

Hawaii Sweeps Three Awards

Hawaii was a triple winner of this year's Energy Champion Awards. The awards won by Hawaii are:

- **Rebuild America State Representative of the Year – Liz Raman, Rebuild Hawaii State**
- **Award for Energy Excellence in State Government – State of Hawaii, Rebuild Hawaii State program**
- **Award for Energy Excellence in Commercial Buildings – Hawaiian Electric Co. (HECO)**

The U.S. Department of Energy/Rebuild America, the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) and HECO all have worked collaboratively to improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings in Hawaii.

Liz Raman, an energy program specialist in the Hawaii DBEDT and the **State of Hawaii** were honored with Rebuild America Energy Champion Awards for working to develop a state-wide network of community-based partnerships.

Raman used the leverage of the state



Hawaii Triple Sweep Energy Champion Award winners pose with U.S. Department of Energy Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Ginsberg, pictured at left. Next to him is Liz Raman, State Partnership Representative of the Year; Sam Nichols of Hawaiian Electric's Energy \$olutions for Small Business program; and Maurice Kaya of the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, representing Rebuild Hawaii State.

government to obtain funding for community improvement projects that involve energy savings for small businesses, an Energy Smart Schools Project for training high school students to be energy auditors, and a "Greening the Campus" program at six community colleges.

HECO was honored for helping small businesses in Oahu achieve energy and cost savings through its Energy \$olutions for Small Business program.

HECO launched a pilot program, Energy \$olutions for Small Business, to assist and motivate small business to become energy efficient, improve lighting and save money on their electric bill.