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Pacific Impact Zone to Lead Advanced Manufacturing Panel and Demonstrations for Honolulu Tech Week

(Honolulu, Hawaii) August 12, 2025 -- Pacific Impact Zone Solutions -- a Honolulu-based accelerator in the technology and Department of Defense innovation space -- invites the public to attend **“Building the Future: Advanced Manufacturing in Hawai‘i”**, a deep dive into the future of advanced manufacturing technology, research, and development here in Hawaii and beyond.

On **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, attendees will hear from professionals in aerospace, medicine, defense, and more on how their industries are transforming manufacturing – and how Hawaii is poised to become a key player in this high-tech revolution.

The panel will be moderated by Pacific Impact Zone CEO Kevin Miyashiro and held at their new office in downtown Honolulu on 700 Bishop Street.

“We are thrilled to partner with Honolulu Tech Week this year, for a presentation that we hope will inspire the future of advanced manufacturing and highlight what efficient technology can bring to our Islands,” says Miyashiro. “I am excited to host several experts in their fields, who all share a vision for what Hawaii’s manufacturing future can look like.”

The panel event will feature:

- Mr. Trung Lam, Executive Director, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
- Dr. Michael von Fahnstock, US INDOPACOM Senior Program Manager

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- Mr. Rob Graziano, Senior Director for DOD Business, Collibrium a GE Aerospace Company
- Ms. Kimberly Gibson, Ecosystem Director, America Makes
- Dr. Sheri McGuffin, Manager of Development & Innovation, KSTC
- Mr. Eric Wooldridge, Director, KCTCS Additive Manufacturing Center
- Mr. Ted Ralston, Senior Director, Echelon Services Inc

Live demonstrations will feature:

- Ms. Kyla Lee, Hawai'i drone manufacturing certification program
- Mr. Ted Ralston, Termite and corrosion resistant foam housing
- Dr. Michael von Fahnstock, Bio-manufactured commercial and consumer products
- Mr. Amolak Badesha, 3D printed drones
- Mr. Ian Muceus, 3D printed drones

This immersive event will feature a **dynamic expert panel, cutting-edge product demonstrations**, and a **pau hana networking session**. Whether you're an engineer, entrepreneur, student, policymaker, or just tech-curious, this is your chance to see how decades of research and development fuel real-world solutions—and can spark economic growth and new ventures across the islands.

This event is expected to reach capacity, reserve your spot here: <https://lu.ma/q2didkxl>.

To learn more about Pacific Impact Zone, visit: www.Pacimpactzone.com

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Pacific Impact Zone Solutions (PIZ) is transforming Hawaii into a pivotal hub for defense innovation by bridging the gap between industry and national security needs in the Indo-Pacific region. As a small business themselves, Pacific Impact Zone is a “for industry, by industry” partner – bringing a portfolio of solutions to reduce the numerous barriers to success that make it challenging to deliver technical innovations to the Department of Defense. Pacific Impact Zone is strategically headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii – home to the nation’s largest concentration of military commands outside of the Pentagon, and the meeting point in the Indo Pacific. PIZ CEO Kevin Miyashiro lives and breathes innovation, with personal roots in startups, small business technology, and entrepreneurship. After a 10-year journey of creating and selling his first defense dual-use business, Terasys Technologies, to QuinStar Technology in 2018, Kevin cultivated his passion and deep knowledge of tech startup scaling, and strategic acumen into Pacific Impact Zone. As he says, “start, struggle, scale, then sell.”