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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS NEW TOOLS FOR DECISION-MAKING AND ACTION

(Lihue, Hawai'i, October 18, 2005) – Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) is hosting a free meeting for members and the general public on Wednesday, October 26 to discuss two new tools designed to assist County government and the community.

Eric Knutzen and Harry Beatty from the County of Kaua'i's Information Technology (IT) Department will offer a presentation and demonstration of "**Progress on Kaua'i Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**". They will provide examples of how this new system is a source of valuable information to support many County functions.

Also on the program is KPAA's new **Community Indicators Project, "Measuring What Matters"**. Indicators are objective measurements of information meaningful to the community and that can be tracked over time. When all of the indicators are looked at together, they can generate a picture of what is happening in a local system. They can provide insight into the overall direction of a community: whether it is improving, declining, or staying the same – or a mix of all three. Indicators represent a whole community through a few factors, often selected by way of a community visioning process. KPAA has formed a Community Indicators Advisory Committee and they will be drawing upon the community vision developed in the General Plan Update.

Meeting participants can share their ideas about key issues that should be tracked through this project. Kaua'i will be among over 200 communities around the country with indicators projects.

The KPAA meeting will be held from 9 AM to 12 Noon on Wednesday, October 26th in the

Culinary Arts Dining Room at Kaua'i Community College. There is no cost to attend, but seating is limited. Pre-registration is requested by October 21st, on a first come, first served basis. The registration form is available on the Internet at www.kauainetwork.org. Or call KPAA at 632-2005 to receive a form by fax.

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