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Small BIZ Academy Coming October 29

Small business owners are invited to attend the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii's Small BIZ Academy on October 29, offering more than 15 complimentary seminars to provide small business owners with the information and tools needed to start, develop and grow their businesses. The Chamber is presenting its Small BIZ Academy in partnership with the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

Seminar topics being offered at Small BIZ Academy will range from financing and employment law to selling at large retailers and creating a positive workplace. Seminars will be offered via three separate tracks running concurrently from 8:00am-3:00pm. The schedule also includes a Leadership in Business luncheon – for a nominal fee – featuring several top

Upcoming Events

CHAMBER EVENTS

September 23 » Gubernatorial & CD1 Forums

OCTOBER 1 » 3rd Annual Business on the Green Golf Tournament
3-person Scramble, Kapolei Golf Course

MEMBER EVENTS

September 25 » Pacific Edge Magazine Business Achievement Awards Gala

October 10 » SHRM Hawaii State Conference

To register for events or to join the Chamber, visit cochawaii.org or call (808) 545-4300.

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business leaders sharing their insights and lessons learned through their own business ventures.

Small BIZ Academy is open to all small business owners or their senior managers and will be held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Limited seating is available in each seminar so pre-registration is required to attend. Visit the Chamber's website at: www.cochawaii.org to register and for more information.

Small Business Academy's title sponsor is simplicityHR by ALTRES, with supporting sponsors of INNOVATE Hawaii, U.S. Economic Development Administration and Wayland Baptist University.

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A Message from the President & CEO

Your Voice, Your Vote 2014

Only 45 days until the General Election on November 4. We can all agree that the 2014 election includes pivotal races that will determine the course of Hawaii's future. From Congressional District One and the Governor's race, to state and local seat races, candidates are vying to serve as policymakers and to represent you. This is why it is critical that the business community and all citizens become engaged in the election process. We strongly urge you to learn about the candidates, select the candidate that best represents your interests, and



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encourage your employees and co-workers to vote.

As the state's largest busi-

ness organization with 1,000 employers representing more than 200,000 employees, it is important that we facilitate opportunities for our members to hear from the candidates about how they will support Hawaii's businesses and economy, as well as their vision for our state.

One of the key races is the gubernatorial race. On September 23, the Chamber will be holding two candidate forums, during which attendees will have the opportunity to hear directly from the three leading gubernatorial candidates – Duke Aiona, Mufi Hannemann and David Ige – and Congressional District 1 candi-

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Make sure your voice is heard. Voting early and by mail is the easiest way to vote. Visit the Office of Elections website at: hawaii.gov/elections to have this year's ballot mailed to you or to register to vote. Deadline to register to vote is October 6.

dates – Charles Djou and Mark Takai – on how they will support business. The forum begins at 5:30 p.m. at The Plaza Club. To register, visit the Chamber's website at: cochawaii.org. Please take the time to attend these forums and make "Your Voice, Your Vote 2014" count!