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STATE PRESENTS 2009 DISABILITY ACCESS CONFERENCE: DESIGN FOR ALL

HONOLULU — The State of Hawai'i Disability and Communication Access Board will present the 2009 Disability Access Conference: Design for All on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at the Ala Moana Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Design for All promotes “people-centered” designs that personify not just accessibility, but the ability to create buildings and facilities that respect people of all ages and abilities, including children, adults, seniors or individuals with disabilities.

The full-day conference will be an opportunity for project and facility managers, design professionals, engineers, and contractors to learn and share ideas on how to create social and physical environments which successfully integrate accessible solutions with diverse user needs.

Featured speakers include Mr. Jack Catlin, AIA who will present a keynote presentation on how universal design was defined and integrated into the design of the Access Living's Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. The design received the 2007 Barrier-Free America Award from the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Ms. Peggy Greenwell of the U.S. Access Board will be presenting the New ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines: An Overview of Application, Enforcement and Format.

General registration cost is \$140 prior to August 21, 2009 and \$160 after August 21, 2009. For a student or person with a disability, registration is \$80 prior to August 21 (limited to the first 30

registering), and \$110 after August 21. An advanced program and registration form is available online at: www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab.

The 2009 Accessible Design Award winners will be recognized at the luncheon which begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Hibiscus Ballroom.

Questions regarding the conference and luncheon can be directed to Mona Higa or Laurie Palenske at the Disability and Communication Access Board at 586-8121 (v/tty) or via email at mona.higa@doh.hawaii.gov or laurie.palenske@doh.hawaii.gov.

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