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## Job Fair Scheduled as Big Island Biodiesel Plant Nears Completion

Fuel Production Jobs on Hawai'i Island are Real and Renewable

*Keaau, HI*- Pacific Biodiesel will hold a job fair on Saturday March 24, 2012 from 8:30 am to noon at the new biodiesel plant site in Shipman Business Park in East Hawai'i. The event is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to stop by and apply.

The initial list of positions to be filled includes Facility Manager, Administrative Assistant, Plant Operators, Shift Managers and Shipping/Receiving Agents. Applications will be available at the event for completion on site. Big Island Biodiesel's managing entity, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC, is a 2012 recipient of the Best Places to Work in Hawaii award. The job fair will include multiple tents set up at the plant at 16-240 Mikahala St. Shipman Business Park in Keaau to offer information on various aspects of the business (including biofuel crop farming) and receive potential candidates. Two tours will be scheduled for the processing plant, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and light refreshments will be available. Management and other current personnel will be on site for the event, including Plant Manager Don Caffee.

Partners of the job fair will be on-site to distribute information involving other green jobs initiatives and career advancement and agricultural opportunities. These partners are the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), Hawaii Community College, Workforce Hawaii, the Environmental Protection Agency's Rewarding Internships for Sustainable Employment (RISE), TerViva BioEnergy and Pacific Biodiesel Logistics.

The Big Island Biodiesel refinery is the newest addition to Pacific Biodiesel's technology installations, which extend from Japan to the U.S. East Coast. It will be the company's most advanced biofuel production plant and the third commercial biodiesel production facility in the State of Hawai'i. The facility has a design capacity of 5.5 million gallons of biodiesel per year using Pacific Biodiesel Technologies' new super-efficient, state-of-the-art, zero-waste technology and will provide new agricultural opportunities for local farmers. In keeping with Pacific Biodiesel's community-based model, the premium quality biodiesel fuel will be distributed within the State of Hawaii.

Founded in Maui in 1996 by local businessman Robert King, Pacific Biodiesel has built 12 plants in the U.S. and Japan, and is recognized worldwide as a pioneer and advocate for the establishment of sustainable community-based biodiesel. Big Island Biodiesel has thus far supported 85+ construction jobs.

For more information please visit <u>www.biodiesel.com</u>, or contact Kelly King, Pacific Biodiesel Vice President and Director of Communications at ktk@biodiesel.com

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