My summer fellowship at HSEO was nothing short of amazing. I hit the ground running and never stopped. I quickly immersed myself in the everyday workings of Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO). During my stay, I collected a $25 processing fee for each application payable by credit card or electronic check. Applications sent through mail, via email, or hand delivered them. The majority of the applications to the Hoomaluo Program were submitted online.

Data compiled by the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) show that 48 percent of the applicants opted to submit their paperwork online since the new application process went into effect on August 1, 2018. The other 52 percent submitted their applications through the mail, via email or hand delivered them.

To enhance our operating efficiency and help state government transition to a more sustainable model, HSEO is a proud sponsor of the 2nd NELHA Energy Storage Conference, December 5-7, 2018, at University of Hawaii at Manoa campus in Honolulu, Hawaii. This event will focus on energy storage and microgrid initiatives, issues, and solutions. The conference, sponsored by the National Energy Laboratories of Hawaii, is being hosted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and the U.S. Department of Energy. The conference offers attendees the opportunity to network with peers and experts from the industry, academia, and government.


Achieving LEED Gold certification was no small feat for the Hawaii Convention Center, a massive $739 million renovation that completely transformed the Alaska Airlines Arena into a world-class arena. The convention center, which is owned by the state of Hawaii and managed by the Hawaii Convention Center Authority, earned LEED Gold certification on October 9, 2018.

"We are thrilled to have earned LEED Gold certification for the Hawaii Convention Center," said Teri Orton, general manager of the Convention Center. "This project is a testament to the commitment of both the state of Hawaii and the Convention Center Authority to provide a world-class venue while adhering to the highest environmental standards."

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a rating system for green buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. There are several different LEED certification levels, each representing a level of environmental performance. LEED Gold is the second highest level of certification and requires buildings to meet a range of prerequisites and credits that demonstrate reduced use of energy and water, increased use of recycled materials, improved indoor air quality, and enhanced pedestrian safety.

LEED Gold certification was not easy to achieve for the Hawaii Convention Center. The renovation project involved extensive efforts to reduce energy consumption and waste, and to maximize the use of sustainable materials. The project team worked closely with the LEED certification team to meet all the requirements for LEED Gold certification.

The Hawaii Convention Center is the first convention center in Hawaii to earn LEED Gold certification. The building is a楷y demonstration of the state's commitment to sustainability and green building practices. The project team is proud of the work they have done to achieve LEED Gold certification, and they are looking forward to continuing to contribute to the state's clean energy sector. 

In doing so, HSEO will guide our state toward the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative goals to achieve 100 percent renewable energy in the electricity sector by 2045, reduce electricity consumption by 4,300 megawatt hours by 2030, and reduce petroleum use in transportation. To this end, HSEO works closely with state policymakers, utilities, and stakeholders to develop and implement innovative programs and policies that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The Energy Storage Conference will feature presentations and workshops on a wide range of topics related to energy storage and microgrids. These topics include battery storage, pump storage, hydrogen storage, and other energy storage technologies. The conference will also include discussions on the regulatory and policy issues that affect the development and deployment of energy storage and microgrid technologies.

The Energy Storage Conference will be held from December 5-7, 2018 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference is open to all interested parties, including policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and the general public. For more information about the conference, please visit the website at https://energystorageconference.org/.