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BIA-Hawaii's iconic awards competition has been re-imagined. BIA-Hawaii’s Renaissance Competition, now the Building Industry Design & Construction Awards celebrated competition winners at a glamorous gala on October 12 at The Modern Honolulu. Finalists competed for Grand and Overall Grand Awards in categories ranging from Outdoor Living to Commercial Remodeling.

HONOLULU – The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii) and the National Kitchen & Bath Association Aloha Chapter (NKBA Aloha Chapter) honored Hawaii architects, builders, contractors and designers on October 12 at The MODERN Honolulu during the Building Industry Design & Construction Gala. The BIA-Hawaii competition, known as the Renaissance Competition, has gone through its own renaissance over the last year. The re-imagined competition continues to attract dozens of local building professionals, but categories and criteria were adjusted to meet evolving market conditions and consumer trends.

Multi-family Developments made the category list for the very first time in a competition that has taken place for more than 30 years. Developments like The Howard Hughes Corporation’s Ward Village, Hi-arch-y’s Keauhou Lane, Philpotts Interiors Park Lane at Ala Moana and Armstrong Builder’s Keala o Wailea were additions that illustrate the way that the competition and development in Hawaii have changed over the course of the last few decades. Where single-family homes have dominated the competition in previous years, mixed-use and multi-family developments resulted in a crowded field of competition. While the entries were plentiful, housing remains tight on the islands as residents seek options. D.R. Horton’s Ho’opili Development includes plans for affordable housing on Oahu and Clifford Planning & Architecture’s Kulamalu Hale on Maui took home a Grand Award in the Affordable Housing Rentals Division. Kulamalu Hale is an affordable workforce rental housing project which consists of 56 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units in six townhouse buildings on more than 4 acres of Maui up-country property.
Another standout of the evening was the variety of spectacular commercial renovations and new developments across the state. The Howard Hughes Corporation’s South Shore Market took home the Overall Grand Award in the New Commercial Category, but AHL’s Kamehameha School’s Keku‘iapoiwa Learning Center Renovation and Fung Associate Inc.’s Historic Landmark Renovation, Ft. Shafter Building 112 at Palm Circle were certainly sentimental favorites for their moving scope and vision. The commercial finalists provided attendees an impressive snapshot of the changing tastes and nature of commercial development on the islands.

Green building made an impressive showing in this year's competition. More than ever, projects in both the commercial and residential divisions emphasized the incorporation of green building techniques throughout the planning and building process, even when the projects were not specifically entered in the green division. From Armstrong Builder’s Lau Hala Shops Renovation which recycled vast portions of the building into the redesign to Mokulua High Performance Builders and Peter Vincent Architect’s Kahala Thai residence which is certified LEED Platinum. The emphasis on energy efficiency and mitigating the impacts of building were evident in nearly every project submitted in the competition. D.R. Horton’s Ho'opili Development, from Konane Park to Iliahi illustrated how developers have worked to serve residents and the community through the careful use of parks and community gardens. The Ho'opili Development made way for more than 200.

For the second year, BIA-Hawaii partnered with the NKBA Aloha Chapter to recognize excellence in kitchen and bath design. Judy Dawson’s Hui Aloha Kitchen represented some of the work happening in condominium renovations across the island. Condominium renovations are on the rise in both older and newer buildings. J.R. Ludlow, AKBD of Inspiration Design Studios took home the top award in the kitchen and bath division while Shelley Tanner, CKD of John Cook Kitchens, a frequent award winner, took home two second place prizes and the NKBA’s Highest Technical Award.

A complete list of winners and project descriptions are available in the November issue of Hawaii Home + Remodeling Magazine. In addition, winners and projects are listed below. Hawaii Home + Remodeling Magazine, Hawaiian Electric Companies, Servco Home and Appliance Distribution, HK Construction and Riggs Distributing are all BIA-Hawaii Corporate Sponsors. Homeworks Construction generously sponsored the 2018 Building Industry Design & Construction Awards Gala.

List of winners:

AHL, Overall Grand and Grand Award Commercial Remodeling, Queen Lili‘uokalani Trust 2nd Floor Renovation

The Howard Hughes Corporation, Overall Grand and Grand Award New Commercial, Grand Award Residential Details, Ward Village

Fung Associates, Inc., Overall and Grand Award Residential Remodeling, Villa Loulu
Hawaii Modern Interior Design, Overall and Grand Award New Residential, HH+R Magazine Editor's Choice Award, Weil-Manuma Residence

Barker Kappelle Construction, Overall Grand and Grand Award New Residential, Kailua Road Modern Plantation

ADM Architecture + Interiors, Grand Award, Commercial Remodeling, Dukes Lane Market & Eatery

AHL, Grand Award Commercial Remodeling, Kamehameha Schools Keku'iapo'iwa Learning Center

NewGround International, Grand Award Commercial Details, Hickam Federal Credit Union

C&J Contracting, Grand Award Residential Details, Sorrells

Hi-arch-y, Grand Award Hawaii Built Green Commercial and Multi-family Development, Keauhou Lane

Mokulua High Performance Builders & Peter Vincent Architects, Grand Award Hawaii Built Green Residential, Kahala Thai Residence

Fung Associates, Inc, Grand Award Historical Renovation, Fort Shafter Building 112 at Palm Circle

Armstrong Builders, Grand Award, Landscaping Commercial, Lau Hala Shops

Judy Dawson CKD, Grand Award Residential Remodeling, up to $200,000, NKBA Maika'I Loa Award, Hui Aloha Kitchen

Homeworks Construction, Grand Award Residential Remodeling, more than $450,000, Iosivas

Design Trends Construction, Grand Award Bathroom, Akele Residence

Shelley Tanner, CKD, NKBA Highest Technical Award, Hanohano Award, My Happy Place

J.R. Ludlow, AKBD, NKBA Phil Zweedyk Award, Diamond Head Retreat

Shelley Tanner, CKD, Hanohano Award, Modern Zen

Archipelago Hawaii Luxury Home Design, Maika'i Loa Award, Tuscan Oasis

Archipelago Hawaii, Mokulua High Performance Builders, Peter Vincent Architects, Grand Award New Residential $800,000-$999,999, Hale Kahakai
Gentry Homes, Grand Award New Residential $500,000-$800,000, SeaBridge by Gentry Plan 2 Kainani

D.R. Horton, Grand Award Outdoor Living, Konane Park at Ho'opili

AHL, Grand Award Public Works, National Memorial of the Pacific Public Information Center & Administration Building

D.R. Horton, Grand Award Landscaping Residential, Iliahi at Ho'opili

Clifford Planning & Architecture, Grand Award Affordable Housing Rentals, Kulamalu Hale

Philpotts Interiors, Grand Award Multi-family Development, more than $800,000 per unit, Park Lane at Ala Moana

Aloha Petroleum & MC Architects, Grand Award New Commercial, 7,500-15,000 sq. ft.

Homeworks Construction, Carl Reppun, Builder of the Year Award

**About BIA-Hawaii**

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii) is the voice of the construction industry. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit trade organization chartered in 1955 and is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) with members including developers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers and associates. BIA-Hawaii members build the living spaces that we call home and the organization is dedicated to supporting the residents of Hawaii and the building industry by promoting policies and programs to improve the safety and availability of housing at all price points.

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