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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2009
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

Dr. Frank Schowengerdt, Professor of Physics and Director of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) at UH Hilo, will present an overview of and update on this Center. The Legislature provided initial seed funding for PISCES in 2007 to support its development as a research and education center in Hawaii dedicated to developing technologies to sustain life on the Moon and beyond. Since then it has attracted significant attention and funding from NASA, the Canadian and German Space Agencies, and aerospace companies such as Boeing and Lockheed-Martin; established innovative aerospace education curricula at UH Hilo; and coordinated extensive robotic field tests on Mauna Kea.

A major future component of PISCES will be a full-scale, technically valid lunar habitat on the Big Island that will simulate a future outpost on the Moon (where astronauts and other aerospace professionals can train for future space missions). Dr. Schowengerdt has assembled an outstanding team of aerospace professionals to help develop PISCES and will discuss their vision for this program and plans for its future.

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