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GALAPAGOS FEDERAL SYSTEMS: BUILDING NATIONAL SECURITY TECHNOLOGY, ROOTED IN HAWAI'I

Tucked into Līpoa's Innovation District is a company doing some of the most technically demanding work in the federal government, built on a foundation that is distinctly Hawaiian.

Galapagos Federal Systems was founded in 2017 as part of Nā 'Ōiwi Kāne, a non-profit organization established to empower the Native Hawaiian community through a recommitment to Native Hawaiian values and culture. As one of the companies owned by Nā 'Ōiwi Kāne, Galapagos helps fund the organization's grants and programs supporting Native Hawaiian youth and families across the islands. What began as a small operation has since grown into one of the state's most significant federal contractors, now employing more than 350 people across 14 locations nationwide. The company holds SBA

8(a) certification and delivers Advisory and Assistance Services, Systems Engineering and IT solutions to some of the country's most demanding clients, including the Space Force, Air Force, Army NETCOM, Marine Corps, and the Navy.

Their work is largely invisible to the public: data center consolidation, information assurance and advisory services, the kind of infrastructure that keeps critical systems running without ever making headlines. But it places Galapagos at the leading edge of national security technology, built and staffed from an office on Maui.

Galapagos's growth reflects exactly what Līpoa was built to support: high-skill, high-impact industries that create real career pathways without requiring local talent to leave home to find them.



GATHER: In the Community

AUGUST PAU HANA

Community members gathered for another Līpoa Pau Hana, connecting with neighbors and learning more about the businesses, organizations, and programs at Līpoa. This month's Pau Hana was hosted by Galapagos Federal Systems at Maui Brewing Company.

A big congratulations to this month's giveaway winner, Anita White, selected from Līpoa's Instagram followers at the Pau Hana.

"From our beginnings as a small Hawai'i-based business, Galapagos has grown into a trusted partner to the U.S. military, delivering mission-critical technology and engineering solutions that help strengthen national security."

— Attribute to Todd Lawson, President & CEO





BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE LĪPOA RECYCLED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Some of the most important work at Līpoa is taking place before the first homes are even built.

As part of Pacific Rim Land's infrastructure-first approach, the company is installing more than 2 miles of R-1 recycled water lines, directly connecting the Līpoa community to the Kīhei Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once treated, the water is made available to the community for irrigation, marking the first community-wide recycled water system for irrigation on Maui. Work is being completed concurrently with residential home construction, preparing Līpoa for future homes and amenities.

A typical commercial building in Līpoa's Innovation District will reduce its average daily potable water consumption by up to

90%, easing demand on Maui's limited drinking water supply while supporting the green spaces that will define everyday life at Līpoa.

"Līpoa is designed for everyday peace of mind, and that begins with the infrastructure people may not always see, but will rely on every day," said Ryan Churchill, President of Pacific Rim Land. "This investment in the future will allow Līpoa to recycle 100% of the wastewater it generates and reuse the water for irrigation throughout the community."

By investing in the systems that shape how the community functions, Pacific Rim Land is preparing Līpoa to be resilient and to serve families, businesses and community members for generations to come.



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WHAT'S NEXT FOR LĪPOA

There is more taking shape at Līpoa. Follow along on social media for latest community events, giveaways, project updates and milestones happening this fall.

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