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### **Hawaii Modular Space Scores Two National Awards**

(Honolulu, HI- June 7, 2005) - Kama'aina businessman Mike Fox won two national awards from the Modular Building Institute's Annual Convention & Trade Show this year. Fox is the president of local company, Hawaii Modular Space, Inc (HMSI).

HMSI received First Place in the Renovated Reuse under 10,000 square feet category and Best of Show in the Renovated Reuse category for the Ko Olani sales office (Kaka'ako condominium development). The former sales center for a Marriot Vacation Club Time Share Condominium project on the west shore of O'ahu was transformed into a 3,660 square foot sales center for the new Ko Olani condominiums.

Hawaii's condominium market is hot, leading developers to quickly build and sell luxury condominium projects in Honolulu. In the case of Ko Olani, there was an immediate need for a temporary sales office. Building a traditional 3,660 square foot office would have exceeded the available budget and timeframe. Further, a non-modular unit would have created a problem of what to do with the structure following its use.

"Customized modular construction for high-end needs is the way to go. It's cost efficient, can be permanent and/or reusable," said Fox. Modular construction can provide buildings that are pleasing to the eye and blend into their surroundings."

Hawaii Modular Space, a licensed contractor, is a full-service distributor of modular units for O'ahu and neighbor islands. Fox started Hawaii Modular Space at age 29. What started as a one-man operation in 1987, has grown into a 40-employee organization with offices on the neighbor islands. In 1998, Fox started joint company Alaska Modular Space, providing modular construction in Alaska. HMSI recently was ranked as one of Hawaii's Top 25 Best Places to Work.

Hawaii Modular Space distributes factory-built mobile offices, storage containers and custom modular buildings. The structures are preconstructed and delivered in modules, either complete, or assembled on site. In addition to the sales and renting of the trailer and container fleets, customized units have been used for community and recreational centers, medical clinics, banks, computer rooms, communication shelters, training centers or classrooms and laboratories. Modular units are used nation wide, but are a commodity that most do not give much thought. Fox, pushing the envelope with this industry has provided many custom alternatives to traditional buildings.

Some of Hawaii Modular Space's clients include the State of Hawaii, Bank of Hawaii, Ko Olina, Chaminade University, Castle & Cooke, and Aloha Airlines.

Media Note: Photos of Fox and the winning Ko Olani modular sales office are enclosed.

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