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### **Army Corps Employees Receive 2007 Honolulu-Pacific FEB Awards**

**(HONOLULU – NR20-07)** In front of the largest-ever gathering of Federal employees at the 51st annual Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (FEB) Awards ceremony, five Pacific Ocean Division and Honolulu District employees and the Statewide Dam Visual Conditions Survey team received awards recognizing their exemplary work and leadership.

“They (employees) represent excellence in work ethic and leadership within our division,” said Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge. “They are leading our work force to excellence in every facet of our work.”

With 28 federal executive boards in the United States the Honolulu-Pacific FEB represents 96 federal agencies, 70,000 civilian and military personnel in the Pacific Region. The annual awards event honors employees and organizations whose achievements are documented as ‘best practices’ within their commands. Award winners were presented plaques and announced in seven individual and one team categories in front of nearly 2,000 guests.

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Lt. Col. Klinge, Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. John P. Peabody, awardees and 60 division/district employees and spouses, attended the ceremonies in the Hawaii Ballroom at the Sheraton Waikiki on May 31. Also attending the ceremonies was City and County of Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who presented a city proclamation announcing May 31 as Federal Executive Board Day in Honolulu.

Keynote speaker Edward Kubo, Chair, FEB Policy Committee and U.S. Attorney, District of Hawaii, told the gathering that the outstanding work federal employees do every day makes a difference in the way the government makes decisions.

“All of the winners today truly have the vision, passion and inspiration to lead,” Kubo said.

In her remarks FEB Executive Director Gail Uyehara stated the importance of visibility of the federal workers to the public.

“We need to have more visibility with the public and the media to show the great work you all do,” Uyehara said. “The future of the government starts with you – the best leaders and mentors the federal service has to offer. Your knowledge, vision and mentorship will pave the way for the next generation of federal workers.”

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2007 Honolulu-Pacific FEB Award Winners:**

**Team Excellence:** Statewide Dam Visual Conditions Survey, Honolulu District

**Federal Supervisor/Manager of the Year:** Andrew Kohashi, Honolulu District

**Federal Employee of the Year-Professional, Administrative, Technical:** David Wong, Honolulu District

**Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant:** Myran Higa, Honolulu District

**Federal Employee of the Year-Trades and Crafts:** Kenneth Santiago, Honolulu District

**Leader, Mentor, and Coach of the Year:** Frank Oliva, Pacific Ocean Division