# Project FOCUS



# **Industrial Warehouse**

# **Design Challenge:**

A local medical equipment supplier, with over 40 years of experience in acute, post-acute, and homecare medical devices, faced a significant challenge as their business expanded. Their original location could no longer accommodate the growing demand for storage, prompting them to acquire a second warehouse. However, traditional rack shelving systems proved insufficient, limiting storage capacity and causing logistical inefficiencies. The client sought a costeffective solution to enhance storage capacity while ensuring operational efficiency.

## **Design Criteria:**

The customer provided specific criteria for the project, which included creating a storage system that allowed for large equipment to be placed on the floor that minimized columns or pillars. This was essential to accommodate electric beds and other large equipment that needed to be moved daily. Additionally, the design required wide aisles to ensure effortless movement of large equipment and forklifts. The project also needed to include a second-floor mezzanine with a gate for loading inventory from a forklift below. Finally, it was crucial to make the best use of the existing warehouse to maintain the Honolulu base location for delivery operations.





## **Unistrut Hawaii Solution:**

The FCP Free Space Mezzanine, featuring the exclusive FCP ConnectRite cold-formed steel connection system, provided the perfect solution. This innovative, moment-resistant, bi-directional mezzanine system maximizes load capacity and open floor space while adhering to stringent seismic requirements. The strategic column spacing optimizes the use of space beneath the mezzanine and offers substantial load capacity for storage above.

By relocating their shelved stock to the new mezzanine, the client was able to store their rental bed inventory on the warehouse floor, significantly increasing their storage capacity. This solution provided additional square footage without the need for more real estate, avoiding added costs and operational disruptions associated with moving to larger facilities.

