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Corps of Engineers Workshop conveys “... A Year for Transformation”

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(HONOLULU - April 20, 2005 – NR-12-06): More than 170 local architects, engineers, construction contractors and others in related fields attended the 11th Annual Corps of Engineers Workshop April 11, 2006 at the Hale Koa Hotel. The workshop provided local design and construction representatives the latest information on the Honolulu District’s project workload, technical information and administrative procedures that affect how the industry does business with the Corps.

This year’s workshop theme was, “2006 - A Year for Transformation.” As the Army is in the midst of a historic force reconstruction while continuing to support the Department of Defense’s number one goal of winning the Global War on Terrorism, the Corps continues to make transitions with the Army.

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2-2-2 COE WORKSHOP

Information presented during the 2006 workshop allowed participants to better understand contracting methods and procedures, to be aware of new standards and codes affecting military projects and to learn about design, construction and legal implications of working with the Honolulu Engineer District (HED).

After welcoming remarks by Mr. Michael Leineweber, President, American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter) and Lt. Col. David Anderson, Honolulu District Commander, James Bersson PE, Acting Deputy District Engineer for Programs & Project Management told the audience about projected future construction work and how work comes to the Corps.

The luncheon speaker was Brig. Gen. John Peabody, Commander and Division Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division. His presentation was, "An Army in Transformation."

In his presentation, Peabody highlighted how Corps and industry partners have a key role in the Global War on Terror, detailed how the Army is transforming from a division-centric to a brigade-centric organization and emphasized what affect transformation is having on installation military construction.

"We are a nation at war and everyone with whom we do business has an equally important role to play in winning that war," Peabody said. "Our construction industry partners know it's important we work together, now more than ever," Peabody said.

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3-3-3 COE WORKSHOP

The workshop and breakout session also provided opportunity for industry partners from the American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter), American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii, General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Building Industry Association of Hawaii and the Associated Builders & Contractors of Hawaii to discuss issues one-on-one with Corps' employees in the spirit of partnership.

Corps functional area specialists made presentations during a wide variety of breakout sessions, covering everything from Honolulu District's Construction Quality Management to Military Construction Transformation.

Breakout sessions presented by Honolulu District staff included:

- **Military Construction (MILCON) Transformation** - Andrew Kohashi
- **Life-Safety Deficiencies** - Michael Yatsushiro
- **Spatial Data Standards for Facilities, Infrastructure and Environment** - Justin Pummel
- **Historic Preservation** - Loren Zulick and Maydean Martin
- **Construction Contractor and AE Performance Evaluation Systems** - Timothy Phillips & Duane Arakawa
- **Cost Escalation Issues** - Gary Yamauchi
- **AE Liability** - Curtis Yokoyama
- **Construction Quality Management (CQM) Updates** - Paul Regan and Russell Leong

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4-4-4 COE WORKSHOP

The first annual HED Workshop was in 1996 at the Pagoda Hotel with the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii. Since then, they have changed their name to the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii. In 1998 the workshop expanded to include the American Institute of Architects. In 2000, it again expanded to include the General Contractors Association, the Building Industry Association and the Associated Builders and Contractors Association.

In 1999, due to the increasing number of participants, the site was changed to the Hale Koa Hotel, where it has been held ever since.

This year's workshop was co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter) in conjunction with HED.

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