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**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 11:58 AM  
**To:** Matsumoto, Robyn; Planning Internet Mail  
**Subject:** PL.12 Letter of Interest  
**Attachments:** PL.12-Letter of Interest-Knotty by Nature, LLC-Rebecca Holt.pdf; arborist-certificate.pdf; CEU-Report.pdf; TRAQ-certificate.pdf

Aloha Mr. Kern & Ms. Matsumoto,

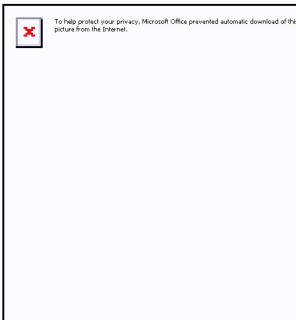
Attached please find my letter of interest in serving as Provider of Professional Services, PL.12) Plant Pathology/Plant Physiology/Forestry (Arborist), as well as a .pdf document listing my qualifications and continuing education in the field.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can help in any other way.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this position!

Sincerely,  
Rebecca "Becky" Holt  
Knotty by Nature, LLC

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ATTN: Mr. Zendo Kern, Planning Director  
Planning Department  
County of Hawai'i  
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RE: Application for Provider of Professional Services, PL.12) Plant Pathology/Plant Physiology/Forestry (Arborist)

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to submit my application for the provision of plant pathology, physiology, and forestry services for the County of Hawai'i. I am an Arborist, certified by the International Society of Arboriculture with additional certification in Tree Risk Analysis. Please see the accompanying documents for a full list of my education and certifications.

My website may be viewed at [www.knottybynature.consulting](http://www.knottybynature.consulting) for more information at any time.

I live and work in the Hamakua District of the Big Island of Hawai'i, in Honokaa town. I have happily resided here for 15 years, and have worked hard to develop a rapport in the community. I began work as an arborist with Mother Earth Father Time Tree Service, LLC in Kailua-Kona in 2015. I founded my own company in 2020 to serve as a consultant primarily focusing on food trees, soil science, and integrated pest management.

Mother Earth Tree Service, for whom I still work for full-time, has been well established in the county for over 25 years and regularly employs 8-12 full-time employees. Knotty by Nature, LLC is my company with only myself as an employee.

Clients who may attest to my qualifications include:

Paul Gamache, Mow It All Landscaping. [paul@mowitalllandscaping.com](mailto:paul@mowitalllandscaping.com) 808-989-2321

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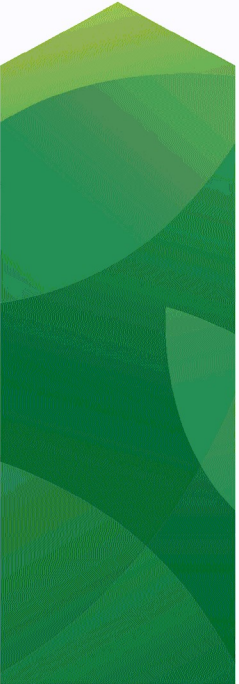
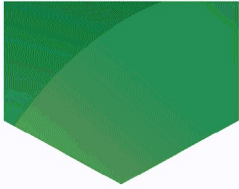
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Again, many thanks for the opportunity to submit a letter of interest for this position

Sincerely,

Rebecca Holt, 22-Mar-24



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## ISA Certified Arborist ®

By successfully meeting ISA Certified Arborist certification requirements through demonstrated attainment of relevant competencies as supported by the ISA Credentialing Council

  
Caitlyn Pollihan  
CEO & Executive Director

29 March 2017	30 June 2026	WE-11842A
Issue Date	Expiration Date	Certification Number



**ISA Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Report**

For: Rebecca Christine Holt

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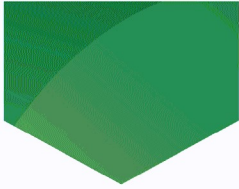
Course Date	Enter Date	CEU ID	Title	A	U	T	M	L	S	M	P
Oct 27, 2023	Dec 29, 2023	WE-23-689	WCISA- Pests in Paradise - Big Island	6.25	0.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	3.00	0.00	3.25
Jan 01, 2022	Dec 27, 2023	PP-22-245	The Tree Course Science, Design, and Sustainability Live - completion dates will vary	6.50	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	2.00	3.25	1.25
Jan 19, 2023	Jun 09, 2023	WE-23-123	WCISA Winter 2022 HS: Red-Tailed Hawk	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Jan 19, 2023	Jun 09, 2023	WE-23-122	WCISA Winter 2022 HS: Soil Myth Busting	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Apr 25, 2023	AN-22-006	Administering Tree Injections CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
	Apr 25, 2023	AN-23-002	Trees and Construction—The Design Phase CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
	Apr 25, 2023	AN-20-002	Identifying and Managing Cankers on Landscape Trees CEU Quiz	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50

	Apr 25, 2023	AN-18-006	Core Concepts of Plant Appraisal	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
	Apr 18, 2023	AN-23-001	They Are There in Green and White: Variegated Trees Have Their Place	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
	Apr 18, 2023	AN-20-001	Applications of Biochar for Arboriculture CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00
	Apr 18, 2023	AN-22-005	Beneficial Insects in the Urban Landscape CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
	Apr 04, 2023	UF-20-002	A Review of United States Arboricultural Operation Fatal and Nonfatal Incidents (2001–2017) CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Apr 04, 2023	AN-22-002	You Need to Assess Soil and Here is How to Do It! CEU Quiz	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
	Apr 04, 2023	AN-22-004	The Big Five and Urban Decay Ecology CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
	Apr 04, 2023	AN-21-004	Performing Soil Assessments CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
Oct 13, 2022	Mar 17, 2023	WE-22-547	WCISA Fall 2022 HS- Native Trees and Shrubs	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Jul 18, 2022	Mar 17, 2023	WE-22-412	WCISA Summer 2022 Home Study-Plan Reading is Essential	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Apr 08, 2022	Mar 17, 2023	WE-22-234	WCISA Spring 2022 HS- Trial by Fire	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

Jul 25, 2022	Aug 02, 2022	IS-22-002	ISA Certified Arborist - Job Task Analysis Validation Survey	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
	Jan 05, 2021	AN-20-010	Tree Defect Identification CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
	Dec 29, 2020	IS-16-003	TRAQ - Full Course	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	2.50	6.00	6.00
	Feb 09, 2020	AN-18-003	Wood Decay Fungi Identification and Management	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
	Feb 09, 2020	AN-19-001	The Plant Appraisal Process CEU Quiz	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
	Feb 09, 2020	AN-19-003	Plant Appraisal Data Collection (Part Two) CEU Quiz	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Feb 09, 2020	AN-19-002	Plant Appraisal Data Collection (Part One) CEU Quiz	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Feb 09, 2020	AN-19-005	Pruning Systems: Best Management Practices—Tree Pruning, 3rd Edition CEU Quiz	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Feb 09, 2020	AN-19-006	Pruning Cuts: Best Management Practices—Tree Pruning, 3rd Edition	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Jan 31, 2020	AN-18-001	Arborists and Wildlife: Retaining Trees for Wildlife Habitat	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Jan 31, 2020	AN-18-002	Biology and Identification of Fungi	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
	Jan 31, 2020	AN-17-006	Tree Inventories	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Aug 17, 2018	Sep 12, 2018	WE-18-474	WCISA- Resetting the Standards of	6.75	0.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	0.00	1.00	5.75

			Tree Care- Kailua-Kona									
	May 22, 2018	UF-18-003	The Influence of Abiotic Factors on Street Tree Condition and Mortality in a Commercial-Retail Streetscape	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	May 22, 2018	AN-17-005	Palms: Woody Giants of the Monocots Part 2	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Jun 30, 2017	Jul 20, 2017	WE-17-359	Following the Z's - Safety Rules to Live By	6.25	4.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.25
	Jul 04, 2017	AN-16-004	Basic Tree Plumbung: Translocation Quiz	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Jul 04, 2017	AN-16-006	Understanding Tree Rspponses to Stress Complexes Quiz	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Jul 03, 2017	AN-17-003	Root Pruning Part 2	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Jul 03, 2017	AN-17-001	Plant Health Care and Diagnostics Quiz	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Jul 03, 2017	AN-17-002	Root Management: An Introduction Quiz	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Jul 03, 2017	AN-16-005	Preserving Trees During Construction Quiz	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>74.75</b>	<b>35.75</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>67.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>21.50</b>	<b>14.75</b>	<b>38.50</b>	

If you have any questions about this report, please e-mail [isa@isa-arbor.com](mailto:isa@isa-arbor.com).



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