

## Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council (HIGICC) Meeting

May 17, 2001

Honolulu Airport, Conference Center

**GISMAP:** GISMAP 2001 is tentatively scheduled an October 10-12, 2001 time frame. (Note: Conference is now being planned for February 2002). The time required for organizational planning, logistics, facilities, publicity, programs/speakers scheduling, etc. is already at a minimum. A GISMAP 2001 Management committee has been formed. Members of this committee are Tom Giguere, Ken Schmidt, Goro Sulijoadikusumo and Sherry Amundson. Numerous volunteers are needed to work on other committees. A meeting specific to GISMAP 2001 planning will be held in Honolulu on May 25, 11:30am at the Manoa Innovation Center. HIGICC members interested in volunteering should attend. Members who cannot attend should forward their interests via e-mail to Management committee members.

**Membership:** The current membership application has been edited as per comments received by the membership committee chair, Bill Medeiros. Eliminating some questions concerning personal information and eliminating questions that ask for redundant information have shortened the form. Goro's mailing address also has been updated. General discussion revisited concerns about HIGICC participants needing to keep current with annual membership dues and more consistent participation needed from all members in HIGICC meetings and activities. Members paying dues at this time will have their membership extended through the next HIGICC calendar year ending June 30, 2002.

**Imagery:** Rhett Rhebold and Rod Low gave a status report concerning the EMERGE orthophoto project. Issues involving data download, data compression, data conversion and resolution requirements were discussed. An imagery purchase agreement between the PDC, Maui County and HC&S was announced. An imagery specific meeting will be held in Honolulu on May 25, 9:30am at the Manoa Innovation Center. This meeting will feature a visit by a Space Imaging representative to discuss a potential multi-agency IKONOS imagery purchase in Hawaii. HIGICC member representatives interested in this potential imagery purchase and participating in general discussion concerning IKONOS products are should attend.

**Metadata:** Royce Jones gave a status report on metadata clearinghouse activities. The focus is on tool evaluation as the first step in the implementation process. Joan Esposito has tested the iSite software functionality and has established procedures for metadata ingest. HIGICC members may send Joan sample datasets for testing. Scott Splean reported that Joe Ramos is in the process of testing the GeoConnect software functionality.

**Guest Presentation:** Carol Ostergren, USGS/National Mapping Division, Liaison for Hawaii and the Pacific Basin Islands gave a status report on new and revised USGS spatial data products for Hawaii and the Pacific Basin Islands. Carol also presented the USGS "National Map" concept. This is a 10-year visionary plan, which aims to create a seamless national database of USGS and commercially available spatial data products with improved data currentness, data completeness, data consistency, data integration, and resolution and positional accuracy.

Carol Ostergren's Powerpoint Presentation Slides: [http://www.higicc.org/hi\\_may01.ppt](http://www.higicc.org/hi_may01.ppt)  
Guest Presentation: Steve Alnwick, US Census Bureau/Los Angeles Regional Census Center, Hawaii Geographic Coordinator gave a status report on Census 2000 product availability for

Hawaii and the Pacific Basin Islands. This was followed by a question and answer session concerning Census data specifications, data collection parameters, and data download options.

Other: An on-line activities calendar has been posted to the HIGICC web site and is available for use. The Board approved the establishment of an HIGICC member list server for e-mail functions. Scott Splean has been assigned this task.

Next Meeting: The next HIGICC meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2001.