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**CITY RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE WASTE DISPOSAL**  
*H-POWER WINS SWANA 2013 EXCELLENCE AWARD*

HONOLULU – The City and County of Honolulu was named the winner of the SWANA **Silver** Excellence Award in the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) category for H-POWER by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). The award was presented today at SWANA's annual conference, **WASTECON**<sup>®</sup>, in Long Beach, Calif.

“Converting opala into renewable energy, eliminating the need for 1 million barrels of imported oil annually, and generating revenue through energy sales to HECO make H-POWER an integral part of the city’s sustainable future,” Mayor Kirk Caldwell stated.

H-POWER, which provides unique and innovative contributions to the WTE field by having both refuse-derived fuel and mass burn technologies on the same site, allows for comprehensive and strategic management of the island’s wastes. Additionally, H-POWER produces up to 73 megawatts of net renewable baseload power, reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels.

“H-POWER is critical to the city’s solid waste management plan and allows for nearly complete diversion of municipal solid waste from Oahu’s only landfill,” said Lori Kahikina, director of the Department of Environmental Services.

SWANA’s Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs.

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