



Asian American Engineer of the Year

Dr. Linda M. Hihara-Endo

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Citation of Accomplishment:

Dr. Hihara-Endo's sustained engineering and planning expertise and leadership in the development of water resources projects throughout the US Pacific Ocean region have significantly contributed in meeting our Nation's water resources priorities by improving the economy, infrastructure, environmental stewardship and quality of life. Her selfless service reflects great credit upon her, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Nation.

Dr. Linda Hihara-Endo is currently the senior engineer and leader of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning and Policy team providing water resources engineering and planning expertise to address navigation, flooding, aquatic ecosystem restoration and water supply needs in the Pacific region. She was an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Hawaii, and has held leadership positions overseeing the US Army's Regulatory Program and the Environmental Program at Headquarters, U.S. Army, Pacific.

Dr. Hihara-Endo's major accomplishments include receiving the Federally Employed Women's Department of Defense Distinguished Leadership Award, the Institute of Water Resources Team of the Year Award in recognition of her work on the national Planning Model Improvement Taskforce, and the Team Planning Achievement Award for the DeLong Mountain Terminal Vertical Review Team.

Dr. Hihara-Endo was honored to deliver a Spring Convocation Address to the University of Hawaii, College of Engineering graduates and served many years on the University of Hawaii Department of Civil Engineering's Industrial Advisory Committee for Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) accreditation. She served as chairperson of the Corps' Partnering-in-Education Program and continues participation in outreach and Special Emphasis Program Committee activities to ensure others are afforded opportunities to succeed.

Dr. Hihara-Endo was born and raised in Pearl City, Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1978. She received her Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1979 and 1984, respectively, and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Hawaii.

Dr. Hihara-Endo is married to Dr. Howard Endo, President of SEY Engineers, Inc., and they have three daughters: Ashley (Johns Hopkins University), Nicole (Santa Clara University) and Sara (Iolani School). When not working, she enjoys fishing, hiking and many outdoor activities.

