HPI 2006
CONFERENCE
AGENDA

UH East-West Center
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August 21 – 23
AUGUST 21, 2006

5:00-7:00 Ice-breaker Reception
@ Hale Koa Hotel (Banyan Tree Showroom)

AUGUST 22, 2006

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome - Mike Matsumoto (HPI Open Forum)
Introduction - Professor D. Conway-Jones.

Theme – Conference is to offer to contractors, government officials, and the public an open forum to share concerns and present competing views in non-confrontational environment on how best to promote fair contracting systems within the State and County Governments. Goal is to develop understanding, promote good will, identify “best practices,” and ensure transparency in public contracting.


Theme – Afford legislators an opportunity to present their views on (1) fundamental purposes of the Procurement Code; (2) whether the procurement system is properly serving the public in obtaining quality goods and services at reasonable prices; and (3) Procurement Institute’s role in promoting effective public contracting. Goal is to educate attendees on the legislature’s perspective on what is working, what is not working, and what changes may be needed to protect the public’s interests.

9:30 – 11:30 Plenary Session – Professional Services Contracts (State & Federal)

9:30 – 10:00 Attorney Discussion of Statutes and Regs
   Brooks Act - ACOE Speaker
   HRS Ch 130D-304 - HPI Speaker

Theme – Short presentation of the statutes and regulations that define the process for award of professional services contracts and identify legal requirements for selection of professional services providers.

10:00 – 10:45 Round-Table Discussion of Federal and State Practice

Moderator – Professor DC Jones

DAGS - Saito
SPO - Fujioka
UH - UH Speaker
County - Outer Island Speaker
Federal - Federal Agency Speaker
A&E Firms - Reps from American Council of Engineering Companies
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Theme – Discussion by government contracting officials and contractors concerning their views on the procedures and practices agencies are using and whether those procedures and practices conform to the letter and intent of the applicable laws and regulations. Goal is to develop understanding of the differing views of various parties on whether current practices are proper and whether changes are warranted to ensure fair competition and preserve efficiency in the award of contracts.

10:45 – 11:30 Questions From Floor

11:30 - 11:45 Floor Exhibitions – Drawing

11:50 – 1:30 Lunch and Speaker – Prof. Steve Schooner

Theme – Comments on the Role of The Hawai‘i Procurement Institute in promoting and protecting the public’s interests in the award and administration of public contracts.

1:30  - 3:30 Workshops – Small Business (Two 1 Hour Presentations for each workshop – attendees may attend two workshops).

1. Affirmative Action Compliance - OFCCP Speaker

Theme – Education format to inform construction, supply and service contractors of their affirmative action legal obligations on contracts funded with federal money. Question and answer period.

2. Small Business Preferences – SBA Speaker

Theme – Education format to inform contractors of (1) various preferences to nurture and develop small businesses through contracting opportunities, and (2) ensure contractors are aware of SBA programs to assist small businesses interested in pursuing government contracts. Question and answer period.


Theme – Education format to inform contractors of state programs to enhance and promote small business opportunities on state contracts.


Theme – Open Forum Round Table discussion of problems arising from agency tenders of defense and indemnification when claims arise against the state or counties for alleged design defects. Identification of public interest reasons served by tender to contractor and risks that tender will limit competition.
AUGUST 23, 2006

9:00 – 10:30AM Plenary - Moderator Prof. Conway-Jones

Debarment – Procedures and Admin Compliance Agreements

- State AG
- Army Corp of Engineers

Theme – Roundtable discussion of debarment actions to enforce contractor ethical obligations and protect ethical contractors from unfair competition. Comments on the use of Administrative Compliance Agreements to correct past conduct. Question and answer period.

10:45 – 12:30 Plenary - Ethics & Corporate Responsibility

- ACEH Reps
- Private Counsel Speaker
- HHSC Speaker
- DAGS Speaker

Theme – Roundtable discussion of ethical obligations contractors owe public contract agencies and “best practices” for contractors to ensure business practices, contract performance, and billing procedures meet highest standards of integrity and honesty. Question and answer period.