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The Hawaii Green Business Program is a free state program that assists and recognizes businesses that strive to operate in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

#### **Program Mission:**

- To help businesses go beyond compliance, particularly in the areas of:
  - o Energy Conservation
  - o Water Conservation
  - o Waste Reduction
  - o Pollution Prevention
  - o Natural Resource Preservation
  - o Community Involvement
  - o Cultural Presentation
- To facilitate opportunities for industry members to share sustainability best practices.

A partnership between Hawai'i State Energy Office, Department of Health, and Board of Water Supply.

#### Step 1: Check List

The checklist is a questionnaire assessing your business's green attributes and practices.

- 1. Go to the HGBP website and download the checklist: greenbusiness.hawaii.gov/apply
- 2. Fill out the checklist and submit electronically to: dbedt.hgbp@hawaii.gov
- 3. Your HGBP coordinator will notify you if you may proceed to the next step.

### **Step 2: Submit Metrics**

In order to assess your business's efficiency, we will need to review your business's metrics (electricity, water, waste, gas etc.) from the past two years.

Submit available metrics or documentation to: <a href="mailto:dbedt.hgbp@hawaii.gov">dbedt.hgbp@hawaii.gov</a>

#### **Step 3: Site Visit**

Depending on the results from your checklist and metrics review, a site visit may be scheduled.

HGBP representatives will conduct an in-person site visit. During the visit we will review the checklist with you and your green team members, followed by a walk-around the property.

#### **Maintaining HGBP Recognition**

Follow these simple steps to maintain your HGBP recognition. Go to the HGBP website for details on the validity of your recognition.

Within one month of expiration, go to the HGBP website and submit an updated checklist to: dbedt.hgbp@hawaii.gov

## **Green Business Recognition**

After all three steps are completed, applicants will be eligible for recognition as a Green Business or event. Participants may be eligible to receive a plaque or certificate of recognition by the Governor for your environmental efforts. Additionally, the HGBP logo may be posted and businesses may pursue annual re-submissions to improve checklist scores.

Businesses are encouraged to display the Hawaii Green Business Program logo, promote networking opportunities, public relations, and, most importantly, to lead by example.

Become a Green Leader Today!

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