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Corps of Engineers Participate in Kaumalapau Harbor Project Hawaiian Worker Blessing Ceremony

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(HONOLULU – NR-002-06) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District participated in a Hawaiian worker-blessing ceremony Saturday Jan. 7, 2006 at Kaumalapau Harbor on the island of Lanai.

The ceremony was held prior to the start of a \$21.2 million project to repair the existing Kaumalapau breakwater, which was originally built during the 1920s. The new breakwater is being constructed to reduce wave action in the harbor and to increase harbor safety and usability. Much of the damage to the existing breakwater was the result of storms during the 1980s and early 1990s.

Kaumalapau Harbor, Lanai's only commercial harbor, was officially transferred from Lanai Company to the State of Hawaii in July 2000 and is essential to the welfare of the island's residents and visitors.

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There are no other island harbors capable of accommodating tug and barge services, which bring in virtually all the consumer goods and fuel. Repeated storm events in the 1980s and early 1990s caused significant damage to the existing breakwater.

Members attending the ceremony included: Lt. Col. David E. Anderson, Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District; Margaret Cummisky, U.S. Senate Committee, Commerce, Science and Transportation; Barry Fukunaga, Deputy Director, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, State Harbors Division; Maui County Council Chair Riki Hokama; Carolyn Imamura, Executive Director, Pacific Basin Development Council; Jim Hatashima, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District Kaumalapau Harbor Project Manager; Glenn Kusaka, Engineer, Honolulu District; and Fred Nunes, Engineer, State Harbors Division. Representatives and workers from Traylor Brothers, Inc. also attended the ceremony.

Traylor Brothers Inc. was awarded the construction contract in July 2004 in the amount of \$15, 996, 951 with work originally scheduled to run until May 2006. As a result of the unknown condition of the existing State-owned dock, an additional investigation was completed and was the basis for a 90-day partial suspension of working starting December 22, 2004. The suspension was lifted on March 22, 2005 with the approved plan to construct a hardstand adjacent to the existing dock. With the addition of the hardstand and contract modifications of \$5,204,084, the project contract totals \$21,207,035.

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The repair of the breakwater calls for placement of 35-ton Core-Loc units, the largest Core-Loc in the world, in 80 to 90 feet of water. The Core-Loc units are being fabricated by Grace Pacific, Inc, as sub-contracted by Traylor Brothers, Inc.

Scheduled project completion date is May 26, 2007.

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