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BIA-Hawaii Wins National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Award

HONOLULU (February 19, 2021) - BIA-Hawaii is pleased to announce **First Place** recognition by the NAHB for their State/Local Association **Safety Program of the Year**.

The *NAHB/Builders Mutual Insurance Company Safety Award For Excellence (SAFE)* recognized BIA-Hawaii nationwide above other home building association applicants as a leader in **Jobsite Safety** for its collaborative work in facilitating the **2020 Industry Commitment Pledge & Jobsite Safety Checklist**. BIA-Hawaii participated in this important initiative during the pandemic with local partners, members, agencies and affiliates. The award recognizes BIA-Hawaii's efforts toward cross-industry collaboration, awareness and prevention activities at the onslaught of the pandemic. BIA-Hawaii worked tirelessly to promote the building industry as essential to Hawaii's economy and has been successful thus far in keeping the industry at the forefront of the minds of government officials when dealing with the pandemic and multiple economic shutdowns.

"BIA-Hawaii is honored to be nationally recognized as a leader in Safety Programs as we worked diligently in 2020 to achieve exemplary safety and health programs for the residential construction industry. We believe this program made a huge impact locally and contributed to the essential classification our industry saw throughout the year, while building and construction sectors in many other areas of the nation were less fortunate," said Jess Leorna, BIA-Hawaii CEO.

The award was conferred at the NAHB IBSx conference held virtually in February. BIA-Hawaii's board president Beau Nobmann accepted the award on behalf of the Association. For more information and to view the video on the SAFE Award winners, please visit: <https://www.nahb.org/nahb-community/awards/SAFE-Awards/nahb-builders-mutual-safety-award-for-excellence-winners>

About BIA-Hawaii

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii) is the VOICE of the construction industry and a not-for-profit trade organization chartered in 1955. BIA-Hawaii 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. BIA-Hawaii's Industry Elite Partners are Armstrong Builders and Castle & Cooke, and BIA-Hawaii's 2021 corporate sponsors are Hawaiian Electric Company, HPM Building Supply, Riggs Distributing, Bays Lung Rose Voss Attorneys at Law, and Gentry Homes. Follow updates about BIA-Hawaii on biahawaii.org and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/biahawaii), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/biahawaii) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/biahawaii).

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