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## **Corps' Kaunalapau project Wins GCA Hawaii's Top Honor**

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**(HONOLULU NR 15-08)** Three Honolulu District projects received recognition at the General Contractors Association (GCA) of Hawaii's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual banquet and 2008 Build Hawaii awards, held April 5, 2008 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in Waikiki.

The 2008 Build Hawaii Grand Award was presented for the Army Corps' Kaunalapau Breakwater project constructed on the island of Lanai. The breakwater was constructed by Traylor Brothers, Inc. (Pacific) for the Corps using 819, 35-ton, Core-Loc armor units fabricated by sub-contractor Grace Pacific Corporation. The Core-Loc units, designed by the Corps' Engineering Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss., are some of the largest in the world and this was the first time the pre-cast concrete armor units of this specific design were used for a deep water breakwater.

Grace Pacific Corporation won the Grand Award and Award of Excellence in the Specialty Construction of more than \$3 million category.

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## **2-2-2 CORPS GCA**

The newly established Grand Award was chosen from all entries submitted and is considered the “best of the best” as voted on by a panel of GCA judges.

Two other Corps’ projects received honorable mention awards in the federal construction category. These were: the Corps’ Multiple Deployment Facility Complex project at Wheeler Army Airfield, completed by contractor Dick Pacific and the Hot Cargo Pads project at Hickam Air Force Base, completed by Watts Constructors.

The Build Hawaii award program is open to all GCA general contractors and specialty contractors for projects completed in 2007. Awards were based on the submissions received, with a panel of judges reviewing entries and scoring how each of the project entries met eight outlined criteria. The judges’ total scores were tabulated and an “Award of Excellence” was given to winners in six categories. Projects not scoring as highly but exemplifying the highest standards of construction were given honorable mention awards. Award categories included: building construction; highway construction, construction management design-build/ design assist construction; specialty construction; residential; and industrial.

The Multiple Deployment Facility Complex was built by the partnership of the Corps and Dick Pacific Construction to support the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks.

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### **3-3-3 CORPS GCA**

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) was formed in 1932 by general contractors from the four major islands of Hawaii and was incorporated in 1945. GCA Hawaii is a full service construction association serving general contractors, subcontractors, equipment/material suppliers and associate members and has 540 corporate members of which 351 are construction contractors.

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