

# Department of Hawaiian Home Lands & Hawaiian Electric Companies Energy Partnership Charter



DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS



Hawaiian Electric Company  
Maui Electric Company  
Hawaii Electric Light Company

*Whereas*, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company and Hawai'i Electric Light Company ("the Hawaiian Electric Companies") are organizations with an intrinsic leadership responsibility to our communities.

*Whereas*, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Electric Companies seek to enable native Hawaiians and the broader community to work together in leading Hawai'i's efforts to **achieve energy self-sufficiency and sustainability**.

*Whereas*, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Electric Companies recognize that energy self-sufficiency and sustainability were common practices of native Hawaiians through the ahupua'a system. This system divided lands from mountain to sea in order to provide a true self-sufficient and sustainable living environment for its people.

*Whereas*, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Electric Companies recognize that achieving this universal goal will require an extraordinary effort in the current environment and will require combining business acumen and technical expertise in order to successfully build sustainable communities. Our efforts will serve as models for the state as well as the communities we serve.

*Whereas*, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Electric Companies recognize that our country is at a crossroads. Our collective efforts and those of others will dictate if Hawai'i will prosper and take advantage of this time, or whether we simply react to the continued challenges immediately in front of us.

*Whereas*, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, working with the Hawaiian Electric Companies, seeks to accomplish and achieve these goals by:

- Reinforcing the focus on the environment and the preservation of values that restore balance, harmony, and sustainability of Hawai'i's lands;
- Pursuing opportunities that support economic self-sufficiency and contribute to Hawai'i's Clean Energy Initiative through leasing of lands owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for renewable energy projects;
- Building new, affordable, sustainable communities and promoting energy initiatives;
- Incorporating renewable energy technologies into existing homesteads;
- Conducting outreach programs to educate and encourage the public to live a "green" lifestyle; and
- Marketing the state and utility's collaborative efforts to reduce Hawai'i's dependence on oil.

*Now therefore,*

We, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands-Hawaiian Electric Companies Energy Partnership agree to collaborate to achieve these critical energy objectives by:

- Building a shared community sense of responsibility for our island environment through leadership by example and education;
- Identifying programs and resources to support homesteaders in their efforts to affordably incorporate energy efficiency into their own homes;
- Helping advance the commercialization of developing green energy technology by identifying appropriate opportunities for demonstration of such technology in the Department's projects;
- Identifying suitable renewable energy projects for the Department's available lands;
- Showcasing state-of-the-art energy efficient design and technology in the Department's Kaupuni subdivision and publicizing it as a model community for affordable, sustainable living;
- Serving the community through public education about the challenges of achieving a preferred energy future for our Islands and how every individual can make a difference in overcoming those challenges; and
- Successfully promoting energy projects or programs that highlight the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hawaiian Electric Companies partnership as examples of what can be achieved through shared vision, mutual trust and collaboration.

Together, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Electric Companies, hereby launch this vision for a 21st century energy future for Hawai'i that will serve as a model of energy efficiency and sustainability and leave a legacy for future generations to come.

*Agreed on August 27, 2009.*

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