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REQUEST FOR LAND APPLICATIONS

The State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is accepting applications from interested farmers and cattle ranchers seeking land for agricultural production and pastoral use. All interested applicants can go to the ADC website at <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/adc/land-application/> to obtain an application form, or they can contact the ADC office at (808) 586-0186. Office hours are 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

The ADC has available vacant lands for agricultural production on Kauai and Oahu. Multi-year licenses to farm or for livestock production will be issued based on merit. All complete applications will be rated and only the highest-rated applicants will be selected. Cattle ranchers may apply for the available parcels; however, preference will be given to crop farmers, to the extent possible. Accordingly, we are seeking farmers and ranchers with the following requirements:

- Minimum 5 years farming/cattle ranching experience; or
- Owner-operator of an established farm conducting a substantial farming or cattle ranching operation; and
- For farming operations, 3rd Party Certification in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) at current agricultural operation, or commitment to become GAP certified within 2 years of license execution.

All applications will be rated 0-100 points based on the questions below by 4 ADC Board members (max score 400 points). Applications receiving a score of 299, or less, will not be considered. Applications submitted after the deadline, or applications with incomplete or missing information will not be considered.

1. Does the applicant have a minimum of 5 years of farming or cattle ranching experience, and GAP certification? (Max score: 15)
2. Do the crops selected appeal to consumers, and will they generate profit? (Max score: 20)
3. Has the applicant demonstrated adequate financial ability? (Max score: 40)
4. Has the applicant demonstrated adequate goals and strategies in their business plan to achieve them? (Max score: 15)
5. Does the applicant's operation meet basic regulatory requirements and industry standards regarding safety and sanitation? (Max score: 10)

AVAILABLE PARCELS

Available parcels may be viewed at ADC's website at
<https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/adc/available-lands>.

Applicants may indicate their preferred location and parcel, however, ADC DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE AVAILABILITY OR THE GRANTING OF A PREFERRED PARCEL. ADC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LOCATE APPLICANTS AT OR ON PARCELS OF ADC'S CHOOSING, BASED ON ADC'S SITE-SPECIFIC PLANS, OTHER ADJACENT USES, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS AS DETERMINED BY ADC.

A site visit of the available **Oahu parcels** will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This will be the only site visit. Interested applicants wishing to attend the site visit should RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the site visit. For more information about the site visit, please contact ADC at the number below.

A site visit of the available **Kekaha, Kauai parcels** will be held on Wednesday, April 10 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This will be the only site visit. Interested applicants wishing to attend the site visit should RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the site visit. For more information about the site visit, please contact ADC at the number below.

A site visit of the available **Kalepa, Kauai parcels** will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This will be the only site visit. Interested applicants wishing to attend the site visit should RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the site visit. For more information about the site visit, please contact ADC at the number below.

Applications shall be received by the ADC Office before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2024. Applicants are required to answer all applicable questions and complete all attachments as prescribed in the application. Any application with incomplete or missing information will be automatically disqualified. All completed applications shall be mailed or delivered to 235 S. Beretania St., Suite 205, Honolulu, HI 96813. For more information about the parcels or the application process, please contact the ADC Office at (808) 586-0187.

ADC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, or sex in administration of its programs or activities, and, ADC does not retaliate against any individual because they have exercised their rights to participate in or oppose actions protected by 40 CFR Parts 5 and 7 or for the purpose of interfering with such rights. (As prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Rehabilitation Act of 1973 §504; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 §13 (hereinafter referred to collectively as the federal non-discrimination statutes.)