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## **Corps of Engineers joins Hawaii Congressional Staff and State and Local Officials in Kikiaola Harbor Maile Lei Untying Ceremony**

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**(KIKIAOLA, HAWAII – NR-21-09)** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joined Hawaii congressional staff and state and local officials Wednesday for a maile lei untying ceremony at Kikiaola, Kauai to mark the successful completion of the joint federal / state 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 project.

The project was cost shared between the Corps and the state of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and has successfully eliminated breaking waves and made the harbor safer for boaters.

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Project work consisted 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 safely and efficiently constructed the project with minimal disruption to harbor users.

Attending the ceremony were: Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's Hawaii Chief of Staff Jennifer Goto Sabas; Sen. Daniel K. Akaka Staff Member Clyde Kodani; Kauai County Director of Parks and Recreation Lenny Rapozo; state Rep. Roland D. Sagum, III; DLNR Chairperson Laura Thielen; Brig. Gen. Mark Yenter (commanding general, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division (POD)); Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka (commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District); POD Senior Executives Gene Ban and Jim Bersson; Mike Faye and Orianna Skomoroch, Kikiaola Land Company; Mattie Yoshioka, Kauai Economic Development Board; Linda Faye Collins; Glenn Mossman, president, Kikiaola Westside Boat Club and William Mossman, Hawaii Boaters Political Action Association.

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“What we have here today is the product of many years of work and partnership with the state, the county and the federal government,” Sabas said. “On behalf of Sen. Inouye, I thank you for your support and this is a great day for the West Hawaii community.”

“I’m certain that the product that you see out here today is going to make this a safe harbor,” Yenter said. “When you become involved in a project like this, it takes a lot of team support.”

Yenter recognized the contractor, Kiewit Pacific and their sub-contractor American Marine for the way that they executed this project.

“It was done safely. No one was hurt and we kept the harbor open,” Yenter said. “It’s been an honor to once again serve the people of the state of Hawaii and Kauai and we look forward to an opportunity to do so in the future.”

According to Yenter, the Corps has a long history with the state of Hawaii going back over 100 years. He praised Sen. Inouye’s support of the project and also Inouye’s support of Soldiers and the Army.

DLNR awarded a state-funded inner harbor dredging project to American Marine in June 2009 and plans to finish non-federal dredging inside the harbor in early 2010.

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

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