



# Hawaii LECET NEWS

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## Hawaii LECET Director's Message



Clyde T. Hayashi - Director

Aloha!

This is our first-ever newsletter and with it, we will communicate regularly with all our partner contractors and the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368.

I'm entering my second year as director and I see the tremendous potential this special partnership has. There is much

### What is LECET?

Hawaii LECET is a Labor-Management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and its 270+ signatory employers.

Our primary objective is to help generate business for union contractors and job opportunities for the 5,500 Laborers' Union members, through a concerted effort to expand our market share.

Under the umbrella of the Laborers International Union of North America

"common ground" between the Hawaii Laborers' Union and its unionized contractors and this is where Hawaii LECET focuses.

Working in partnership is extremely effective and productive, with the huge effort to support the building of the \$1.2 billion Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea being a great example. The months of effort has recently resulted in the TMT Board selecting Mauna Kea over Chile, as well as, their pledge to use unionized contractors.

With the addition of Assistant Director Maurice Morita in May and Administrative Assistant Ronnica Lee in late July, the Hawaii LECET staff now numbers four.

If you have any questions, need information or just want to communicate with us, please visit our website at [www.hilecet.org](http://www.hilecet.org), call the Hawaii LECET office, or email any staff person (see last page).

(LIUNA), Hawaii LECET is one of 29 LECET funds throughout the United States and Canada.

LECET also partners with LIUNA's two other labor-management funds; The Laborers-AGC Education and Training Fund and the Laborers Health and Safety Fund of North America. Together, these three organizations make up the LIUNA TRI-FUNDS, which are powerful tools used by the Laborers and their employers to keep our workforce on the cutting edge of new skills, technology, and workplace safety.

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## What services do LECET provide?

### Government Affairs and Market Development Activities

Hawaii LECET works in partnership with the Hawaii Laborers Union, the GCLA, & the BILA and together with other building industry representatives. Hawaii LECET supports and promotes positive changes in law such as laws which create a level playing field on public projects. Hawaii LECET also works to streamline the permitting & approval processes, and supports good projects and developments. Hawaii LECET assists and supports responsible landowners and developers with their permitting and zoning requirements.

Hawaii LECET works to have a good understanding of how different levels of government and different departments function. Hawaii LECET meets with key government officials and tries to educate and inform them of our building industry concerns. These relationships with key officials will be very helpful in the future. Hawaii LECET also actively participates in building industry groups and activities.





## Research and Prevailing Wage Compliance

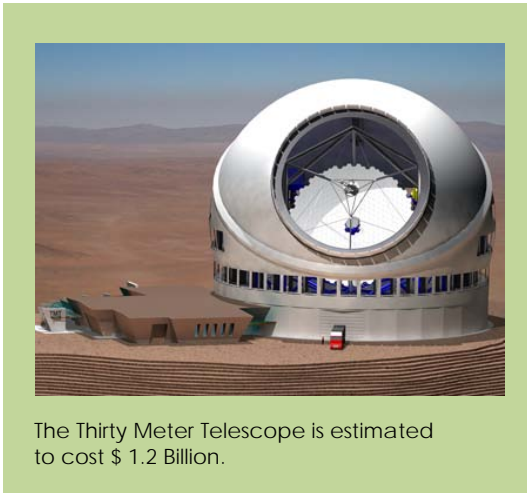
Through project tracking and state-of-the-art research, Hawaii LECET keeps its members informed about current industry trends and news, market share, and competitors. By maintaining an active presence throughout the industry, Hawaii LECET strives to make sure that all Construction Laborers are paid a fair wage.

Hawaii LECET, in conjunction with the Hawaii Laborers Union, conducts random compliance analysis on certified payroll affidavits on non-union contractors focusing on misclassification of labor, underpayment of wages, and overtime violations.

## Marketing and Industry Education

Advertising, educating, job site visits, participation in trade shows, high school career days and job fairs help Hawaii LECET spread the word to developers, government agencies, and other contractors that union construction is the safest, most reliable way to build.

Hawaii LECET is supporting niche marketing in specialized areas such as Trenchless Technology, unexploded ordinances removal and hazardous material cleanup. Efforts to educate the construction industry about the new "Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Program" and the Skills Upgrading Program, is also underway. Recruitment and retention of skilled Journeyman Laborers remain paramount for a successful future.



The Thirty Meter Telescope is estimated to cost \$ 1.2 Billion.

## TMT Board Selects Mauna Kea, Hawaii

On July 21 , 2009, after careful evaluation and comparison between two outstanding candidate sites—Mauna Kea in Hawai'i and Cerro Armazones in Chile—the board of directors of the TMT Observatory Corporation has selected Mauna Kea as the preferred site for the Thirty Meter Telescope. The TMT will be the most capable and advanced telescope ever constructed.

The selection would not have taken place without broad support across the Big Island community and the entire state. An extremely open, inclusive, and transparent process allowed our broad grassroots coalition to show the overwhelming support the community has for TMT. Hawaii LECET and the Hawaii Laborers' Union were active participants in the Big Island Labor Alliance's (BILA - a coalition of sixteen construction and non-construction local unions) campaign to support TMT. The BILA effort was extremely critical to the successful

selection of Mauna Kea. Hawaii LECET and the Hawaii Laborers' Union also actively worked with the broader community coalition which included Native Hawaiians, contractors, employers, community members, and the astronomy community.

When completed in 2018, the TMT will enable astronomers to detect and study light from the earliest stars and galaxies, analyze the formation of planets around nearby stars, and test many of the fundamental laws of physics.

"In the final analysis, the board selected Mauna Kea as the site for TMT. The atmospheric conditions, low average temperatures, and very low humidity will open an exciting new discovery space using adaptive optics and infrared observations. Working in concert with the partners' existing facilities on Mauna Kea will further expand the opportunities for discoveries," said Stone.

Henry Yang, TMT board chair and chancellor of the University of California at Santa Barbara, expressed excitement at this decision. "Our scientists and engineers have been designing and building the key components that will go into the telescope. By deciding to build on Mauna Kea, the TMT board has given a clear signal that



(L to R) Big Island Laborers Union members Wayne Cordero, Ashferd Kelson, David Steele, and Pete Lindsey supporting TMT. ALL TMT banners and signs provided by Hawaii LECET.



Hawaii LECET made and distributed over 1500+ TMT YES! buttons on the Big Island throughout the campaign.

we are ready to move forward and begin building in earnest as soon as all the necessary approvals are in place. I want to thank the Moore Foundation for its visionary support. I also want to thank our scientific colleagues and the coalition of community members, educators, businesses, unions, political leaders, and stakeholders in Hawai'i who have brought us to the point of this site selection. The board expresses a strong commitment to respect the long history and cultural significance of Mauna Kea to the Hawaiian people, and has committed annual funding for local community benefits and education in Hawai'i."

Before construction can begin on Mauna Kea, the TMT must submit and have approved an application for a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) to the Hawaiian Department of Land and Natural Resources. This will be done through the

community-based Office of Mauna Kea Management, which oversees the Mauna Kea summit as part of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The TMT project is an international partnership among the California Institute of Technology, the University of California, and ACURA, an organization of Canadian universities. The National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) joined TMT as a Collaborating Institution in 2008.

The TMT project has completed its \$77 million design development phase with primary financial support of \$50 million from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and \$22 million from Canada. The project has now entered the early construction phase thanks to an additional \$200 million pledge from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Caltech and the University of California have agreed to raise matching funds of \$50 million to bring the construction total to \$300 million, and the Canadian partners propose to supply the enclosure, the telescope structure, and the first light adaptive optics.



Group photo (L to R): Wayne Cordero, Pete Lindsey, Shellbi Leslie & daughter, Clyde Hayashi, Mark Travalino & son, Ashferd Kelson, and David Steele supporting the TMT campaign.

## Hawaii Construction Industry Awareness Program

Hawaii LECET, working in conjunction with the Hawaii Laborers' Training Program (HLTP), sponsors the Hawaii Construction Industry Awareness

Program.

On February 12, 2009, we welcomed a total of fourteen students from Nanakuli High School.

job site and provides them a real alternative after graduating from high school.



Nanakuli High School

Since then, we have guided fifty-one students through this program (twenty-one students from Farrington High School on March 19<sup>th</sup>, seventeen students from Waialua High School on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and thirteen students from Leilehua High School on April 30<sup>th</sup>).

Each student participated in "hands-on" exercises such as a wheel barrow race, concrete chipping, and suiting up in environmental protective gear.



Leilehua High School



Farrington High School

At the end of the exercises, students and their chaperones were provided with a lunch bento, drinks, and a certificate of completion, along with some Hawaii LECET goodies.

Our hope is that this program will give the students a better understanding of a Laborers' duties on the construction



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## Local 368 Subcontractors

Hawaii LECET will be periodically providing a signatory list by work agreement type. This is to assist unionized general contractors with Local 368 in attaining sub-bids from unionized specialty subcontractors. For an updated list, please contact us by phone or email.

**Vinyl Fencing**

- Advanced Fence Solutions LLC
- Choice Fence
- David’s Fencing
- Dennis Hiebert (Dennis Pro Services)
- HK Fence LLC
- D.Y Mikami Construction
- Vinyl Tech and Masonry Inc.

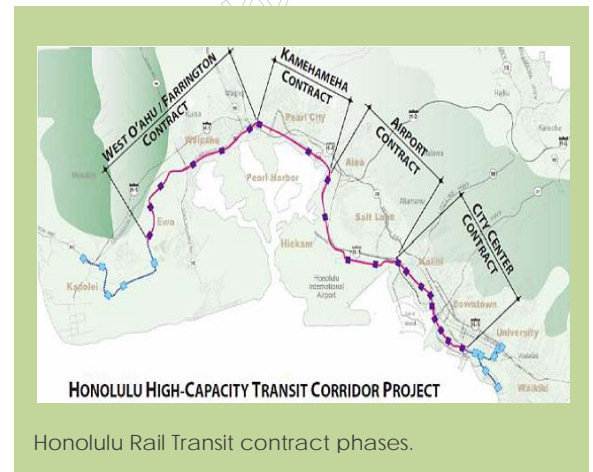
**Chain-Link Fencing**

- Advanced Fence Solutions LLC
- Choice Fence
- David’s Fencing
- D.Y Mikami Construction
- GP Roadway Solutions (incl. Temporary Fencing work)
- HK Fence LLC
- Rent-A-Fence (Temporary Fencing Only)
- Vinyl Tech and Masonry Inc.

## Honolulu Rail Transit

Project Schedule

- Late Summer 2009: Release of Final EIS
- Fall 2009: Federal Transit Authority (FTA) issues Record of Decision
- Fall 2009: Award design/build contract for Phase 1.
- Spring 2011: Full funding grant approval from federal government
- Late 2012: Initial service in Waipahu
- Spring 2019: Start full service between East Kapolei and Ala Moana



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