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### **Hawaiian Electric engineer wins national technology award for EV work**

**HONOLULU, Feb. 15, 2017** - Hawaiian Electric engineer Jimmy Yao has been honored with a prestigious Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) for achievements in research and development.

Yao, who is a key leader of Hawaiian Electric's electric vehicle program and its spreading network of electric vehicle fast chargers, was recognized for "applying EPRI methodologies and standards to design and deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructures." These methods benefit grid operations and support electric vehicle adoption.

Yao joined Hawaiian Electric in 1998 after 20 years as a design engineer, project manager, and functional manager for various companies doing electronic design and system integration. He is originally from Olympia, Wash. and attended the University of Washington.

Presented annually, EPRI's Technology Transfer Awards recognize power system leaders and innovators who have helped their companies deliver safe, affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible electricity via the application of research and development in the utility industry.

"The 2016 Technology Transfer Award winners have taken EPRI R&D to new levels in order to shape a sustainable energy system," said Arshad Mansoor, senior vice president of R&D at EPRI. "Working in a collaborative environment, their advancements benefit their utility and the entire industry because we all have a stake in power system transformation."

The Hawaiian Electric Companies' EV fast charger network also won a 2016 Transformational Achievement Award from the Hawaiian Energy Policy Forum based at the University of Hawai'i.

#### **About EPRI**

The Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. (EPRI, [www.epri.com](http://www.epri.com)) conducts research and development relating to the generation, delivery and use of electricity for the benefit of the public. An independent, nonprofit organization, EPRI brings together its scientists and engineers as well as experts from academia and industry to help address challenges in electricity, including reliability, efficiency, affordability, health, safety and the environment. EPRI's members represent approximately 90 percent of the electricity generated and delivered in the United States, and international participation extends to more than 30 countries. EPRI's principal offices and laboratories are located in Palo Alto, Calif.; Charlotte, NC; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Lenox, Mass.

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