

HLPA Hosts Design Seminar

The Hawaii Lumber Products Association will be presenting a two-day professional development class entitled "Wood Design Seminar" on April 15 and 16 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The course, designed by the American Wood Council, will be presented by Robert Taylor, Ph.D., and Jim Bowman, national experts in the industry, and is intended for engineers, architects, contractors and others involved in wood construction. Participants who complete the course will receive professional credits.

"The HLPA is pleased to be able to host this seminar for the industry professionals here in Hawaii who

can benefit from additional knowledge of building with wood," said Dave Rinell, vice president of HLPA. "As Hawaii continues to grow and the need to build new or replace older structures escalates, we feel this course should help the building and construction industry to stay on top of current trends and technologies that are available."

The first day's seminar will cover topics such as design standards for wood-frame construction at any scale, allowable stress design methodology of the national design specs for wood construction and new developments, and provisions for the 2005 NDS (National Design Specifications) for wood construction and the

Wood Frame Construction Manual (WFCM) 2001 national edition and how to apply them.

On the second day participants will learn to become familiar with provisions of the WFCM and the commentary to the WFCM, how to design a two-story house for seismic and wind loading by a design demonstration and through the WFCM workbook gain the ability to execute similar designs.

Taylor is the current director of technology transfer at American Forest & Paper Association and is an award-winning speaker and educator on the topic of wood design. Bowman is the current Northwest regional manager of the AF & PA.