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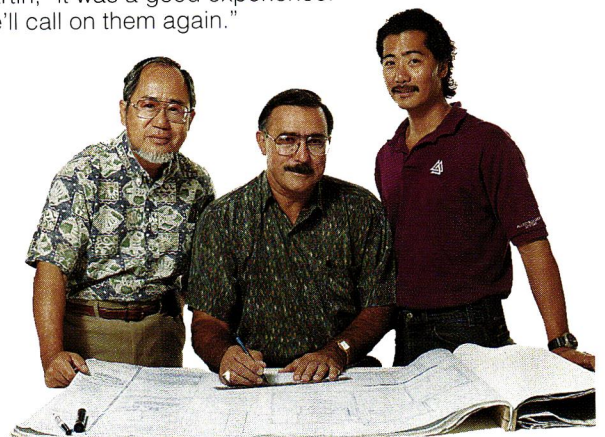
Craftsmanship: On Time and Within Budget

Continental Airlines' new 5,000 sf executive lounge (which more than doubles its original space at Honolulu International Airport) is a case in point.

"We wanted our *President's Club* to be a relaxing, peaceful haven for travelers to unwind in quiet comfort," observes Continental's *Bill Martin*. "And, we wanted the job done as fast as possible to accommodate our clients."

Recalls Project Architect *Dennis Lee*, AIA, of Peter Hsi & Associates: "Both budget and schedule were concerns. Our design response was a living room like setting with kamaaina styling—using subdued lighting, koa wood and natural stone."

Both owner and architect applaud Allied Builders' seasoned contracting skills, sensitivity and "as advertised" spirit of cooperation. "All things considered," concludes Martin, "it was a good experience. We'll call on them again."



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Leadership message

Communicating Effectively with State Agencies

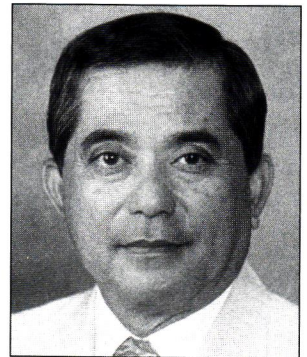
by Stanley S. Gima, AIA
President

Last month, I outlined the main areas of work that the AIA Hawaii State Council (AIAHSC) has to continuously monitor and provide the leadership for. The first of six main areas was covered in last month's article (legislative work). This month's discussion is about our efforts to communicate effectively with state agencies.

Because the AIAHSC is the state component of the American Institute of Architects, we must provide that vital link between state agencies and individual AIA members (or AIA chapters). To accomplish this, we have set up liaison committees to monitor the state agencies including:

1. Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)
2. Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA)
3. Department of Transportation (DOT)
4. Other state agencies

There may be other liaison committees or task forces created, as the need arises. Recently, an ad hoc committee was created to work with the Department of Health and Human Services on a problem area related to permits for ventilation and air conditioning, known as a "Form-1 Permit." After it was determined to be a common problem with most architects, the AIAHSC, in cooperation with our engineering counterparts (CECH), formed an ad hoc committee headed by Steve Heller, AIA, to approach the State Department of Health. After meeting several times



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with the appropriate people, the committee is progressing cooperatively toward a plan to improve and speed up the processing of Form-1 applications.

The above is an illustration of the power of "communicating effectively" with a state agency. It does no good to simply criticize or castigate individual employees at a state agency. They are doing their best and should not be blamed for the inadequacies of the system. Instead, creative and cooperative solutions can be initiated by making your ideas known to AIAHSC.

Once we determined that a problem is common to other architects, we can work on it, using the leverage of the AIAHSC and its total AIA membership behind it.

Ideas on this topic can be called in or faxed to us at the AIAHSC office. Member participation could make a meaningful impact, and fellow AIA members will benefit from all ideas and suggestions.