

OCET Update
February 2015

- OCET is in the process of hiring a casual hire for West Hawaii to plan and implement non-credit programs. Classes scheduled soon include "CPR/ 1st Aid", "Irrigation Systems: Operation and Repair" and "Eating Wild— an introduction to wild table plant growing and preparation". Flyers are available on-line or at our office.
- The 16-week, "Process Technology and Industrial Maintenance" class is set for March 10-June 25th. We are awaiting approval from Puna Geothermal for a tuition reimbursement process before we begin accepting applications.
- Statewide OCET coordinators will be attending a professional development training and coordinator's meeting hosted by Windward Community College on Feb. 12-13.
- New statewide initiatives that OCET will be participating in, include: implementing a statewide certification for tour guide drivers and Chinese and Korean culture and language training.
- We received the official word that Kulani Prison is filled with almost 200 prisoners so OCET will soon begin offering training in "Horticulture" , "Facilities Maintenance", and "Hawaiian Culture". We are accepting resumes via www.hirenethawaii.com for qualified non-credit instructors in those areas.
- Fifty-three state and county employees recently received certification in "Chain Saw Safety". Additional training in "Tree Felling" and "Confined Space" is currently being planned.