

HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER TOP AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2021** GBAC STAR™ Accreditation. The Hawai'i Convention Center is the first meetings venue in Hawaii to earn the Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ Facility [Accreditation](#), after meeting rigorous standards for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention. The GBAC STAR Accreditation Program is performance-based and designed to help facilities establish a comprehensive system of proper cleaning protocols, disinfection techniques and work practices to combat biohazards and infectious disease like the novel coronavirus. The Center joins a select group of meetings and events facilities that are accredited by GBAC, which is a division of ISSA, the world's leading cleaning industry association. To achieve accreditation, the Center was required to demonstrate compliance with the program's 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. There is an annual reaccreditation process.
- 2020** Hawai'i Green Business Program Award – The Hawai'i Convention Center was among the 20 businesses, venues and events to receive the Hawaii Green Business Program (HGBP)'s Hawaii Green Business Program award for undertaking energy efficiency and sustainable business practices that will help their bottom line while advancing Hawaii's clean energy and sustainability goals. A partnership between Hawaii's Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Health; Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and the Board of Water Supply, this program highlights businesses that are dedicated to creating a sustainable Hawaii.
- Pacific Edge Magazine "" award – General Manager Teri Orton was recognized by Pacific Edge Magazine's Business Achievement Awards. This award recognized a hospitality executive whose skill, foresight, agility, and vision have enabled them to navigate their business or organization through the changing times, while making a positive contribution to Hawai'i's critically important hospitality industry.
- 2019** 2019 Venue Excellence Award - International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM). The Venue Excellence Award recognizes five IAVM venues of any type within the membership which demonstrate excellence in the management and operation of public assembly venues.
- 2019 Smart Stars Award for Best Convention Center– Smart Meetings
- 2019 Smart Women in Meetings (Smart Meetings) -Smart Meetings, a leading media company has named Hawaii Convention Center General Manager, Teri Orton, among the 29 Industry Leaders in its annual Smart Women in Meetings Awards. This prestigious awards platform serves as a celebrated benchmark for women who are making significant impacts on the meetings industry in North America.
- 2019 President's Excellence Award for Sanitation - Best in Class for Convention Centers from Levy Restaurants, the Center's food and beverage service partner. UL Everclean, a third-party food safety and sanitation audit company, audited the Center three times in 2019, with the Center receiving the highest UL Everclean audit score (99.61 percent) within the Levy Restaurants convention center group.
- 2018 – 2019** Prime Site Award - Facilities & Destinations Magazine
Smart Meetings Platinum Choice Award Winner
- 2017 – 2019** SportsEvents Magazine Readers' Choice Award

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- 2017 – 2020** Stella Awards Winner for Best Convention Center in the Far West Region - The Stella Awards recognize hotels, convention centers, conference centers, airlines, cruise lines, DMO/CVBs, and DMCs that consistently deliver quality service and innovation to meeting and events professionals. Finalists in each category were determined by industry professionals during an open voting period, while winners were selected by an expert panel of judges overseen by the editors of Northstar Meetings Group's leading brands, Meetings & Conventions and Successful Meetings.
- 2018** LEED EBOM v4 O + M Gold Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
- 2018 Woman of the Year, by the Women in Lodging & Tourism – Hawaii Chapter, an affiliate of the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA) - awarded to Teri Orton, General Manager of the Hawai'i Convention Center. The annual hospitality industry award goes to a woman with outstanding leadership in her profession and community
- Hawai'i Green Business Program Award Commendation – The Hawai'i Convention Center attained the Po'okela Level (excellence in Leadership) for the Hawai'i Green Business Program for venues. The state's Hawaii Green Business Program (HGBP) assists and recognizes businesses that strive to operate in an environmentally, culturally and socially responsible manner.
- Best Congress and Convention Center, North America - Business Destinations Travel Awards 2018
- Prevue Visionary Award Winner (Silver) for Best Convention Center (Western USA)
- 1999-2016** Prime Site Award for 18 Consecutive Years – Facilities & Destinations Magazine
- 2016** Facilities & Destinations Magazine 2016 ELITE Awards, Convention Executive Category – Awarded to General Manager, Teri Orton. The award recognizes the top professionals making a difference in the meetings industry.
- Smart Meetings 2016 Platinum Choice Award for Meet Hawai'i - Honors premier CVBs, hotels and venues for outstanding service from across North America.
- Hawai'i Green Business Program Award Commendation – The Hawai'i Convention Center was recognized for environmental stewardship by the State of Hawai'i, Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, the Hawai'i Department of Health and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i. HCC achieved the highest level of Ma'o Hau Hele, venues leading the way in sustainability.
- 2016 AIPC Apex Award for World's Best Congress Center - The Hawaii Convention Center Ranked Top 3 Among 200 of the World's Best Convention Centers. The AIPC Apex Award is made bi-annually in recognition of the highest client rating received by a convention center on the basis of a comprehensive analysis of center performance based on customer satisfaction surveys. An independent "blind" evaluation process carried out by Ipsos, a recognized international market research company, ensures an objective analysis of the data which addresses a series of factors including center facilities, project management capabilities, catering and technical capacity.

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- 2015-2016** Green Event Award – 2015 Hawai'i Tourism Conference – The Hawai'i Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, the Hawai'i Department of Health and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i
- 2012-2013**
2013-2014 Green Event Award – Hawai'i Build & Buy Green Conference – The Hawai'i Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, the Hawai'i Department of Health and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i
- 2012** Best Convention Host Award – As voted by the more than 11,000 readers who participated in Premier Traveler magazine's "Best of 2012" survey. The Center was the only convention facility in the country and the only Hawai'i facility to be honored in 2012.
- Distinctive Achievement Award – Recognizes the top five U.S. convention centers for excellence in meetings assistance and service – Association Conventions & Facilities magazine
- \$79,781 Incentive Award/Rebate for Variable Frequency Drive Installation – Hawai'i Energy
- Koa Anvil 2012 Award of Excellence – Hawai'i Convention Center Reputation/Brand Management for Travel/Tourism/Hospitality – Awarded by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Hawai'i Chapter for "Road to APEC" outreach
- Koa Anvil 2012 Award of Excellence – Hawai'i Convention Center Events & Observances for Travel/Tourism/Hospitality – Awarded by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Hawai'i Chapter for the April 2011 American Academy of Neurology Brain Health Fair
- 2011** Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Support Recognition – Sendai Aloha Society
- 2010** Resolution Commending the Hawai'i Convention Center for the Acquisition of the 2015 Lions Club International Convention for the State of Hawai'i
- Association Meetings Magazine Inner Circle Award – Top Convention Centers Category – Recognition for Excellence in Quality and Service in the Meetings and Hospitality Industry
- 2008-2010** Best in Business Travel Award for "Best Conference or Convention Center/City" for Three Consecutive Years – Business Traveler magazine, the world's leading publication for frequent business travelers
- 2009** PCMA Chairman's Award – Professional Convention Management Association
- 2008** Proclamation Award – Hawai'i Convention Center Day, Dec. 11 – Mayor Mufi Hannemann, City & County of Honolulu
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition – 2008 Sponsor – Hawai'i Botball Regional Tournament - Rep. Neil Abercrombie
- 2007** Lead Sponsor Recognition: Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement & National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development – 2007 Joint Annual Convention

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- Tour de Trash – Certificate of Merit – City & County of Honolulu, U.S. Conference of Mayors' 2007 City Livability Award for Outstanding Achievement
- Betty Crocker Landscape Award – Professional Gardens Award of Excellence – Rooftop Terrace Garden – Scenic Hawai'i, Inc.
- Na Hōkū Hanohano Awards Sponsorship Recognition – Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts
- PBN Women Who Mean Business & Forty Under 40 Sponsorship Recognition – Pacific Business News
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition – 2007 Sponsor – Hawai'i Botball Regional Tournament – Rep. Neil Abercrombie
- 2006** Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement Sponsorship and Recognition Award – 2006 Hawaiian Grammy Nominees Banquet at the 5th Annual Native Hawaiian Convention
- Editor's Choice Recognition – Facilitiesonline.com, The #1 Source for Professional Planners of Conventions, Meetings, Entertainment & Special Events
- HTA 15th Annual Keep It Hawai'i Recognition Award – Certificate of Merit – "Hawaiian Music Nights" – Business Category, City & County of Honolulu
- Association Meetings Magazine Inner Circle Award – Recognition for Excellence in Quality and Service in the Meetings and Hospitality Industry
- Pele Award of Excellence – Japanese Sales Kit – Hawai'i Advertising Federation, an affiliation of the American Advertising Federation
- 2005** \$13,139 Incentive Award/Rebate for Energy Efficient Lighting Installation – Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) Energy Solutions Program
- Meeting Planners Choice Award – Recognition for Excellence in the Hospitality Industry - Meeting News Magazine
- HTA 14th Annual Keep It Hawai'i Recognition Award – Certificate of Merit – "The Hawai'i Advantage" – Business Category, City & County of Honolulu
- Pele Award – "The Hawai'i Advantage" Sales Collateral – Hawai'i Advertising Federation, an affiliation of the American Advertising Federation
- 2004** Incentive Award/Rebate of \$16,650 for the Installation of an Energy Savings Jockey Chiller – HECO's Energy Solutions Program
- Kupukupu Sponsorship 2004 Certificate of Appreciation – Native Hawaiian Hospitality Assn
- 2003** Betty Crocker Landscape Award – Scenic Hawai'i, Inc.
- Client Appreciation – ASAE (The Center for Association Leadership) Hawai'i 2003
- 2002** Governor's Kilohana Award for Outstanding Volunteerism – State of Hawai'i – Ambassadors of Aloha Docent Tour Program, Hawai'i Convention Center

Client Appreciation Plaque – Society of American Travel Writers – October 2002

2001 AIA Design Award - Award of Excellence and the Mayor's Choice Award - Honolulu Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Aloha United Way Appreciation Award – 2001 AUW HCC Visitor Team Chair

2000 Certificate of Achievement – “Recycling and Waste Reduction,” C&C of Honolulu

1999 Ten Most Innovative Architectural Projects of the 1990's – Building Industry Magazine Hawai'i Convention Center judged No. 1 in a survey of Hawai'i architectural projects

1998 National Design-Build Award for Best Public Project Over \$15 million - Design-Build Institute of America. Designed by LMN Architects and Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo. The single source general contractor was Nordic/PCL.