



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **Two Division of Purchasing employees designated Certified Professional Public Buyers**

LĪHU'E – The Department of Finance is announcing that two employees in the Division of Purchasing have been designated as Certified Professional Public Buyers (CPPB) from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Board of Directors.

“Kristi Mahi and Wendy Takemoto are the first county employees to be designated as Certified Professional Public Buyers,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “We are proud of their tremendous effort in training and preparation to complete this certification.”

The CPPB program is among the most highly regarded and well-respected certifications among procurement professionals and their employers in the public sector, according to the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council's website.

“Both Kristi and Wendy are Procurement and Specifications Specialists IV (PSS IV). That is our senior procurement specialist designation,” said Assistant Chief Procurement Officer Ernest Barreira. “The PSS IV independently assumes responsibility for the most complex procurement assignments and projects. Both were hired in 2013 and have remained with the Division of Purchasing for the entire duration of their County service.”





Photo caption: (Left to right) Assistant Chief Procurement Officer Ernest Barreira, Kristi Mahi, Wendy Takemoto, and Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami.

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