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## **Building Safety Week: May 3 - 9, 2009**

**Honolulu, HI** – Baldridge & Associates Structural Engineering, Inc. (BASE) is once again celebrating Building Safety Week from May 3 through May 9. Across the nation, more and more people are understanding the importance of building safety and fire prevention codes. With this knowledge in hand, we can help protect lives and property.

Building Safety Week recognizes the professionals who help to ensure that our buildings are built safely from the ground up, and remain safe through the years. These professionals include building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, builders, engineers and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.



BASE’s Testing & Inspections department visits construction sites, providing independent inspection in ten different categories ranging from reinforced concrete to structural welding. Our inspectors have experience on over 20 projects, including several high-rises. Aubrey Renteria, our Testing & Inspections Manager, has been certified by the International Code Council as Hawaii’s first Master of Special Inspection. This designation shows his commitment to the program for special inspection and places him among leaders in the field.

The importance of regulating and enforcing building codes is often overlooked until the advent of a tragedy. Building safety and fire prevention codes address all aspects of construction, such as structural soundness of buildings, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems and energy efficiency and sustainability. BASE proactively seeks ways to prevent those tragedies from occurring by enhancing the public awareness of the testing and inspection process through Building Safety Week.

Building Safety Week, first observed in 1980, is sponsored by the International Code Council, a membership organization dedicated to building safety and fire prevention. The International Code Council develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states, including Hawaii, use the International Codes – building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

For more information regarding Building Safety Week or the International Code Council, please visit [www.buildingsafetyweek.org](http://www.buildingsafetyweek.org).



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*Established in 1995, Baldrige & Associates Structural Engineering, Inc. is a full-service structural engineering and forensic consulting firm that evaluates each project from the client's point of view. Emphasis is placed on schedule, economy and detail as reflected by the unique needs of the client and their project. This commitment has led to the successful completion of projects in Hawaii, Guam, India, Korea, Palau and on the mainland, and the recent opening of branch offices in Chicago and Guam.*