



Resource  
Conservation &  
Development, Inc.

*Serving Kauai and Niihau, Hawaii*

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**VISION:** Mālama `Āina o Kaua`i. The community working together towards a harmonious relationship with the environment.

**MISSION:** To carry out a plan for the orderly conservation, development and prudent use of natural and human resources to improve economic, social and environmental opportunities for the people of Kaua`i County.

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## Garden Island RC&D 2005 Report

Kauai Agricultural Development Program was designed to assist local farmers in expanding or enhancing their farming business and is made possible through a grant from NRCS. NRCS administers these earmark enhancement funds thanks to Senator Daniel K. Inouye's foresight and understanding of Hawaii's farming challenges. And, the GIRC&D, Inc. is the "on-island nonprofit organization managing KADP.

A meeting with the KADP grantees was held recently to standardize the format for submitting receipts and bills for "reimbursement."

They discussed what was an "allowable" reimbursable cost and the procedure they would have to follow if they wished to amend their grant budget.

Concerns were expressed over the increased cost of/lack of materials since Hurricane Katrina and Rita affected the supply houses and factories producing the agricultural supplies the grantees were hoping to purchase. Discussion went to the increased cost of shipping these items due to the increase in fuel costs.

Grantees include:

*Ben Ferris* - Ferris Family Farm - ginger

*Godwin Esaki* - Kapaa Banana Company - bananas

*John Gordines* - Tropical Flowers Express - tropical flowers

*Joe Munechika* - Kokee Farms/Wines of Kauai - vegetables and grapes

*Bill Cowern* - Hawaiian Mahogany Inc. - timber

*Louisa Wooton* - Kauai Kunana Dairy - goats

*Ray Maki* - Permaculture Kauai - "clumping" timber bamboo

*Randy Uyehara* - Uyehara Farms - taro

*Amy Moorehead* - Kauai Sunrise Farms - lettuce



*First KADP reimbursement check:  
(left to right) Gary Ueunten,  
Godwin Esaki and, Peter Kea.*



*Calvin Shirai (standing) is talking  
to the KADP grantees.*

## Certified Landscape Technician Training



*A candidate demonstrates what he learned – shows the judge (in the orange vest) how to correctly plant and stake a tree. With this additional knowledge, these newly Certified Landscape Technicians will be able to qualify for higher paying jobs and operate more safely while on the job.*

The Garden Island RC&D, inc. lends its 501(c)3 community-based nonprofit umbrella to the Kauai Landscape Industry Council. KLIC was created to:

- \* Unify the Kauai Nursery and Plant Industry;
- \* Enhance and elevate the skills of the people in the landscape industry by sponsoring certified training and exams;
- \* And by working collaboratively and leveraging resources we improve Kauai's environment for our communities and visitors.

This was in partnership with:

Kauai Community College (**KCC**),  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (**DLIR**)- **Workwise**,  
County of Kauai – Office of Economic Development, and the  
Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (**LICH**)

The Kauai Landscape Industry Council (KLIC) was able to train nearly **50** people in the landscape industry here on Kauai.

Of the **50** people in the training classes, **10** Kauaians went on take the CLT 4 hour written and 10 hour field exams to be “nationally” certified.

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