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## **SMPS Hawaii February 24, 2010 Lunch Program Cha-Ching! Government Opportunities for Small A/E/C Firms and Vendors**

*Network with government agencies to learn about  
available procurement and financing opportunities*

HONOLULU – The Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) Hawaii Chapter announces its February 24 lunch program titled “Cha-Ching! Government Opportunities for Small A/E/C Firms and Vendors.”

In this difficult economy, funding opportunities within the private sector are few and far between. Stimulus funding offered by the U.S. Government is still available and some funding/projects/contracts are set aside only for small businesses. Business opportunities are out there for small businesses but we just need to know how to get them.

Come to this SMPS Hawaii lunch program to learn first-hand about contracting opportunities available within the Federal and State governments. Bring lots of business cards and network with small business representatives/advocates from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Hawaii State Department of Transportation. Representatives from U.S. Small Business Administration and Hawaii Procurement Technical Assistance Center will also be available at the event to introduce the many programs and financing resources available to small businesses.

The lunch program will be held on February 24, 2010 from 11:30am – 1:30pm at the Plaza Club in the Coronet Room (900 Fort Street Mall, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813). Cost is \$30 for SMPS members, \$35 for AIA members, \$45 for non-members, and \$50 late registration or at the door. AIA CES credits are available. Buffet lunch is provided. To register for the event, visit [www.smpshawaii.org](http://www.smpshawaii.org) or contact Julie Chen at [julie@smpshawaii.org](mailto:julie@smpshawaii.org) for more information.

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