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Correction: The previous HTDC email you received incorrectly stated that Smart Yields was a HTDC grant recipient.

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Sep 2017: Transformative conferences, MIC tenants making waves and more...



## From Robbie's Laptop

Hawaii is fast becoming known as an Innovative state. The U.S. Small Business Administration selected Hawaii to bring its SBIR Road Tour with 16 federal program managers to Honolulu next Monday, September 18-19. There is still time to [register](#) and meet with the program managers of the nation's largest seed fund. Join us and learn how to get grant funding to bring your ideas to market.

I am eager to see the innovative solutions at the Hawaii Annual Code Challenge later this month. Join me on September 23 to see the team projects that are solving our government needs. Hawaii is shaking things up, challenging the status quo. And the world is taking notice.



Stay inspired & keep moving forward,

Robbie Melton  
*Executive Director and CEO*



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## Noteworthy

### Making Waves

Congratulations to Hawaiian Cool Water on their [new contract with Hawaii Pacific Health](#)—becoming the sole water provider for one of Hawaii’s largest employers! This Manoa Innovation Center (MIC) company offers a proprietary water purification system that uses no plastic bottles or containers, benefitting both Hawaii’s economy and the environment.

## Homecomings

### Welcome Home, Jeff Hong

Jeff began his intrapreneurial journey home by diligently building up his local client base—enough to convince Microsoft to open an office in Hawaii. Then things really took off! Jeff started his own company, [Techmana](#), working with Hawaiian Airlines to replatform their website. [Hear more on Ho'i Mai!](#)



## Event News

### Rising to the Challenge

Hundreds of tech-minded innovators accepted the challenge to create solutions for improving our state government! The Hawaii Annual Code Challenge 2017 teams first met on Aug. 26 and have been working through the month, ideating and innovating answers to department challenges. [The culmination of the second annual HACC is set for Sept. 23](#), as community teams return to demonstrate their projects. Prizes will be award by a panel of esteemed judges including Gov. David Ige, CIO Todd Nacapuy and Sen. Glenn Wakai.

### Envisioning Transformation

The second annual [Envision. Strategize. Actualize. 2017](#), the results-oriented thought leaders conference, is September 21. This conference is tasked with

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just four hours with a bonus Cybersecurity Primer takeaway for all attendees especially developed by—and for—Hawaii businesses.

### **Manufacturing Day**

National Manufacturing Day is October 6. Every state across the nation will highlight its manufacturing industry through tours for students and business leaders, and other promotional activities. The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii is planning a week of activities highlighting some of Hawaii's manufacturers across the islands.

**AMERICA'S LARGEST SEED FUND IS COMING  
TO HAWAII! REGISTER NOW FOR 2017 SBIR  
ROAD TOUR—HAWAII** SEPTEMBER 18-19

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## **#Movement**

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Dev League celebrated its newest graduating Cohort 18, sending them off in style at the Manoa Innovation Center on Sept. 2 following an awesome demonstration of their final projects.

Kudos to Smart Yields! The local ag tech startup recently [traveled to Rome as one of only nine startups selected from around the world to participate in the Laudato Si' Challenge](#)—an international technology accelerator inspired by Pope Francis to address climate change and human migration.



## Did You Know?

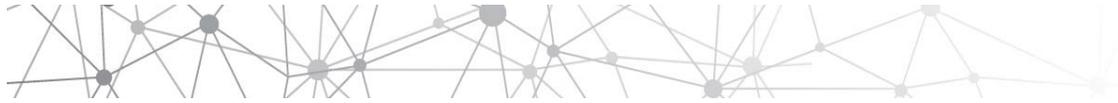
The HTDC MAP grant helped Maui Brewing Company expand production! By the end of 2018, the company will produce over 100,000 barrels of Hawaii-produced craft beer and plans to employ a workforce of over 700.

[Hawaii SBIR/STTR matching grant Phase I applications are open!](#)

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Oahu to [help meet Hawaii's biofuel needs](#), specifically for biodiesel and jet fuel.

HTDC is seeking Public Relations and Marketing Assistance to support the agency and help market its programs. [Proposals due by October 18!](#)



## There's An App For That

### Wunderlist

[Wunderlist](#) enables users to easily share lists and work collaboratively on projects with colleagues.



## In The News

[Western Governors' Association article highlights 80/80 plan to grow tech jobs in Hawaii](#)

[Development is key to shift ideas to marketable reality; highlight of SBIR Road Tour](#)

[SBIR Road Tour's Hawaii stop brings opportunity for federal funding, says tech entrepreneur from Nalu Scientific](#)

[Peter Rowan's task at PACE will be to help provide leadership and expertise to Hawaii's aspiring entrepreneurs](#)

[AMEL Technology analyzes residential electricity consumption; comparison of Hawaii with similar climate zone states](#)

[Drone racing tech and future of the sport; organizers of Drone Nationals arranging to hold competition in Hawaii this October](#)

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## Connections

September 18-19 // [SBIR Road Tour—Hawaii](#)

September 21 // [Envision. Strategize. Actualize. 2017](#)

September 23 // [Hawaii Annual Code Challenge Demo Day](#)

September 27 // [Wetware Wednesday](#), Around the Corner Bar & Grill

September 28 // [INTERFACE Hawaii 2017](#)

October 4 // [Cyber Hawaii Kickoff](#)

October 6 // [Manufacturing Day](#)

October 11 // Cyber Networking and Hacker Trivia Night

October 13 // PyNight Python Programming Competition and Training Event

October 14 // CyberSim

October 23 // INNOVATE HAWAII Cyber Security Boot Camp



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