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Army Reserve, Corps Partner for New Reserve Center & Warehouse

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI NR 12-09) "Priority number one is safety - the safety of all workers, a safe worksite and a safety mindset, " said Brig. Gen. Alexander Kozlov, outgoing commander of the 9th Mission Support Command at the Army Reserve's Hawaiian blessing and groundbreaking ceremony held May 8 at Fort Shafter Flats.

The new Army Reserve Center and warehouse project consists of a two-story 29,987 sq. ft. center and a 913 sq. ft. storage building. The new reserve center will contain classrooms, a learning center, offices, unit common areas and unit storage.

The construction contract was awarded on Dec. 24, 2008 for \$17,062,522 and 720 days duration to San Juan Construction, Co., Montrose, Colo.

The Corps' Louisville District (LRL), as the nationwide design and construction agent for the U.S. Army Reserve Command, executed the design and awarded the construction contract with Honolulu District acting as Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) and Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for LRL.

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At the blessing ceremony, Brig. Gen. Kozlov acknowledged Honolulu District's commitment to building quality facilities on time and on budget.

"I have no doubt in my mind that the reserve will be getting a quality facility from the Corps of Engineers and our contractor San Juan," Kozlov said.

The project design was completed by RSP Architects, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn. and is rated at LEED Silver. The projected move-in date for Army Reserve personnel is Feb, 3, 2011.

San Juan Construction is also currently working on the Corps' C-17 Aircraft Parking Ramp project at Hickam Air Force Base and is one of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) base operations contractors.

The other U.S. Army Reserve facilities at Fort Shafter Flats were designed and constructed by Honolulu District in the early 1990's, as part of the relocation of the U.S. Army Reserves from Fort DeRussy to Fort Shafter.

"When completed this new facility will offer new spaces and opportunities for our reserve Soldiers to train and gain experience to utilize when they are called upon by our nation," said Kozlov. "Those opportunities start today with a commitment to safety by everyone involved in the project - and the construction leadership of the Corps of Engineers and San Juan Construction."

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