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Homeland security in Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Territories is an evolving and increasingly important issue for our nation. The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), in partnership with other entities in the Pacific region, has developed the Pacific Executive Leaders Course (Pacific ELP), a graduate level education curriculum, to address specific challenges facing officials in these unique areas. This course is intended for mid- and senior-level homeland security professionals as an opportunity to develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements they need to better understand and address emerging regional security issues, public policy debates, terrorist threats and best practices in homeland security including:

- Geographic isolation from the continental U.S. and each other
- Predisposition to various types of natural disasters
- Port security and safety concerns
- Proximity to mainland Asia and their geopolitical influences

Goals and Objectives of the Pacific Executive Leaders Program

- Strengthen national security by providing a non-degree, graduate-level educational program to meet the needs of leaders responsible for homeland defense and security in the Pacific region
- Provide an educational forum to enhance senior leaders' capacity to identify and resolve homeland security problems
- Create nationwide homeland security networks and build relationships between senior leaders across disciplines, agencies and levels of government

Course Structure and Curriculum

The Pacific ELP consists of an intensive one-week in-residence session at the University of Hawaii campus in Hilo. The course is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participants and does not require the workload of a traditional graduate-level course.

Instruction is a combination of presentations and facilitated discussions between faculty, participants and subject matter experts. Discussions include strategy, policy and organizational design, covering topics such as intelligence, critical infrastructure, border/immigration, threat recognition, incident management, crisis and risk communications, fear management and emerging homeland security issues.

Attendance and participation is required for the entire week and all sessions.

Application Criteria
Annual application deadline for both January 2013 and March 2013 cohorts is November 9th

The criteria considered for invitation includes the relevancy and level of the applicant's position, their homeland security responsibilities, the potential benefit to the applicant and their organization, and the homeland security experience and knowledge they will bring to this educational forum.

The program is fully sponsored for accepted candidates. This includes travel, per diem, and lodging in accordance with federal travel regulations. The sponsorship does not include work time or time spent away from the agency.

Learn more about the Pacific Executive Leaders Program:
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