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## INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Pacific Disaster Center, Maui, Hawaii

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) is a federal regional information processing center located at the Maui Research Technology Park in Kihei, Maui. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communication, and Intelligence (C3I) is the Federal sponsor for the PDC. Funds for construction and operations of the facility are provided under defense appropriations.

b. PDC's mission is to provide world class information support to Federal, state, local and regional emergency managers in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery for natural disasters within U.S. territorial interests in the Pacific Region. PDC provides disaster information products for tropical cyclone activity, severe storms, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic activity, floods, droughts, wildfires, and certain man-made events. The PDC conducts a collection, fusion analysis and dissemination process over open-source information across all phases of the emergency management cycle by concentrating on the functional operational areas of weather, imagery, modeling and Internet services. Users of PDC services include U. S. Pacific Command, State and local Civil Defense agencies, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and volunteer organizations in assistance to disasters. Emergency managers in American Samoa, Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands also use the service. The PDC provides support to the Honolulu District with high tech mapping requirements for our studies pertaining to floods and hurricane studies on Oahu and Saipan. Information is provided on a real time basis to the District's Emergency Management Division and Operations Center for emergency exercises and response missions.

c. At the request of C3I, the District served as the contracting agency for administration of the PDC contract from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001. The contract to operate the PDC with the Betac Corporation was a cost-plus award fee type. On 1 January 2001, the management of the PDC was taken over by the East West Center (EWC), a private non-profit organization. The District is administering the closeout of the Betac contract that is expected to be completed in 2007 following Defense Contract Audit Agency audit processing.

3. Congressional Interest. There is minimal Congressional interest at this time.