

**TILE CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII**



**2019 Apprentice Contest
Saturday, June 22, 2019
Honolulu Community College
874 Dillingham Blvd.
Honolulu, HI 96817**

Apprentices from the Western Region will have the opportunity to showcase their skills in or four main crafts - Brick, Tile, Marble and PCC. The hand on contest will take place at the training center.

**Presented by the Hawaii Masons Union
Local #1, IUBAC**

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NATURAL STONE

Pre-fabricated panels and slabs provide value for customers looking to upgrade the look and feel of their home or business. A wide variety of materials, sizes, colors and styles are available. Selective Stone cuts out the middle man for sourcing materials and fabrication, to deliver outstanding-quality products for the most competitive prices around.

PRE-FAB STONE PANELS

Pre-fabricated stone panels are one of the most cost-effective ways to beautify a new or existing vanity and kitchen countertops, stairs, niches, desktops and tabletops. Choose from granite, marble, or travertine panels in a variety of sizes and edge details. A wide array of colors are readily available for easy installation.

Sizes available (W x H x TH in Inches):

96 x 26 x 1.5

108 x 26 x 1.5

108 x 36 x 1.5

108 x 42 x 1.5

Standard size (26") includes 6" backsplash.

36" and 42" pieces are bullnosed on three sizes.



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**Subcontractors Association of Hawaii
Annual Golf Tournament**

**Thursday,
August 8, 2019
Ewa Beach
Golf Course**

**10:45 a.m.
Arrival Time
12:30 p.m.
Shot Gun Start**



**95-050 Ft. Weaver Road
Contact: Cheryl Lewis
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**Phone: (808) 537-5619 Fax: (808) 533-2739
Deadline to Register: July 26, 2019**

**Funds raised go towards legislative efforts to help
protect the interest of the Hawaii subcontractors.**

**HONBLUE
PRESENTS**



**PACIFIC BUILDING
TRADE EXPO
By AIA/CSI**

SAVE THE DATE!

**The 2019 Pacific Building
Trade Expo will be held at
the Hawaii Convention
Center on Tuesday,
October 1, 2019.**

**Last year, the TCAH had
17 member booths which
is the highest to date!**



**EVERGREEN
BY DEBRA, LLC SINCE 1994**

Debra and Jeff Pompador

**Evergreen by Debra, LLC is an Importer and
Distributor of Porcelain, Ceramic & Glass
Tile, Art & Images in Hard Materials, Planters
& Green Wall Systems, & Diamond Tools.**

**Since 1994 Evergreen by Debra, LLC has
provided services to Architects, Interior
Designers, the Hospitality Industry and Tile
Contractors with quality tile products,
excellent service and professional advice
specializing in art and images in hard
materials. They are a WOSB DBE HI-DOT
Certification Current – Woman Owned Small
Business Disadvantaged Business Entity as
Certified by the Hawaii State Department of
Transportation.**

**Jeff has worked in the tile industry since 1979.
In 1992, he earned the professional designation
of Ceramic Tile Consultant (CTC), from the
Ceramic Tile Institute of America (CTIOA,
Inc.) and has been the Hawaii and Guam
Representative and Field Inspector for the
CTIOA, Inc. since 1999.**



“Welcome” 66” x 110” (made up mosaic of 1000+ tiles)
(St. Ann’s Church, Kaneohe) © Evergreen by Debra, LLC 2019/19

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2018 Hawaii Legislative Report

The Hawaii Legislative Session ran from mid-January to May 3, 2019 and 3,000 bills were introduced, 300 passed and the Governor has 45 days to pass/veto bills.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS:

HB562 Requires the Department of Health to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group to determine how to implement a requirement for the reuse, recycling, or donation of construction waste.

SB240 Requires the state building codes to incorporate the International Green Construction Code and minimum requirements for the recycling, reuse, donation, and resale of non-hazardous construction waste.

SB 666 Relating to Airports Corporation: Authorizes the establishment of the Hawaii Airports Corporation (HAC) within the Dept. of Transportation for administrative purposes. Creation of an Airport Corporation will get rid of the sub-contracting listing. There is \$3 billion worth of airport projects.

SB1474 SD2 Relating to Taxation: Increases the General Excise Tax by ½% to provide a dedicated funding source for the Dept. of Education and University of Hawaii.

SB77 SD3 Relating to Capital Improvement Projects: Establishes two financing options for the State to select from to satisfy the federal requirement that 35% of Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project costs be funded by a local entity. The first is a finance agreement that does not obligate the State beyond funds appropriated by the Legislature and the second is an appropriation of general funds. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD3) Federal money allocated is \$345 million. County project, but the Legislature has been asked to allocate necessary funds.

Medical Marijuana in the Workplace- Issues involving an employee who is a registered qualifying patient for whom the medical use of cannabis is permitted.

SB 1082 and HB 95 Makes general contractors entering into or under contracts in the State for work on buildings, structures, or other private works liable for debt incurred by subcontractors for wages due to claimants for performance of labor in the contract between the general contractor and owner. (SB1082 HD2) There are 1 payroll items the Sub must provide to the GC on each employee.

BILL THAT PASSED: **HB69** Handyman raises the threshold under the contractor licensing law's handyman exemption from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and makes it applicable only to the cost of labor.

THE CASE FOR SUBCONTRACTOR LISTING
Good for Hawaii, Good for the Procurement Officer

In coordination with its members:

Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii

Hawaii Flooring Association

Hawaii Wall & Ceiling Industry Association

Pacific Insulation Contractors Association

Painting & Decorating Contractors Association

Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii

Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii

Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association - Hawaii Chapter

Tile Contractors Promotional Program

Procurement Officers have a tough job. They must navigate a complicated procurement code in pursuit of ensuring a fair and balanced bid process that promotes competition while ensuring taxpayer dollars are well spent. One of the most debated requirements of Hawaii's Procurement Code is the listing of subcontractors at time of bid - more commonly known as sublisting. This means the general (or prime) contractor must list the subcontractors they plan to employ on the project and that they **cannot** use other subcontractors, unless there is a compelling reason to do so. This prevents general contractors from starting bidding wars between subcontractors - a common practice subcontractors struggle with - and provides Procurement Officers assurance that the companies that perform public works projects are properly licensed, insured and bonded.

Opponents of the subcontractor listing requirement note that the Federal procurement system does not require sublisting and they make unsubstantiated claims that it opens the process to unnecessary bid protests. But they fail to acknowledge that many subcontractors do not bid Federal projects for the very fear of bid shopping. Nor do they mention that a 2012 taskforce of Hawaii construction professionals found that only an average of 6.3% of projects were protested in 2013 and 2014 - with a mere average cost increase of 0.17%. Subcontractor listing was only **one** reason for these protests, making the opponents' argument ineffectual.

Further, a new law that took effect in 2013 - supported by subcontractors - cut protests by over half (from 36 protests in 2012 to only 14 protests in 2014). Opponents of subcontractor listing fail to point out that the only party to benefit from any savings as a result of bid shopping is the prime contractor, because they do not refund savings to the agency or taxpayer.

The fact is that the various subcontractor trades perform the overwhelming majority of work on most projects, which makes it paramount that these companies are properly vetted. Awarding contracts without properly vetting subcontractors would be similar to buying a car without checking first to see if it had an engine or seats or a steering wheel.

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The Hawaii State Legislature realized the importance of subcontractor listing and wrote extensive requirements into law to promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and impartiality. They also detailed the importance of Procurement Officers and their respective responsibilities. This was all done in an effort to provide governmental agencies, government contractors, and the public, a consistent, open, fair and transparent method of procuring goods, services and construction.

The Code's points out "[T]o permit a substantial change in a proposal after bids have been opened and made public, would be contrary to public policy, and would tend to open the door to fraudulent and corrupt practices."

One of the basic principles of the sublisting law is that the public is entitled to know what they are paying for, and who will be paid when the agency accepts a bid.

Through review of the sublisting by the procurement officer, the public can observe and be assured that public funds will be used to pay for specific scopes of services provided by properly licensed contractors who have the requisite experience to complete the project.

A few of the most important responsibilities outlined in the State of Hawaii Procurement Code that sublisting helps Procurement Officers fulfill their mission are below:

- Encourage economic competition by:
- Ensuring that all persons are afforded an equal opportunity to compete in a fair and open environment;
- Avoid the intent and appearance of unethical behavior
- All parties involved in the negotiation, performance, or administration of state contracts shall act in good faith.

The listing law also helps Procurement Officers achieve a fair process by discouraging bid shopping.

Why is bidding shopping bad? Because it...

- Reduces competition by discouraging the submission of bids by qualified subcontractors who do not want to "play that game"
- Increases bid prices due to subcontractors who need to inflate bids to account for bid shopping by the general
- Jeopardizes the financial stability of subcontractors
- Results in the prime contractor utilizing subcontractors who are willing to give the price, many times because the subcontractor has cash flow problems. This creates more issues such as:
 - * Projects with more change orders due to desperate subcontractors trying to nickel and dime to avoid losing money.
 - * Substandard projects due to subcontractors who need to cut corners by cheating the wage laws or using substandard workmanship or materials to complete their portion of the project at the lower price the GC asked them to take.
 - * Results in projects that are delayed due to disputes between the GC and subcontractor or the need to rework the project, which ultimately causes a delay of final payments to both the GC and all subcontractors on the project.

Bid shopping is such a pervasive practice that the national organizations of the Associated General Contractors, Associated Specialty Contractors and the American Subcontractors Association have jointly denounced the practice of bid shopping as unethical and unwarranted in the construction industry.

Hawaii got it right when it required sublisting in the Procurement Code. It is better for the State, better for the Procurement Officer and better for thousands of small businesses across the state.

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Hawaii Masons & Plasterers Training

1188 Sand Island Parkway - Honolulu, HI 96819
808-848-0565 (Office) - 808-847-7068 (Fax)

2nd Quarter Safety Training Classes



Listed below are the safety classes being offered to all Local IUOBAC members. We will try to accommodate additional classes on a case by case basis. Contact Training Coordinator Ikaika Castillo at 808-478-8961, icastillo@masonsunion.com or Patrick Coronas at 808-741-6971, pcoronas@masonsunion.com to register. Note: Class dates and times are subject to change. A minimum of 10 students is required to conduct each class. If a class is cancelled, all registered students will be placed in the next scheduled class.

Eligible: Members of Hawaii Masons Union Local #1, IUOBAC. Aerial Work Platform Safety, Forklift Safety, OSHA 10 hour and ACI Certifications are also available. Contact the coordinators to be placed in the next available class.

FIRST AID/CPR/AED

Date	Day	Time	Location
April 10	Wednesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
April 25	Thursday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Maui CC
May 6	Monday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
May 22	Wednesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Kauai CC
June 10	Monday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Hawaii CC
June 11	Tuesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island

FALL PROTECTION

April 29	Monday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
May 7	Tuesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
May 16	Thursday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Hawaii CC
May 21	Tuesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Kauai CC
May 23	Thursday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Maui CC
June 25	Tuesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
June 26	Wednesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Kauai CC

NEW SILICA STANDARD

April 30	Tuesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
May 8	Wednesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island
May 13	Monday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Hawaii CC
May 14	Tuesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Kauai HCC
May 30	Thursday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Maui CC
June 12	Wednesday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Hawaii CC
June 27	Thursday	4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Sand Island