

ABC Hawaii Garner 3 National Awards

The Hawaii Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) received three Awards of Excellence & Merit at the national ABC Workforce Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in early March.

ABC Hawaii was named a Best Practice champion for Cyber Insurance and honored with a Membership Award for 90 percent Retention, Growth and Goal. The local chapter also received a Membership Award for Top Percentage of Contractors by Division.

“It could only have been done with the help and guidance of our great ABC and CEF board of directors,” says Jonathan Young, president and CEO of ABC Hawaii, “and with a great staff working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this the only chapter in the federation to have continued growth for five consecutive years.”

DEP Launches LED Lighting Division

Distributed Energy Partners and American Piping and Boiler Co. have launched an LED Lighting Division to complement their solar photovoltaic business. The goal is to help Hawaii businesses understand indoor and outdoor lighting options and save money by deploying the latest LED technologies.

Over the past decade, prices for LED fixtures have dropped approximately 50 percent, while the amount of light they produce has increased 20 percent. LEDs last for 15 years or more.

“I’ve found that even with all the focus on energy issues in Hawaii, few people realize just how far lighting technology has evolved in the last decade,” says Mike Polley, division director. “The light produced by an LED fixture is made by microprocessors just like a computer, so the industry benefits from the innovation and research and development that drives improvements in smart phones, tablets and laptops. Today’s LEDs can even enhance the performance of facial recognition software at night.”

APB handles all lighting installations for the LED Lighting Division. APB Executive Vice President Shane Lau, P.E., says, “From a safety and security perspective, there is no comparison between older lighting technologies and what is on the market today.”



Before and after LED lighting installations at the APB warehouse.



Among those at the blessing ceremony for the Westin Nanea Ocean Villas were, from left, Ron Hensel, Harris Chan, Keith Fordsman, Thorp Thomas, Matt Avril, Mayor Alan Arakawa, Angela Nolan and Steve Williams.

Hawaiian Dredging to Build Timeshare Villas for Starwood

Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co., Inc. is the general contractor for a new 390-unit oceanfront timeshare resort on Maui. The 26-acre Westin Nanea Ocean Villas, to be developed by Starwood Vacation Ownership, is scheduled to open in 2017 in Kaanapali.

WCIT Architecture is the designer for the resort, which includes a 10-acre public park. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Jan. 18.

Starwood Vacation Ownership, the timeshare division of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., already has three timeshares properties in the Islands: the Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort Villas, Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort Villas North on Maui and the Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas.