

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM
AND THE AMERICAN RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, both the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM (UHSGCP) and the AMERICAN RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION (ARCSA) have committed to the following:

- Recognize that potable water is a precious resource whose sustainable use is an environmental, economic, social and moral imperative.
- Posit that sustainable energy, waste and water practices are key to healthy, prosperous communities with a high quality of life.
- Acknowledge that rainwater represents an underutilized resource; its harvest and appropriate use can alleviate challenges related to the limited supply of potable water.
- Understand that insular communities dependent on imported resources with geographically isolated infrastructure can benefit from self-reliant technologies and practices, such as rainwater harvesting, particularly after hazardous events or natural disasters.

THEREFORE, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is provided to formalize the collaborative relationship between the UHSGCP and the ARCSA. The UHSGCP and the ARCSA hereby agree to further the mutual purposes of both organizations, namely:

- A. To develop resources and engage in outreach that educates stakeholders such as decision-makers, industry professionals, the public and others about rainwater harvesting using the best available social and natural science.
- B. To elevate the awareness of rainwater harvesting, e.g. within the UHSGCP Centers of Excellence.
- C. To identify appropriate applications for rainwater harvesting at the University of Hawai‘i and engage in inreach with University Administrators and others toward a greater understanding of sustainable water use by both decision-makers and end users.
- D. To promote, and support when appropriate and possible, innovative and meritorious research on rainwater harvesting within and across social and natural science disciplines.
- E. To promote and support the development of human resources knowledgeable in rainwater harvesting via the professional designations and training programs offered by UHSGCP and ARCSA.

FURTHER, to implement the above and supplement the resources contributed by the partners, the UHSGCP and the ARCSA agree to:

- A. Seek opportunities to conduct collaborative activities such as seminars, meetings, and other events to advance the statements above.
- B. Work together to recruit an ARCSA Regional Representative in the Hawaiian Islands to further the partnership’s mutual goals.
- C. Connect scholars in disciplines related to rainwater harvesting to practitioners and other stakeholders via ARCSA and the UHSGCP Centers of Excellence

This MOU will be in effect until the end of the calendar year 2014. This MOU may be terminated by either party hereto without cause by providing at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination to the attention of the representatives (or their successors) whose names are subscribed below.

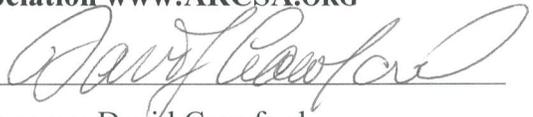
This MOU can be renewed for a two-year period by both parties by providing at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the attention of the representatives (or their successors) whose names are subscribed below.

Each person signing below attests that they have the contractual capacity with their respective organizations.

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