

PBN announces finalists for 2017 Business Leadership Hawaii awards

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For the 16th consecutive year, Pacific Business News and its sponsors will honor Hawaii businesses and nonprofits at the 2017 Business Leadership Hawaii event.

PBN last month revealed that [Eddie Flores](#), CEO and president of L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, will be this year's [BLH Career Achievement Honoree](#).

The following list of 30 businesses, nonprofits and individuals includes all finalists in each of the six BLH categories, which include Best Family Owned Business, Best Veteran-Owned Business, Best Small Business (40 or fewer employees), Best Large Business (41 or more employees), Cades Schutte-The Cades Foundation Nonprofit Leadership and the American Savings Bank Business Leader of the Year. Here are this year's finalists:

Best Family Owned Business

- [John Mullen](#) & Co.
- Empowered Presentations
- Isemoto Contracting Co. Ltd.
- Ralph S. Inouye Co. Ltd.
- Shobu's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Best Veteran-Owned Business

- Native Hawaiian Veterans LLC
- Dynamic Planning & Response LLC
- Paint Cars Inc. dba Maaco Hawaii
- Paradise Helicopters
- Urban Works Inc.

Best Small Business

- Bishop & Co.
- Empowered Presentations
- Hawaiian Paddle Sports
- Pacific Point
- Pop-A-Lock of Honolulu

Best Large Business

- First Insurance Company of Hawaii Ltd.
- Associa Hawaii
- Hawaiian Telcom
- HEMIC (Hawaii Employers' Mutual Insurance Co.)
- Na Alii Consulting and Sales LLC

Nonprofit Leadership

- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii
- Center for Tomorrow's Leaders
- Make-A-Wish Hawaii
- Na Leo TV
- Partners in Development Foundation

Business Leader of the Year

- Martin Welch, CEO of HEMIC
- [Raymond Jardine](#), CEO of [Native Hawaiian Veterans](#) LLC
- [Peter Merriman](#), owner of Merriman's Restaurants
- [Myles Murakami](#), president of [Atlas Insurance Agency](#)
- Jon Wallenstrom, partner at Alakai Development LLC

Winners for each category will be announced at the BLH dinner and awards gala on Thursday, Nov. 9, at The Modern Honolulu. Table and individual tickets for BLH [are on sale now](#).

Look for more on these finalists, and the winners, in the Nov. 10 print edition of Pacific Business News.