

Introduction

Lōkahi CoWorks, founded under Aloha Is Key LLC in 2022, is a collaborative coworking space designed to support local startups and entrepreneurs. With a strong emphasis on community engagement, networking, and business development, Lōkahi CoWorks has become a valuable resource for businesses across Hawaii. Led by Mosese Ohia, a dynamic entrepreneur and community advocate, Lōkahi CoWorks is not only a space for productivity but also a hub for creative and social collaboration.

Mosese's diverse experience, including his leadership role at Shaka Tea, nonprofit involvement, and advocacy for community development, provides Lōkahi CoWorks with the expertise and resources to foster the growth of startups, community programs, and local talent. His entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to community service have shaped Lōkahi CoWorks into a thriving space where businesses, nonprofits, and individuals come together for meaningful impact.

(1) The name of the firm or person, contact information including email address, the principal place of business, and location of all of its offices

(3) The education, training, and qualifications of the individual, or if a firm, its key employees in accordance with HRS 103D-304 and/or the professional and scientific occupation series contained in the United States Office of Personnel Management's Qualifications Standards Handbook

Founder: Mosese Ohia

Mosese Ohia is a passionate leader with a diverse background in business development, nonprofit work, and community engagement. He brings extensive experience from his time as Director of Shaka Tea, where he played a pivotal role in the company's growth and acquisition. Mosese has also taught commercial agriculture classes to justice-involved individuals through the Pu'u'honua Wellness Program by Blueprint for Change, helping individuals build sustainable careers in agriculture.

(2) The age of the firm and its average number of employees over the past five years

In addition to his business ventures, Mosese is the owner of **Sweet Bean Vanillary**, a local business that adds a unique touch to the community by offering high-quality vanilla products. His work extends beyond business to address the needs of his community through partnerships

and collaborations with local leaders. Mosese has been involved in various initiatives aimed at improving economic development, workforce training, and social equity island-wide.

Additionally, he is involved in the project aim to revitalize the 1922 Pacific Building in Downtown Hilo. Partnering with the Historic Hawaii Foundation, Mosese is submitting a proposal on behalf of Sai Baba Hawaii LLC.

Mosese serves as a board member for the *Donkey Mill Art Center*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the arts. This role underscores his commitment to fostering creativity and providing opportunities for local artists to thrive.

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- Location(s):
 - Sweet Bean Vanillary: 166 Kilauea Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
 - Lōkahi CoWorks: 120 Keawe Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

(4) A list of recent projects and the names of up to five clients who may be contacted, including at least two for whom services were rendered during the preceding year;

Recent Events Hosted by Lōkahi CoWorks & Mosese Ohia

Mosese Ohia and Lōkahi CoWorks have hosted and partnered with various community-focused initiatives to empower local businesses and individuals. Some of the recent events include:

- **Keiki Art Workshops:** Hosted in collaboration with Temple Children and Miya Tsukazaki, this event engaged children in creative activities while teaching the value of artistic expression and community involvement. The workshops were designed to nurture young minds and encourage the growth of the next generation of artists and entrepreneurs.
 - Contact: Miya Tsukazaki, (808) 938-6281, miya@templechildren.com
 - Location: 164 Kilauea Ave, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
- **Pu'uohonua Wellness Workshops:** In partnership with Blueprint for Change, Mosese hosted workshops for justice-involved individuals as part of the Pu'uohonua Wellness Program. These workshops aimed to provide education, mentorship, and skills training in agriculture and business, empowering individuals to reintegrate into the workforce and become self-sufficient.
 - Contact: La Vonne Richardson, (808) 798-8553, lavonne@blueprintforchange.org
 - Location: 677 Ala Moana Blvd #907, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- **Indivisible Hilo Action Group for Democracy:** This networking and advocacy event brought together local leaders and community members focused on democracy and social change. The event emphasized collaboration for social justice and offered a

space for community leaders to strategize on advancing democratic ideals and civic engagement.

- Contact: Olani Lilly, (808) 960-5732, olani@indivisiblehiloone.org
 - Location: 179 Kauhane Ave Hilo, Hawaii 96720, United States
 - **Greenhouse Project and Workforce Development:** In collaboration with the Arc of Hilo, Mosese hosted a workforce development event focused on the Greenhouse Project, which provided training and employment opportunities for individuals in agriculture and horticulture. This event aimed to build essential skills and create sustainable career pathways for individuals with developmental disabilities.
 - Contact: Robert Efford, (808) 464-6111, refford@hiloarc.org
 - Location: 1099 Waianuenue Ave, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
 - **Workforce Mentorship with ALU LIKE:** Mosese also facilitated mentorship workshops with ALU LIKE, providing guidance and resources to individuals seeking to improve their career prospects. This initiative focused on workforce development and mentorship for underrepresented individuals.
 - Contact: Michael Dias, (808) 427-8621, midias@alulike.org
 - Location: 159 Kalanikoa Street, Unit #5, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
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Lōkahi CoWorks Overview

Lōkahi CoWorks is more than just a coworking space; it's a hub of innovation, collaboration, and community support. The space provides a flexible and inclusive environment where startups, entrepreneurs, and community members can access vital resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities. Through workshops, events, and direct mentorship, Lōkahi CoWorks serves as a catalyst for business growth and social good.

Key Offerings Include:

- **Flexible Workspace Solutions:** Offering private offices, shared desks, and meeting rooms, Lōkahi CoWorks meets the needs of businesses at every stage.
- **Business Development Support:** From mentoring to startup registration, Lōkahi CoWorks offers valuable guidance to entrepreneurs.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Regular community events and networking meetups that encourage collaboration and growth.
- **Community Engagement:** Lōkahi CoWorks is committed to social impact by hosting workshops, partnering with local nonprofits, and supporting workforce development initiatives.

Any information regarding Lōkahi CoWorks can be found at: lokahicoworks.com
