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Mr. William Ikemoto, Director  
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Re: SBA's Outstanding Contract Support and Utilization of the 8(a) Program Award

Aloha Mr. Ikemoto,

Congratulations! SBA has selected the Army Garrison, Hawaii Contracting Branch as one of the three recipients for the "Outstanding Contract Support and Utilization of the 8(a) Program" award. This award is given to a contracting agency that has demonstrated extraordinary support of 8(a) firms by awarding the highest percentage of contracts to different 8(a) firms. In fiscal year 2002, the Army Garrison, Hawaii awarded 21 contracts to 8(a) firms with 21 of those awarded to different 8(a) contractors.

I am pleased to invite you as my guest to join us for the Minority Enterprise Development Week Awards Luncheon, which will be held on Friday, August 1, 2003 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hale Koa hotel to receive this award. Congressman Neil Abercrombie will be the Master of Ceremonies and Ted Liu, Director of the State Department of Business, Economic Development, & Tourism, will be the featured speaker. This event is organized by the Minority Business Development Center of Honolulu in collaboration with the Small Business Administration, the annual event celebrates the accomplishments and successes of local minority owned small businesses and those individuals and organizations that actively support minority business development.

We also extend an invitation to your associates and fellow employees. We encourage them to join us in recognizing the contributions of minority owned firms to our local economy and your role in developing and promoting that vital segment of the small business community.

I've attached a registration form for your colleagues. The cost of the event is \$30 and will include lunch. The cost of your lunch is paid. There will be a trade fair at 11 a.m. with lunch to be served at noon. Pre-registration and pre-payment are recommended.

Please confirm your attendance with Michael Youth at 541-2984 or by e-mail at [michael.youth@sba.gov](mailto:michael.youth@sba.gov) by July 28, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew K. Poepoe', is written over a white background.

Andrew K. Poepoe  
District Director

cc: Gary George, SADBUS, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Contracting