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# **Navigating the Permit Process:**

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#### **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**



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### **Purpose of the Workshop**

- To increase the awareness of land use and environmental permitting requirements that the green industry faces
- EDA-funded: CEDS implementation and growing the green economy
- Permitting has been identified as an issue for CEDS project implementation & renewable energy development in Hawaii

In this workshop, we can provide you with a little knowledge about the whole permitting process, but not a lot of in-depth detail.

Determine what type of permits are needed. Different permits for different projects. Some projects may be allowed on state lands but not county lands, like geothermal

Gathering important information about the project site, including any constraints, will help facilitate the permitting process.

#### Working directly with the permitting agency, including pre-application reviews, will help alleviate errors in the permitting process.

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Work directly with the state and county agencies to make sure the application is complete.

With a complete application, the permitting process will more likely, and more quickly, be accepted, thus making project development move more quickly.



#### Local knowledge

- Identify key regulatory personnel
- Complete the application
- Don't skimp on planning and outreach
- Know the game: discretionary or ministerial
- Define your project—stick to it
- Follow approval criteria
- Look for opportunities for concurrency
- Have the right team of experts
- Be sure your team is communicating

## Top 10 List