Petition to Establish an AEA Local Affiliate
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Proposed Name: Hawai`i - Pacific Evaluation Association (H-PEA)

Mission: The Hawai`i-Pacific Evaluation Association’s mission is to foster a culture of excellence and ethics in evaluation in the Pacific region. As an affiliate of the American Evaluation Association (AEA), we support AEA’s mission to:

- Improve evaluation practices and methods
- Increase evaluation use
- Promote evaluation as a profession, and
- Support the contribution of evaluation to the generation of theory and knowledge about effective human action.

Purpose: The local affiliate’s purpose is to improve the quality of evaluation research, theory and practice in Hawai`i and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions by creating forums for dialogue, relationship–building, learning, and collaboration.

Practice: The Hawai`i -Pacific evaluation chapter:

- Engages the knowledge and experience of the ethnic groups in the Pacific region to conduct evaluation research and practice that is respectful of and responsive to different ways of knowing, values, beliefs, and behavior.
- Nurtures and upholds standards of ethical conduct.
- Continues to formulate standards and ethical recommendations regarding practice.
- Increases the pool of well–trained and culturally responsive evaluators through dialogue, conferences, continuous training and education, and mentoring relationships to build professional capacity.
- Seeks to help build professional capacity in research and practice through training, additional resources, observation and practice.
- Increases awareness and educates potential consumers of evaluation services about how evaluation can inform program improvements and effectiveness, including building evaluative practice into organizational procedures, and how to select appropriate evaluation services and providers.

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Activity Description: The local affiliate would engage in the following:

- Promote the exchange of information by developing and maintaining a website containing information on grant notices specific to evaluation, contractual opportunities, job openings, collaboration opportunities, announcements and/or links to conferences and workshops, and local news among our network.

- Promote communication and discussion among evaluators in Hawai‘i and the Pacific region by developing and maintaining a listserv of our membership (similar to the listserv maintained by AEA’s Evaltalk).

- Increase skills and knowledge by providing opportunities for professional development such as conferences and training workshops.

- Provide opportunities for networking and collaboration.
**Operating Year:** Calendar year January - December

**Geographic Region:** The State of Hawai‘i and the six U.S. Affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap), the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. (A map of the region and a more detailed description are attached.)

**Funding Request:** A total of $300 is requested for start-up activities, to be provided on a reimbursement basis. Funds are requested for the following:

- Nametags $ 10
- Parking $ 10
- Leis $ 30
- Refreshments $250