

OCET Update
January 2016

- 12 apprenticeship classes began Jan. 9 in Hilo/Kona and will end no later than May 7.
- OCET is exploring whether to re-launch a non-credit Skills Development Center that was offered 8 years ago on campus. This is based on feedback from the community that workplace readiness and computer skills are needed for adult and dislocated workers. We are looking at renting space at the Workforce Development Division office where the iCAN classes were offered.
- Currently conducting a needs assessment of ESL training for the West Hawaii community. We are seeking agencies who work with individuals with limited English skills so they can find jobs.
- The DCCA-required Electrical Technology Program will begin on January 20th. Last semester this course was offered on-line with hands-on labs however we are finding that students prefer instructor-led classes and a payment plan for this 10-month program.
- Hawaii Community College finally has an approved motorcycle course run by OCET. Until September, all training was run through Leeward Community College. If anyone is interested in earning a motorcycle license, please pick up a brochure outside of the OCET office.