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Corps of Engineers Joins Hawaii Congressional Delegation and State and Local Officials in Kikiaola Harbor Project Blessing Ceremony

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI -- NR-11-08) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joined the Hawaii Congressional Delegation and state and local officials in a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony on Kauai, March 20, 2008 to initiate work on the Kikiaola Light Draft Harbor Project.

On Sept. 6, 2007, the Corps awarded a construction contract for \$18,771,500 to Kiewit Pacific Company of Kapolei, Oahu for the Kikiaola Project located in Kekaha, Kauai.

The project is being cost shared between the Corps and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. The purpose of the project is to eliminate breaking waves and make the harbor safer for boaters.

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The work will consist of dredging a 725-foot long entrance channel varying in width from 105 to 205 feet to a depth of 11 feet, dredging a 320-foot long access channel varying in width from 70 to 105 feet to a depth of seven feet, removing 150 feet of the existing outer east stub breakwater, raising the crest elevation and flattening the seaward slope of approximately 764 feet of the existing east breakwater, removing and reconstructing the 71-foot long inner east breakwater and modifying 245 feet of the existing west breakwater.

The Corps' goal is to safely and efficiently construct the project with minimal disruption to harbor users.

Attending the ceremony were: Sen. Daniel K. Inouye; Sen. Daniel K. Akaka; Rep. Neil Abercrombie; Rep. Mazie Hirono; Kauai County Mayor Bryan J. Baptiste; state Rep. Roland Sagum, III; DLNR Deputy Director Russell Tsuji; Brig. Gen. John W. Peabody (Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division-POD); Lt. Col. Charles Klinge (Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District); POD Senior Executives Gene Ban and Jim Bersson; Linda Collins, Kikiaola Land Company; Mattie Yoshioka, Kauai Economic Development Board; Glenn Mossman, President, Kikiaola Westside Boat Club and William Mossman (Hawaii Boaters Political Action Association).

The traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony was conducted by Haku Aletha Kaohi of the West Kauai Technology and Visitor Center.

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Kikiaola Harbor is located on the southwest coast of Kauai, between the towns of Kekaha and Waimea.

The Corps is part of the Ohana in Hawaii and we value our partnership with the state DLNR and County of Kauai. We are committed to work together for the benefit of the people of the state of Hawaii and Kauai County.