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Far East offers contract opportunities for local firms

MILITARY CONTRACTING **BY MARK ABRAMSON**

PACIFIC BUSINESS NEWS

The Far East is providing opportunities for Hawaii military contractors as anticipated budget cuts threaten work back home.

"Korea is still looking pretty good and so is Japan," said Col. Greg Gunter, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division.

Gunter made his comments at a Society of American Military Engineers' Pacific Industry Forum last week.

He pointed out that Korea in particular could have lots of work for contractors with large construction projects at Camp Humphreys and a plan to relocate U.S. troops from Seoul, called the Yongsan Relocation Plan, According to American Forces Network, Camp Humphreys is growing from about 10,000 service members, civilian employees and dependents to 45.000

Camp Humphreys is the Army Corps of Engineers' largest military construction effort, Gunter said.

Hawaii companies can get work in the Far East either by bidding on the work or by subcontracting. Some contracts, however, require the company to come under a Status of Forces Agreement to be able to do work in Korea or Japan. Contractors could do subcontracting work without such agreements, Gunter said.

Honolulu-based Mitsunaga & Associates Inc. is one company that can do work in Korea under a Status of Forces Agreement. It is designing buildings, including barracks, for the Yongsan Relocation Plan, and it is doing general engineering work in the Far East.

"It's a good job opportunity," Aaron Fujii, Mitsunaga's executive vice president and chief operating officer, told PBN via phone from Korea. "We work all over the place. It just picked up [in Korea] because during the Iraq War it went dry."

The cost of doing business in places like Korea and Japan are the biggest challenges, he said. Contractors typically are paid about 5 percent less than what they get paid in the United States, and it's hard to get people to want to work in the Far East on these projects, he added.

'It's an employment opportunity," he said, "and it's a challenge."

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