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On January 11, representatives from <u>Topa Management Company</u> were awarded an ENERGY STAR Building Plaque for the Topa Financial Center in downtown Honolulu. The ENERGY STAR label is a dual-agency award recognizing the most energy-efficient buildings in the nation. Topa Management Company is recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy for the implementation of energy efficiency measures and initiatives.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce air pollution through increased energy efficiency. The program offers businesses and consumers energy efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations.

In order to qualify for the award, Chief Engineer Rory Reiley, aggressively implemented energy efficiency measures. With the help of Energy Industries, Topa Management Company implemented a complete lighting retrofit of the facility, replacing older inefficient fluorescent lamps with high efficiency lamps and reflectors to reduce energy consumption.

In addition to an efficient lighting system, the Topa Financial Center uses Variable Frequency Drives on their primary centrifugal chiller as well as on their chilled water pumps and their HVAC condenser water system utilizes an ingenious well system replacing the need for Cooling Towers. The facility management is currently in the process or replacing their older motors with premium efficient motors.

By accomplishing all these measures, Topa Management Company received a total of \$70,659 in rebates from Hawaiian Electric Company's Energy Solutions program that promotes energy efficiency.

"2005 has been a year of record high energy costs. This global situation has energy conservation at the forefront with heightened awareness, activity and incentives. We are proud to assist Topa Management Company in being recognized for their outstanding achievement and commitment to energy efficiency" said Darren T. Kimura, President and CEO of Energy Industries.

## **About Energy Industries**

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Currently with 10 offices around the world and a 24-hour US National Accounts Center, EI is actively engaged in energy projects and systems maintenance in over 36 United States, Canada, the Pacific, and Asia.

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