



Wainee Project on Maui Named One of American Society of Landscape Architects Best of Hawaii's Projects in 2006

HONOLULU, Hawaii – *July 25, 2006* - The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Hawaii Chapter, recognized five firms for 11 outstanding projects at the 2006 ASLA Hawaii Chapter Professional Design Awards. PBR HAWAII received five awards, Walters, Kimura, Motoda, Inc. received three awards, Belt Collins received two awards and Loriann Gordon, ASLA, and Dana Anne Yee, ASLA, each received one award. Winners were selected from four categories: private residences and gardens, analysis and planning, research or communications, and general design. The ASLA Hawaii Chapter professional design awards are held every three years.

In the research or communications category, **PBR HAWAII** received an honor award for the Waiale Community Plan Brochure (Maui) and its thorough and concise summary of a grass-roots community based planning effort that represents possible future efforts. “The plan is a very successful integration of the community’s immediate and long range goals,” said jury member Jason Umemoto, ASLA, Umemoto & Cassandro Design Corp.

PBR HAWAII was also recognized with an honor award for the Wainee Community Master Plan (Maui) and its professional contribution involving the community, private and public interests and an innovative urban and transportation plan. “The Wainee Community Master Plan is comprehensive and easy to read,” said jury member Boyd Ready, Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii president. “It also shows excellent community based planning effort initiated by a private corporation,” he continued.

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) serves more than 14,000 members nationwide in public, private and academic practice. ASLA's purpose is the advancement of knowledge, education, and skill in the art and science of landscape architecture as an instrument of service for the public welfare. It is committed to advancing the understanding and awareness of the role of landscape architects in developing environments that are creative, inspiring, functional and enjoyable. The Hawai'i Chapter of ASLA combines those commitments with issues and initiatives that are closer to home. For more information visit www.hawaiiasla.org.

Other Award Winners:

This year, **Walters, Kimura, Motoda, Inc.** took the highest honors receiving the Award of Excellence in the general design category, for the front lot landscape architecture at the Queen's Medical Center.

"The Queen's Medical Center is simple, inviting and hospitable," said Paul Weissich, ASLA, Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens, one of the jury members. "It creates a pleasant entrance to the Capitol district," he added. Jury members also described the architecture as having gracious and flowing landscape spaces and beautiful pathways.

Entries in the general design category are judged on quality design, functionalism, relationship to context, environmental responsibility and relevance to the profession, the public and the environment.

Four honor awards were also presented in each category. **Loriann Gordon Landscape Architect** on the Island of Hawaii won an honor award for The Mullin Residence at the Hualalai Resort (Hawaii). "The Mullin Residence landscape displayed a very high level of unity of design treatment and enhancement of habitable space without over relying on props." said jury member Dean Minakami, American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter.

In the general design category, **Walters, Kimura, Motoda, Inc.** received an honor award for the Kalia Tower in Waikiki, which was recognized for conquering the challenges of designing at an urban site. "There is a good sense of scale regarding plant massings, sidewalls and sculpture at the Kalia Tower," said jury member Steve Mechler,

ASLA, Mechler Corporation president. “The realignment of the sidewalk from the street edge through the garden was also successful,” he added.

The ASLA awarded a total of six merit awards this year. In the private residences and gardens category, **PBR HAWAII** was recognized for the Kolea Beach Club at the Waikoloa Resort on the Island of Hawaii. Judges described the architecture as spatially interesting and also said their use of landscaping was appropriate.

Dana Anne Yee, Landscape Architect, LLC, also received a merit award in the private residences and gardens category for architecture at Maryknoll High School.

In the general design category, **Belt Collins** was recognized with a merit award for the Pauoa Beach Club on the Island of Hawaii. Jury members described their landscape plan as a pleasing, simple, elegant, and strong.

PBR HAWAII received another merit award in the analysis and planning category for their University of Hawaii-West Oahu Long Range Development Plan. The plan was recognized as a well-planned Kapolei improvement and for its strong interaction between public and private development.

Walters, Kimura, Motoda, Inc. was also recognized in the analysis and planning category for Base Exterior Architecture Plans in Japan. The plans stood out for its good balance of technical reports and creative sketches, as well as its research, presentation and improvements upon public spaces appropriate to landscape architecture.

PBR HAWAII received a third merit award for their Kealakehe/Laiopua Regional Community Development Plan (Hawaii) in the research or communications category for its attractive brochure that was clearly presented.

All entries to the 2006 Professional Awards were reviewed by a jury including Stephen Mechler, ASLA, Mechler Corporation president; Jason Umemoto, ASLA, Umemoto Cassandro Design Corp.; Dean Minakami, American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter; Boyd Ready, Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii president; Peter Vincent, AIA Hawaii Chapter vice-president; and Paul Weissich, ASLA, Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens.

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