean Cities is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Energy. Honolulu Clean Cities contracted Kupu, a Hawaii-based 501c3 non-profit, and the Rewarding Internships for Sustainable Employment (RISE) Program in order to develop the *Lessons Learned* report while contributing to Hawaii's green workforce development; more information is available at www.riseHI.org.

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