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trusses also are very versatile, especially in accepting complicated roof designs." As an example he cites wood rafter overhangs he manufactured recently for a Kai Lani at Ko Olina project that incorporated a special rounded cut.

A new product available through Precision is a complete "plate-line and up" roof-framing package for builders. The package, says Myers, "includes all necessary lumber needed to complete the entire roof framing, such as valley rafters, valley blocking, 'out lookers' for gable ends, drywall backing in vaulted ceiling areas, and necessary bracing lumber. In the past, builders would get a quote on trusses and then have to figure out what other lumber materials are needed to complete the roof package after the trusses are delivered. Tract home builders especially



Ipe hardwood decking from Brazil, shown here, is now available at Hardware Hawaii. It's known for its strength and durability.

like this trend because estimators can receive a price on a complete 'plate-line and up' roof-framing package and not worry about the

accuracy of materials needed to finish the roof framing. In the end, it helps to save both time and money."

HLPA: A Unified Voice

"A non-profit association dedicated to providing education and information support to design architects, builder/developers and carpenters," according to HWT's Hap Person, the Hawaii Lumber Products

use of lumber products as a preferred building material of Hawaii's total construction industry," says Person. "We decided it was time to let our voices be heard as a group to



Hap Person, HPLA president

protect the interests of the vast majority of licensed home builders, remodelers and skilled carpenters, who for many years and continuing today to build quality homes for Hawaii's people with treated lumber and wood products." Technical and informational support for design and building professionals will be available through local and national web sites and factual literature.

Person says the association will be funding a campaign to educate consumers on the benefits of lumber, specifically related to Hawaii's unique climate conditions. "A 2004 membership and fundraising drive has begun," adds Person. "Strong participation by Hawaii builders and lumber businesses will add strength and credibility. Major mainland lumber mills, preservation suppliers and shipping or handling companies already have committed to support and fund this important effort. HPLA welcomes all Hawaii's building

industry professionals and supply companies to join together in a united voice to tell the truth about wood as a high quality and durable building product."



In keeping with its goal to disseminate information on the advantages of lumber, the HPLA provided an exhibit during the recent AIA/CSI Building Trade Expo. The booth is being manned by Larry Lanning of Hardware Hawaii.

Association was formed in May 2003 by leaders of several lumbers companies statewide.

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