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Oct 2017: Research and development innovation at SBIR Road Tour, spotlight on Hawaii's manufacturers and more...

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From Robbie's Laptop

These are exciting times for Hawaii's tech industry! More than 80 companies attended the HTDC-hosted Hawaii stop of the SBIR Road Tour. We're pleased to also be a sponsor of the Hawaii Island Business Plan Competition. I had the opportunity to host a Pitch Perfect session for the talented entrepreneurs selected as the HIplan semi-finalists, all vying for a chance to win big seed funding. Events such as the SBIR Road Tour and state-funded outreach efforts are ensuring that our local innovators are aware of the resources that can help them turn ideas into action!



Stay inspired & keep moving forward,

Robbie Melton

Executive Director and CEO



Noteworthy

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Manufacturing Day

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, HTDC and INNOVATE Hawaii hosted manufacturing tours throughout the State, celebrating Manufacturing Day and the companies that make the Made In Hawaii brand a global commodity. Elected officials, business leaders and other manufacturers had the opportunity to learn more about the value of the industry, how manufacturers are utilizing the latest technology to grow their business, and how the community can come together to strengthen manufacturing in Hawaii. Mahalo to our legislators for their support, and to the many companies such as Pictures Plus, TruTag Technology, Airgas and more that opened their doors and shared insights into their processes.



SBIR Road Tour

The SBIR Road Tour's arrival in Hawaii, one of only 15 stops in the nation, provided an invaluable opportunity to hear directly from Federal Program Managers who seed a wide spectrum of innovative ideas.

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one meetings with program decision makers, tips on how to write an effective proposal and insights into manufacturing best practices. The conference also offered attendees a chance to learn more about HSBIR matching grants, and how the state is providing a support infrastructure for innovation. SBIR/HSBIR programs are seeding the future—and enabling our local companies to explore their full technological potential.

Championing Solutions

Congratulations to the winners of the Governor's 2nd Hawaii Annual Code Challenge! [The top prize went to team LoveMilkTea, comprised of UH Manoa students.](#) These solution-seekers created a mobile augmented reality application to help users find their way around campus based on their current location.



Powerful Presence

Clean energy awareness was generated at Eat the Street Hawaii's Oktoberfest celebration, enlightening the community in time for National Energy Action

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showcased the Toyota Mirai and The Blue Planet Foundation, the Sustainable Transportation Coalition of Hawaii and the State Energy Office shared exciting news about the clean energy efforts happening across Hawaii – the only state in the nation with a 100% renewable energy mandate.

Homecomings

Welcome Home, Russel Cheng

What's the co-founder of DevLeague's advice to returning kama`aina? "Bring something [from your experience abroad] back—create an opportunity here." [Check out Russel's story in the latest Ho'i Mai podcast.](#)



Event News

Regenerative Medicine

Gathering industry experts and thought leaders in Regenerative Medicine from around the globe and bringing them together in Hawaii, the [Pacific Regenerative Medicine Conference Nov. 6-7](#) spotlights the latest advancements in—and the need for— long-term geriatric technologies.

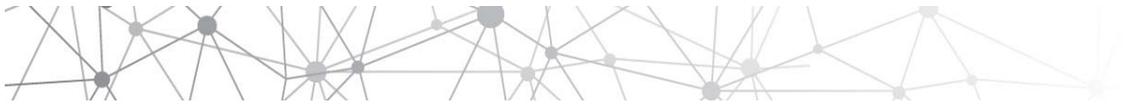
Cyber Security

Hawaii is becoming a growing force in cybersecurity startups and leadership. Several networking events and workshops are available in October—kicking off with a [Cyber Networking and Hacker Trivia Night on Oct. 11](#), followed by an immersive Innovate Hawaii Cyber Security Bootcamp on Oct. 23.

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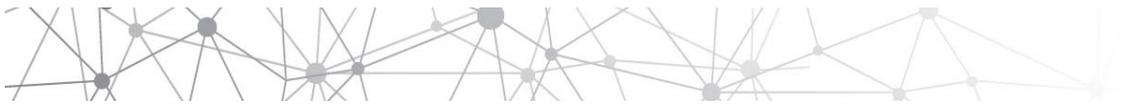
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#Movement

Congratulations to [Goma Games](#), a recent graduate of MIC now exploring an exciting opportunity in Seattle— they are still developing their airship project and creating games that will inspire, educate and enrich lives.



Did You Know?

Sun Global Broadband LLC has completed Phase 1 of its super long-range Wi-fi network, with outdoor network coverage from Diamond Head, Waikiki, Ala Moana and Ward Villages. It is the first of several phases for island-wide coverage in Metropolitan Honolulu.

[Hawaii SBIR/STTR matching grants Phase 2&3 applications are now open!](#)

Innovators can get rewarded for their risks by taking advantage of the R&D Tax Credit—a significant opportunity to reduce federal taxes and many Hawaii state taxes as well.

Hawai'i Island entrepreneurs will pitch their business plans in the semi-finals of the Hlplan competition on Oct. 21—for a chance to win \$25,000 in seed money! The competition will then narrow to a few finalists for a last round of judging on Nov.4 at NELHA.

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[HTDC's Manufacturing Assistance Grant Program \(MAP\) offers manufacturers up to a 20% reimbursement on qualified expenses to help keep Hawaii manufacturers globally competitive. Apply today.](#)



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In The News

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[Hawaii tech company aims to boost number of visitors from China to the Isles](#)

[Hawaii Island entrepreneurs compete for \\$25,000 prize for top business plan](#)

[UH driven to produce following state support of its innovation package](#)



Connections

October 13 // [PyNight Python Programming Competition and Training Event](#)

October 14 // [CyberSim Capture the Flag](#)

October 19 // [Intellectual Property Basics with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office](#)

October 23 // [INNOVATE HAWAII Cyber Security Boot Camp](#)

October 25 // [WetWare Wednesday](#)

November 2 // [Workshop at MRTC's Cohana with Nick and Birttany Heyd](#)

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