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Hawaii Lumber Products Association Presents a Professional Development Class for Industry Tradesmen

Two-day April Class Titled "Wood Design Seminar"

(*Honolulu, Hawaii*), January 9, 2008 – The Hawaii Lumber Products Association (HLPA) will present a two-day wood design seminar on Tuesday and Wednesday April 15 and 16, 2008, for engineers, architects, contractors and others involved in wood construction at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. The course, designed by the American Wood Council, will be presented by Robert Taylor and Jim Bowman. Participants who complete the course will receive professional credits.

The first day's seminar will cover topics such as, design standards for wood-frame construction at any scale, allowable stress design methodology of the national design specs for wood construction and new developments, and provisions for the 2005 NDS (R) for wood construction and the wood frame construction manual 2001 national edition and how to apply them.

On the second day participants will learn to become familiar with provisions of the WFCM and the Commentary to the WFCM, how to design a 2-story house for seismic and wind loading by a design demonstration and through the WFCM workbook gain the ability to execute similar designs.

"We are pleased to be able to host this seminar for the industry professionals here in Hawaii who can benefit from additional knowledge of building with wood," said Hap Person, President of HLPA. "As Hawaii continues to grow and the need to build new or replace older structures escalates we feel this course should help the building and construction industry to stay on top of current trends and technologies that are available. "

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Dr. Robert Taylor is a PhD holder and the current Director of Technology Transfer at AF&PA. Previously he was the Professor of Structures at Montana State University and is an award-winning speaker and educator on the topic of wood design. His colleague in conducting the Wood Design Seminar, Jim Bowman is the current Northwest Regional Manager of the American Forest and Paper Association. In the past he has also served as a building official, inspector, plan reviewer and a building code consultant.

For more information or to obtain registration materials, please contact the Hawaii Lumber Products Association at ???

The HLPAs are comprised of professionals representing the development and construction industry as well as building material producers and service companies. They are committed to the education and promotion of lumber products as the best choice for home construction in Hawaii. To find out more about building with lumber visit www.hawaiilumber.com.

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