



# Aloha Gram

ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS

Honolulu Chapter

## President's Message

Susan Shepard

Aloha AITP members and friends!

Tele-commuting is not a new concept. And today's technology offers high access speed, security and affordability. With gas prices so high and traffic ever worsening, I am surprised our community isn't more focused on this alternative. When you add in the difficulty in hiring qualified employees due to our low unemployment, tele-commuting offers solutions with huge benefits.

One of our employees at ComTel is a new mother who wants to stay home to care for her baby. She VPNs over the Internet into our computer network and we have set her up with a Voice over IP (VoIP) phone at her house. The IP phone connects back to our office phone system and functions exactly as if she were physically in the office. This is a WIN WIN WIN. We retained a trained and reliable employee, our customers are happily serviced and our new mom gets to work and stay at home. (Not to mention the savings in commute fossil fuels!)

There are companies who have migrated entire functional departments into virtual offices. Employees live across the country and even across the world. Using whatever internet access is handy – at home, a client's, a hotel or Internet café, they connect into corporate systems and databases. Using "presence" they can see who is logged in (equivalent to being in the office) and can email, instant message, audio conference or video conference, again all using the Internet. In addition they can share files, collaborate and whiteboard. All the same things we do when gathered in the conference room. Companies save on office space, can hire qualified candidates without relocating them and employees gain flexibility, more time at home – and, oh yes, save on commute time and those fossil fuels!

Take a look around your workplace and see if you have any opportunities to leverage technology and reduce the commute!

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## Chapter News

### New Members

Please welcome:

George Higashionna  
Henkels & McCoy

Eran Agman  
Comtest Technologies

### Board of Directors

Eric Thompson from the Hawaii Convention Center and Eran Agman of Comtest Technologies are filling the board vacancies left by Kevin Costa and Teri Ikehara. Welcome aboard!

### Luncheon Menu for July

Baked Mahi-mahi Filet  
with Tomato Chive Beurre Blanc  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Mushroom Zucchini Sauté  
Hale Koa Salad  
Cool Fruit Sherbet on a Chocolate Meringue  
Nest with Raspberry Coulis

Or

Vegetarian Stir-Fry with Steamed rice

### AITP Member Benefits - Honolulu Chapter

15% discount on all computer classes offered by the CTA. (Exclusive to Honolulu Chapter members only).

Monthly education seminars - Hear about the latest trends and technologies from local and mainland industry leaders.

Networking - Meet and network with your local industry counterparts and with MIS students from local universities at the monthly meetings or at the annual golf tournament.

National Benefits - Visit the following site for more details:

<http://www.aitp.org/affiliates/vendors/vendors.jsp#>

Vendor Affiliates provide great values and special offers on a variety of products and services including group insurance plans, conference registration fees, travel services, magazine subscriptions, financial services, and shipping services. Here's a list of current vendors:

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Marsh Affinity/Seabury & Smith  
MBNA Bank of America Financial Services  
PC Mall and Mac Mall  
Shane Inc  
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Target Insurance Services  
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## **July Educational Meeting**

# **Hawaiian Cement's GPS Implementation A Case Study**

**Honolulu Chapter of AITP**

The Association of Information Technology Professionals

**Thursday July 13, 2006**

**Hale Koa Hotel**

**11:30 - 1:00 pm**

Reservations Required/Cost includes lunch  
send e-mail to: [aitphawaii@aitp.org](mailto:aitphawaii@aitp.org)

- \$15 - AITP Members/students with early reservations (by Jul 10)
- \$20 - AITP Members/students with late reservations
- \$25 - Guests with reservations
- \$25 - Walk-ins (members/students/guests on a space/meal-available basis)

Parking is \$2.00 with validation at parking garage across street from hotel.

**Vegetarian meal requests require 2-day notice**  
**No shows will be billed - Cancellations require a minimum 24-hour notice**

Hawaiian Cement is a major supplier of cement, concrete and aggregate materials in the Hawaiian Islands. In September of 2005 Hawaiian Cement Ready Mix installed a GPS system in their 80 plus trucks on Oahu and Maui. Lori was highly involved in the evaluation of products and implementation of the system and stays involved in the day-to-day operations of the GPS system. Lori will share with you the benefits Hawaiian Cement has received from implementing and using GPS and the lessons learned in the implementation and selection of the product.

Lori Morden has been the IT Administrator for Hawaiian Cement for the past eight years with an infrastructure of six offices on Oahu and Maui; servers running Windows, SQL Server, Oracle, and Exchange. Lori has over 20 years of IT experience working in the industries of higher education, legal, moving and records management and now construction materials.

## Upcoming Events\*

Jul 13	AITP Meeting	Oct 12	AITP Meeting
Aug 10	AITP Meeting	Nov 9	AITP Meeting
Sep 7	AITP Meeting	Dec 14	AITP Meeting

\*\*To be listed here, please send the name of the event, date, and description to the editor. The deadline is the 25th of each month. They will be published here on a space-available, first come, first serve basis.



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The deadline for article submission is the **25th of each month**. All articles should be submitted electronically either on diskette or sent within an E-mail.

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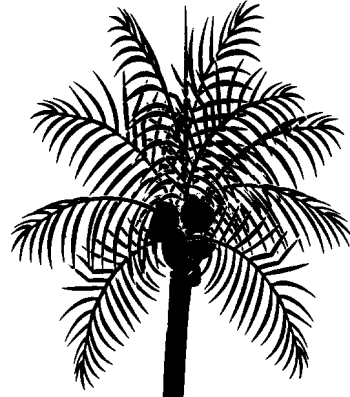
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