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Belt Collins Wins Three Betty Crocker Landscape Awards

HONOLULU, HI – Belt Collins Hawaii took home three awards for its projects at Scenic Hawai'i's 2011 Betty Crocker Landscape Awards ceremony. Belt Collins received an Award of Honor in the Professional Gardens category for its work on the Shriners Hospital for Children – Honolulu. It also received Awards of Appreciation in the same category for The Kahala Hotel & Resort – Entry Drive and Porte Cochere Improvements project and for the landscape design of a LEED® Platinum single-family private residence in Lanikai. Held on June 27 at the Outrigger Canoe Club, the Betty Crocker Landscape Awards recognizes some of the thousands of people who work every day to make Hawai'i a more beautiful place.

The Shriners Hospital for Children – Honolulu project consisted of a complete redevelopment that resulted in a transformation of the entire facility. Serving Hawai'i and the western and southern Pacific Islands, a key design goal was to capture the islands' familiarity while at the same time maintaining a stately campus-like feel within the context of the Punahou Street corridor.

The design goal of the Kahala Hotel & Resort – Entry Drive and Porte Cochere Improvements project was to create a relaxing, boutique-style landscape environment for hotel visitors and guests through the use of a complementary tropical plant palette. The project included refreshing the congested and outdated landscape plantings along the driveway and porte cochere areas and in the beach house private gardens.

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For the sustainable single-family private residence in Lanikai project, the design concept was to create a home that was easy to live in and maintain, contributed responsibly to the island ecosystem, and provided the opportunity to age-in-place. The house received a LEED® for Homes Platinum rating – the highest certification level – by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

Scenic Hawai'i promotes and carries out programs to protect Hawai'i's natural beauty. They also help preserve and enhance landscapes and streetscapes. It is important to protect Hawai'i's historical and cultural resources. Scenic Hawai'i cooperates with local, county, and state agencies while providing information to garden clubs, historic preservation groups, environmental organizations, civic groups, government agencies and other individuals and organizations interested in preserving and enhancing the beauty of Hawai'i.

Founded in Honolulu in 1953, Belt Collins is an international planning, design and consulting firm focused on providing value to its clients' land-based assets and sustainable development. The firm employs over 500 multidisciplinary professional and support staff practicing from ten offices in eight countries and territories. In addition to its U.S. offices in Honolulu and Boulder, Belt Collins has offices in Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Singapore, Bangkok, Bali, Guam, and Manila. Belt Collins consistently ranks as one of the top 200 international design firms and top 500 U.S.-based design firms, according to Engineering News-Record. Services include civil and sanitary engineering, entitlements and land planning, interpretive planning, landscape architecture, environmental consulting, GIS, and communications and graphic design. Acknowledged internationally as a leading design and consulting firm, Belt Collins is best known for its extensive work in planned resorts, residential development and community design, serving the private sector, local governments, and the military both in Hawai'i and internationally. Visit the firm's award-winning web site at www.beltcollins.com.

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