



TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2008, the TCAH has have created a Membership Scholarship Program to recognize and assist the families of our signatory members in creating an opportunity for our youth to further their educational pursuits. The scholarship is solely based on MERIT. Students will be awarded a \$2,500.00 monetary scholarship to be applied to the 2010-2011 school year. Students who are related to a signatory member of the TCAH can apply. High school seniors and/or full time students enrolled at an accredited two or four year college or university may apply. Vocational and technical schools are not eligible. The application can be found on www.tilehawaii.com. Previous recipients are allowed to apply once again.

DEADLINE to submit the application is August 31, 2010.



PACIFIC BUILDING TRADE EXPO

The 2010 Pacific Building Trade Show by the AIA/CSI is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at the Hawaii Convention Center Exhibition Hall. As a sponsor of last year's expo, we were provided with an opportunity for a "first priority" on booth assignments at this year's show. We will have 16 booths this year consisting of Bella Pietra, Daltile, Davis Tile & Marble, Evergreen by Debra, Laticrete, Schluter Systems, Selective Stone, TCAH and Tile Warehouse. Our booths will be located in #435 to #439 and #426 to #440.

SAH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Subcontractors Association of Hawaii will be holding their 20th Annual Conference on Oahu. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl at 808-537-5619.

Turtle Bay Resort & Spa
September 16 to 19, 2010

Seminars, cocktail reception, golf and Saturday night banquet with Nohelani Cypriano are planned.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 CLASSES

The Masons Union Local 1/ Local 630 will provide OSHA training to your staff on Oahu and the Neighbor Islands at no charge. If you are interested in the classes, please contact Allan Los Banos at 808-841-4782.

UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Your vote and voice makes a difference! Make sure to vote in the Primary Election on Saturday, September 18th and in the General Election on Tuesday, November 2nd from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TCAH MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

We recently e-mailed a membership survey to learn how to better assist you and meet your needs. If you have not received it, please contact Lisa Kim at 808-545-4195 or lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com. We do appreciate your time in completing this brief survey in a WORD document.

CALDWELL ANNOUNCES RAIL STATION DESIGN CONTRACT AWARD

Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell announced that the City has awarded a \$5.5 million design contract for three rail transit stations to HDR/Hawaii Pacific Engineers. The contract advances the designs of the West Loch, Waipahu Transit Center and Leeward Community College stations along Farrington Highway. Lester Fukuda of the firm's Honolulu office will serve as principal consultant. The company is an employee-owned architecture, engineering and consulting firm with more than 7,800 professionals in more than 185 locations worldwide.

2010 UH PROCUREMENT BILL

The SAH, our association's lobbyist, opposed and killed the bill to exempt the UH from the state procurement process as well as the General Contractor's Associations legislative bill reducing the number of subcontractor licenses, up to 16. Discussion was presented to not publically oppose a resolution that sets up a task force to make recommendations and it calls for a Senate Resolution for the SAH to nominate five individuals to serve on the task. This would allow our voices to be heard.

HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUMMIT State of Physical Infrastructure in Hawaii

On July 13th the HIPA held a conference to report on their findings as it pertains to the status of the state's infrastructure. Some of the key points presented are:

A conservative expense of \$14.3 billion is needed in 6 years for improved infrastructure in Hawaii. The Federal government will assist as much as possible.

Hawaii's construction industry has the highest unemployment – twice the nation's average.

Unemployment is down 25% in three years. Hawaii has 41,700 unemployed based on a labor pool of 636,800.

Construction wages and benefits are 150% higher than other industries. Prediction is that unemployment will be reduced to 2.8% by end of 2010 and construction jobs will increase by 4% in 2011.

State currently has \$1.83 billion projects for capital improvement.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us at our next membership meeting. Your participation is valuable and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION:

Side Street Inn On the Strip

614 Kapahulu Avenue

Hosted Heavy Pupus and Beverages

RSVP to Pacific Administrators at 808-441-8600

EPA MANDATE

A reminder that April 22nd was the deadline for contractors to obtain EPA certification under its Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program. Applies to painters, plumbers, carpenters and electricians.

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