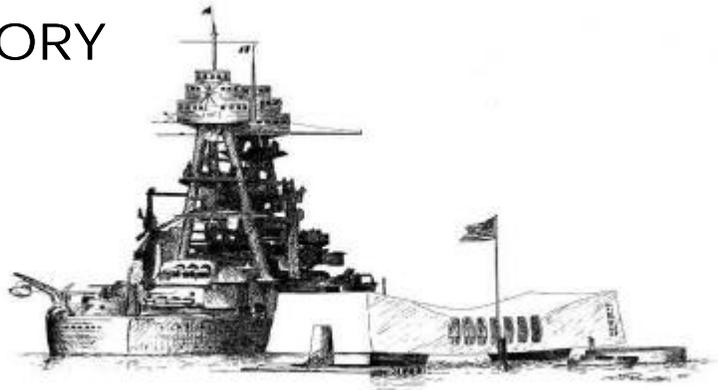


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Navy to hold informational meeting for developers about Ford Island Development

The Navy will host a two-day informational meeting for potential developers about the Ford Island development project. The meeting will provide the Navy and developers the opportunity to discuss development opportunities, and to obtain valuable feedback that could be eventually incorporated into a formal request for proposals (RFP). The RFP initiates the selection process for a developer for the project.

The information meeting will be held 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 14 and 15, 2000 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. The meeting is intended for potential developers, and the deadline for developer registration has passed. No decisions on the development project will be made during this meeting; it is only an opportunity for the Navy and developers to share ideas before the formal RFP process begins. The agenda includes briefings by the Navy and site visits to Ford Island and other Navy properties that could potentially be sold or leased as part of the development project.

The Navy proposes to develop and execute a phased development program for Ford Island to improve the quality of life for Sailors and their families, as well as meeting current and future facility requirements. The development of Ford Island supports the Navy's long-range objectives to centralize operations in the Pearl Harbor area for overall efficiency, to modernize facilities and to reduce maintenance costs.

On April 14, the Navy published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the development of Ford Island. Public scoping meetings were held on May 2 and 4, 2000 to solicit public input in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act and the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act. The draft PEIS is anticipated to be ready for public review early next year. The Navy will not select a developer until the Record of Decision on the PEIS has been signed.

Visit the Ford Island development web site at www.hawaii.navy.mil for more information on the information meeting and the development process.

Media interested in covering the Ford Island development meeting are requested to contact Lt. Cmdr Rod Gibbons in the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, 471-0281 or 577-1635 (pager), by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Media reps will be provided a meeting agenda, copies of information material and the availability of a Navy representative for interviews.

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