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Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Week Honors Young Brothers with Award

February 26, 2016 — Young Brothers Ltd. was presented with the Business Leader Award as part of the 2016 Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Week (HISAW). The 4th annual event commenced on February 21, 2016 and concluded today with an awards ceremony.

“Young Brothers takes our environmental stewardship responsibility seriously,” said Roy Catalani, Young Brothers vice president. “We proactively work with public and private entities to prevent the transport of invasive species between islands. Mahalo to the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council for this wonderful recognition.”

Hosted by the State of Hawai'i to acknowledge individuals and groups for their outstanding service to Hawai'i in the fight against invasive species, HISAW first honored Young Brothers in 2013 for incorporating environmental concerns into their business practices.

Last year, Young Brothers worked with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to impose a one-year quarantine on the intrastate movement of 'ōhia in response to the fungal disease commonly known as Rapid 'Ōhia Death (ROD) or 'ōhia wilt.

“Young Brothers showed great initiative by stopping shipments of 'ōhia products from Hawai'i Island,” said John-Carl Watson, Hawai'i Invasive Species Council planner. “Although the full affect and extent of their efforts may not be known at this time, their rapid response and containment actions showed foresight and understanding to the implications of the statewide spread of ROD.”

ABOUT YOUNG BROTHERS

Young Brothers, Limited, with approximately 360 employees across the state, has served Hawai'i since 1900. Young Brothers is a publicly regulated water carrier providing 12 weekly port calls from Honolulu to the state's neighbor island ports, including Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, Kaunapau, Kaunakakai and Nāwiliwili. For more information, visit www.youngbrothershawaii.com.

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