

## **SECTOR STRATEGIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

February 19, 2020

### **1. Committee's Roles and Responsibilities:**

At the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways committee meeting on November 21, 2019, the committee voted unanimously to approve the current roles and responsibilities for the committee.

### **2. Hawaii Association for Career and Technical Education Conference:**

The Sector Strategies and Career Pathways committee donated \$30,000 in sponsorship to the Hawaii Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) conference that was held on January 30-31, 2020 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

As a result of the conference sponsorship, the committee was afforded the opportunity to host a panel on each day at the conference. At the November 21, 2019 committee meeting, the committee members proposed and discussed ideas for the conference panels. The selected idea for the panel was "Connecting Pathways Between Construction and Engineering."

#### ***Conference Update:***

The industry panels at the Hawaii ACTE conference turned out to be a success. The panel, which included Brian Lee (Director, Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund), Glen Kaneshige (President, Nordic PCL Construction), Edmund Aczon (Executive Director, Hawaii Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund), and Charles Shima (Training Director, Plumbers Union Local 675) educated attendees about options available to students who work full-time while still working towards a degree or certificate. There are many different entry and exit points in an individual's career and zig-zagging provides work-based learning and leads to opportunities not initially considered. In addition, both panels were well attended and ran over the allotted time because attendees had many questions about the discussed topic.