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Tanya M. Souza Joins Trust as Manager for Interpretive Center in Kailua-Kona

HONOLULU, February 3, 2011 – Tanya M. Souza has joined the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust as a manager for the trust's Interpretive Center being constructed in Kailua-Kona.

She will be overseeing the operations of the Interpretive Center, which will house cultural artifacts relocated from development of the new Ane Keohokālole Highway in Kailua-Kona. The Center is scheduled to open in early 2012. Its primary focus will be to provide children with a hands-on discovery experience.

Tanya worked previously as an archaeologist at Pacific Legacy, Inc. where she conducted field and inventory surveys, site recordings and site rediscoveries on various projects throughout the Big Island.

“Tanya has broad experience in university research projects and field work at the Bishop Museum, Pōhakuloa Training Area, Keanakolu, Waimanalo and abroad at Rapa Nui, and she will bring both academic and practical expertise to our Interpretive Center,” said LeeAnn Crabbe, vice president of the Trust.

During her time in graduate school, Tanya founded the Hawai'i Junior Archaeology Outreach Program where she coordinated outreach programs for children between the ages of 4 – 13, to educate students, teachers and parents on Hawaiian archaeology.

Tanya continues her archaeology outreach efforts on Hawai'i Island and currently co-chairs the Education Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology.

Tanya earned her Master of Arts degree in Applied Archaeology from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology with a concentration on Hawaiian archaeology from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The Queen Lili'uokalani Trust was established by Hawaii's last ruling monarch, the beloved Queen Lili'uokalani. The Deed of Trust, executed in 1911, preserves the Queen's lands to serve and provide for orphaned and destitute children in perpetuity. The Core Trust assets include some 6,400 acres of land, the majority in Kona. Outreach to beneficiaries is delivered through the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, established in 1933.

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