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Professional Architect License Renewal Due in April 30, 2010

Every two years, renewal of professional licenses for Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Landscape Architects is required to practice in the State of Hawaii. The due date for license renewal is April 30, 2010. Architects (and Engineers, Surveyors and Landscape Architects) are reminded to update their license in a timely manner. Architects, by renewing their license, certify that they have met the sixteen hours of continuing education (CE) over the biennium in public protection topics such as health, safety and welfare (HSW); as required by the State of Hawaii. This equates to eight CE credits per year. Fulfillment of the CE requirement is subject to random audit.

For people that became newly licensed with the State within the biennium there are specific CE requirements: if a person was licensed during the 1st year of the biennium, 8 CE credits are required. If licensed during the 2nd year of the biennium, no CE is required. Generally and in most cases, the AIA National continuing education HSW requirement for members will also meet the State provision. Members are advised to maintain and keep their education transcripts up to date in case of audit.

Architects are encouraged to renew online at: <http://pvl.ehawaii.gov/renewals>. The online service should be accessible the first week of March 2010. A discount for renewing online may be available, but please check the website first. The amount of discount is pending as of this writing. Paper renewals will cost about \$150.

Remember, it is your responsibility to notify the State of Hawaii, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational License Division of any changes to your data including address, contact information and status. Mailings to licensees are planned for March 2010. To assist in accuracy of mailings please be sure to have the current and correct contact information listed with the State. Links for more information may be found at: www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/engineer

Don't risk losing your license. Renew on time! In a worst case scenario if you forfeit your Hawaii license, and are not currently licensed in another state, you would need to complete the Intern Development Program (IDP) to restore your license. Be aware that the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) new IDP policy of only reporting 6 months of training at a time may affect your ability to timely complete IDP. As an observation this can become burdensome for seasoned practitioners; if not impossible to re-document your education, hours of training, and verification of supervisors and mentors that may be long gone. You have strived hard to earn your license to practice architecture, so protect this valuable asset by marking your calendar now.

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