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**HAWAII GREEN BUSINESS AWARDS SHINE SPOTLIGHT ON
ENERGY EFFICIENT BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

HONOLULU — Four hotels, two restaurants, a fire station and a bike shop are among the 14 honorees of the state's 2013 Hawaii Green Business Awards. Presented by Gov. Neil Abercrombie and hosted by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Department of Health and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the annual awards ceremony recognizes achievements by Hawaii businesses and entities in the area of energy efficiency.

"It's encouraging to see local businesses and government agencies continue to take the lead in incorporating energy efficiency in their own practices," said Gov. Abercrombie. "These honorees complement the state's efforts in reaching our Hawaii Clean Energy goals. Last year, the State Office Tower became Hawaii's first large office building, public or private, to attain LEED Gold in its category, and there are 16 state public buildings with LEED certified projects, with 56 more in the process toward certification."

The honorees of the 2013 Hawaii Green Business Awards are:

- Aqua Aloha Surf Waikiki Hotel
- Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa
- The Westin Kaaanapali Ocean Resort Villas

- Wyndham at Waikiki Beach Walk
- Blue Hawaii Lifestyles
- Kona Brewing Company's Koko Marina Pub and Brewery
- BOCA Hawaii
- KYA Design Group
- Hawaii Pacific University – Hawaii Loa Campus
- City and County of Honolulu's Ewa Beach Fire Station
- Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)
- Environmental Protection Agency – Pacific Island Office
- General Services Administration

The Hawaii Green Business Awards also honored five green events held in 2012:

- Hawaii Build and Buy Green Conference and Expo
- Lemongrass Café Geisha Event
- Sweetbreads
- Green Apple Day of Service
- Green Classroom Professional Certificate Toolkit and Workshop

For a description of the awardees and their energy efficiency accomplishments, please see separate Awardee Accomplishments document.

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