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## CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR "ACCESSIBLE DESIGN AWARDS" AND PRESENTATIONS FOR DISABILITY ACCESS CONFERENCE

HONOLULU -- The State of Hawaii Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is seeking proposals for presentations for their upcoming "2007 Disability Access Conference: Design For All". All proposals must be received by January 31, 2007. Interested individuals can go to "Conference Call for Papers" on the DCAB website: <u>www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab</u> for the proposal requirements and application form.

DCAB is also seeking entries for the first "Accessible Design Awards," recognizing buildings, facilities and sites that are not only accessible but also aesthetic, functional and that enhance the entire user experience. Projects will be judged in three categories: 1) Public Design (Non-residential); 2) Private Design (Non-Residential) and 3) Residential Design (Public or Private). Award recipients will be honored and recognized at the 2007 Disability Access Conference in September. Interested individuals, businesses or design firms can go to "Call for Entries" on the DCAB website <u>www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab</u> for the submittal requirements and entry form. All entries must be received by 4:00 pm, June 15, 2007.

Printed and electronic copies can be obtained by contacting Mona Higa or Laurie Palenske at the Disability and Communication Access Board at **586-8121** (Phone/TTY) or by email at <u>mona.higa@doh.hawaii.gov</u> or <u>laurie.palenske@doh.hawaii.gov</u>.

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