

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

PEACESAT is a regional network that is managed in part by the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Within the University of Hawaii at Manoa, PEACESAT is organized as a program of the Telecommunications and Information Policy Group of the Social Science Research Institute within the College of Social Sciences.

The University of Hawaii has a Cooperative Agreement with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce to support the network and programs. PEACESAT and the NTIA also have agreements with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to use the GOES satellite and for providing Tracking, Telemetry, and Control Support.

University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM)		
College of Social Sciences		
Social Science Research Institute (SSRI)		
Pan-Pacific Education And Communication Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT)	State Telehealth Access Network (STAN)	Pacific Partners Network
Cooperative agreements (Partial Listing) American Samoa Distance Education, Learning, and Telehealth Applications (DELTA) Consortium Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Veterans Administration (VA) Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) Pacific Development Council Pacific Entities National Weather Service (NWS) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)		

PEACESAT Headquarters - Central network and program support of the network is located at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, U.S.A. Administratively, PEACESAT Headquarters administers a grant from the NTIA and solicits U.S. and international funding in collaboration with PEACESAT Sites and Partners. Operationally, PEACESAT Headquarters manages the satellite air time scheduling, facilitates program applications for services and for new station requests, coordinates satellite tracking, telemetry and control with Kokee Geophysical Observatory in Kauai, Hawaii, and coordinates system maintenance with Sites and vendors.

PEACESAT Sites - PEACESAT stations are primarily housed in educational institutions and government agencies. PEACESAT Sites support their own personnel, facilities, program and utility costs. There are varying levels of resource commitments by Sites which result in various levels of local operational support. In some cases, PEACESAT Sites have exceptional management and program support. At these locations PEACESAT services are reliably available. In contrast, a few Sites are not supported with adequate personnel or facility resources, limiting the level of access to PEACESAT services and program support.

Memoranda of Understanding - PEACESAT has a Memoranda of Understanding with each PEACESAT Site. The MOU require Sites to maintain and support their systems and provide services to the communities they serve. The MOU also addresses PEACESAT requirements such as adhering to strictly non-profit use of the satellite services, for instance charging for satellite transmission time is prohibited. PEACESAT Sites are also required to participate in a weekly management teleconference at which time general network announcements, program developments and maintenance schedules and issues are discussed.