

Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative

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To: Whom It May Concern

This letter of introduction confirms that Raymond P. Delio of R.P. Delio and Company, Inc. is a member of a planning team brought together by The Kohala Center, a non-profit 501c3 community development organization in Kamuela on Hawaii Island, to assist the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative (KVCC) in an energy efficiency plan and alternative energy feasibility study.

R.P. Delio and Company is serving as a consultant for an energy plan for the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative as part of a County of Hawaii Grant to increase the operational capacity of Hawaii Island value added agricultural producers. The Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant was established in the 1960s to assist local area farmers in the rapid cooling and cold storage of agricultural products. The facility supports the post-harvest operations of approximately 15 diversified agricultural producers. The individual producers belong to the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative Ltd. (KVCC), incorporated in 1964, which facilitates the shared use of the facilities and distributes energy costs amongst the KVCC membership. The facility houses 2 vacuum cooling chambers (1 of which is operational) that quickly remove the field heat from vegetables, and two walk-in refrigerators; the facility also serves as a loading and plug-in site for produce trucking companies. The facility operates 5-days a week and serves three Young Brothers refrigerated container trucks that pick up produce at KVCC for transport to the Port of Kawaihae for inter-island shipping. KVCC moves approximately 7,000,000 pounds of produce annually through the facility.

The Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative is working with Mr. Delio, assisting him in sourcing information on our facility, equipment, and energy and resource usage, to develop an energy efficiency plan and feasibility study to help us improve our energy efficiency and lower our energy costs. Mr. Delio and R.P. Delio and Company is acting on our behalf with regard to efficiency planning and design, procurement, and construction support for KVCC.

If you require additional information, please contact Royce Hirayama, President of the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative at (808) 987-3382.

Sincerely,



Royce Hirayama, President
Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative