

2013 Build and Buy Green Conference by DBEDT



As a 2014 Green Events honoree, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) has worked diligently to continuously reduce the environmental impact of the Build and Buy Green Conference over the years. In order to accomplish its greening goals, DBEDT in cooperation with the Hawaii Convention Center, instituted several sustainable measures including a shift toward using reusable tableware and cups to decrease waste, contributing to a 23% decrease in trash weight per person from 2012's numbers.

Highlighted Green Measures from the Event:

2012 Vs. 2013

Type of Waste	Weight (lbs)	Type of Waste	Weight in lbs.
Cardboard	28.6	Cardboard	16.8
White Paper	34.7	White Paper	48.3
Bottles & Cans	3.1	Bottles & Cans	7.5
Standard Trash	357	Standard Trash	119.5
Total Weight	423.4	Total Weight	192.1
Weight per person	1.3	Weight per person	1.0
Diverted Weight	66.4	Diverted Weight	72.6
Diversion %	16%	Diversion %	38%

Section I. Solid Waste Reduction Methods: 7. Review past event waste generation to establish a baseline and track results