

Marriage: *Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age— as your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.. —Phyllis Diller, comedienne*

Corps Workshop 'An Odyssey in Partnership'

Story and photo by Doug MaKitten

The sixth annual U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Workshop for architects and engineers, construction contractors and others in related fields who are interested in doing business with the Corps was held April 27 at Honolulu's Hale Koa Hotel.

HED, in conjunction with the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii and the local chapter of American Institute of Architects, organized and conducted the event, which was attended by about 150 people.

The theme of this year's workshop was "2001: An Odyssey in Partnership"

"It's a great opportunity to meet face to face and rub elbows with those with whom we do business," said Keith Chan, president of the mechanical engineering consulting firm Notkin Hawaii Inc., who also serves as CECH president. "At the workshop, people have the opportunity to network, voice their opinions and ask questions in an open setting.

"All of us, both in the private sector and in the government, are trying to be more efficient and give customers more value for their money and the workshop helps us learn how to do that," Chan continued. "The break-out sessions are very informative and with everyone here in one place at the same time, we can get answers about our questions quickly from the Corps."

After opening remarks by Chan, and HED's chief of Engineering and Construction Division Jim Beresson, HED Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and chief of Programs and Project Management Division Ray Jyo briefed the attendees on the District's future work outlook.

According to Jyo, the outlook for the next three fiscal years is positive. He said the District is scheduled to make seven construction contract awards this fiscal year. Six of those are estimated to be between \$1 and 5 million and one — Phase 2A of the Whole Barracks Renewal at Schofield Barracks — is estimated at more than \$10 million. In addition, the civil works program's Kahului Small Boat Harbor modifications project

construction contract is also scheduled for award this FY and is estimated at between \$1 and 5 million.

Jyo said two design-build construction contracts, for a phase of the Whole Barracks Renewal and for family housing at Schofield Barracks, will also be awarded this FY and are each estimated at more than \$10 million. Another Schofield design-build construction contract scheduled for award before September 30 for a new fire station is estimated between \$1 and 5 million.

According to Jyo, it is also projected the District will award between 25 to 35 small business set aside contracts before the end of September, with an estimated value between \$20 and \$40 million. Further, HED anticipates awarding 35 to 45 indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts this FY, with a total estimated value of \$10 to 20 million.

Jyo also said during the next few years more significant military construction, formerly used defense site cleanup, support for others and civil works projects are anticipated.

After Jyo's presentation, the attendees spent the next two hours in a variety of breakout sessions. The topics were developed from survey input from conference attendees. Each session was led by an HED specialist, including:

- A-E Negotiation Preparations by James Pennaz
- DrChecks Automated Review System by Santiago Mor
- A-E Services and related forms by Kalani Smith
- Anti-terrorism and Force Protection by Bob Tom
- Sustainable Project Rating Tool SPiRiT by Russell Uyeno
- Contractors and Historic Preservation by Kanalei Shun

- Safety Training for Contractors by Lou Muzzarini and Tracy Lawson, Dick Pacific Safety chief

- Ethics in Contracting and Recent



HED's Paul Mizue leads a panel discussion.

Developments in Government Acquisition by Bob Sundberg

- Doing Business with HED by Duane Inoue

- Best Value Contracting by Bruce Stevenson

- ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System by Thom Lichte and Richard Yoshimura

A free-wheeling panel discussion followed the breakouts. Paul Mizue, who read questions from the attendees and called on HED specialists to provide answers, led it. Questions ranged from how does the Corps determine labor rates to how does the Corps

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Quality: *It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't.* —Martin Van Buren, eighth U.S. president

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determine its acquisition strategy?

The day's activities concluded with a lunch program, including an awards ceremony for outstanding contractors and a presentation by the featured speaker, District Commander Lt. Col. Ronald Light.

Light's topic was "Service in the Pacific: A Partnership?" Light emphasized that the Corps considers private-sector contractors a vital part of the team that provides engineering, construction and environmental services to the U.S. military and those who live in the District's far-flung area of operations.

Light noted that HED must maintain its own technical expertise, and, accordingly

would always do a certain percentage of in-house design work. However, he noted that 100 percent of HED's construction work was done by the private sector and A-E firms did 71 percent of the District's design work.

Light used top ten lists to explain what contractors can expect from HED and what HED expects from its private sector partners. Number one on both lists was to treat each other as partners and keep communication flowing.

He closed by telling the attendees that a successful HED-private sector partnership is important to the District, emphasizing: "We are your neighbors, we are here in the Pacific to stay and we want you to prosper!"

Gary Nip, chief of Design Branch and the District's primary coordinator for the workshop, said the event went well and he

got positive feedback from many of the attendees.

"We always try and improve it each year by adding breakout sessions on timely topics," said Nip. "For example, this year, through our surveys, we knew that the attendees wanted to learn more about DrChecks and changes in contracting procedures so we developed sessions on those topics and they were well received."

Nip also credited the many District workers who helped make the workshop a success.

"It was a true team effort by our many dedicated professionals including the speakers, those who handled the awards program and those who provided the audiovisual support, administrative assistance and publicity," said Nip.

Dick Pacific is HED Military Construction Contractor of the Year; Other Companies Also Receive Honors

Dick Pacific Construction Company, Ltd., of Honolulu has received the Honolulu Engineer District's Military Construction Contractor of the Year Award for 2000.

The award was presented by HED Commander and District Engineer Lt. Col. Ronald Light to Dick Pacific project manager Matt Lee April 27 at the 2001 Corps of Engineers Workshop for architect engineers, construction contractors and others in related fields who are interested in doing business with the Corps. The event was held at Honolulu's Hale Koa Hotel.

Dick Pacific was honored for its exemplary work on the \$6 million National Defense Launch Test Facilities project at Meck Island, Kwajalein Atoll. HED is the Department of Defense design and construction agent for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force in Kwajalein.

The Meck Island project consisted of constructing two, 70-foot deep silo shafts for future missile launch testing and the renovation of existing missile

launch facilities at the remote site, nearly 2,500 miles from Honolulu.

The award citation noted Dick Pacific's admirable performance that em-

Safety Management Award for completing 40,000 work hours on the Meck Island project without an accident and an outstanding construction evaluation from the District for its quality of work, timeliness, excellent project management and strict compliance with safety standards.

Pinnacle Contracting Services Corporation received the Pu'uhonua Safety Award for its outstanding safety program and an outstanding construction evaluation for its work on a building renovation project at Schofield Barracks.

Other awards presented included:

Nagamie Okawa Engineers, Inc., Mitsunaga and Associates, Inc. and Luersen Architects all received excellent evaluations from HED for their project management and professionalism on a variety of projects.

Ocean House Builders, Alan Shintani, Inc., Hunt Building Corporation and Pioneer Corporation all received outstanding construction evaluations. —Doug MaKitten



HED Commander Lt. Col. Ronald Light presents one of several awards to Dick Pacific project manager Matt Lee. —Photo by Doug MaKitten.

phasized construction quality and safety in spite of the project's remoteness, time constraints and groundwater conditions.

Dick Pacific also received the HED