

Flight Options

Based on previous business travel records, the following flight patterns provide sufficient time to attend the conference on the neighbor islands (please note, flights noted are on Alaska/Hawaiian Airlines):

Oahu (HNL) to Kona (KOA)

- **Morning Arrival:** Flights such as AS 1028 departing at 7:00 AM and arriving at 7:51 AM allow enough time to collect a rental car and commute to the venue.
- **Evening Departure:** Flights such as AS 1157 departing at 5:49 PM allow for a comfortable departure after a 4:00 PM event conclusion and arrive back on O'ahu at 6:40pm.

There are flights to and from Kona every 30 minutes in the morning till about 10 AM, then they are every hour. In the afternoon/evening, they are approximately every 45-50 minutes.

Oahu (HNL) to Kahului (OGG)

Note: Kahului (OGG) is the airport serving Kihei and the broader Maui region.

- **Morning Arrival:** Flights such as AS 1026 departing at 7:00 AM and arriving at 7:40 AM provide some time to collect a rental car and make the 20-30 minute drive to Kihei, where the Malcolm Center is at the Maui Economic Development Board offices. Alternatively, the flight departing at 6:00 AM (AS 1016) arrives at 6:41 AM, allowing for more buffer time for the commute to Kihei.

- **Evening Departure:** Flights such as AS 1401 departing at 6:38 PM (arr. 7:26 PM) or AS 1195 departing at 6:59 PM (arr. 7:40 PM) are typically available options for returning after an event concludes at 4:00 PM.

There are flights to Kahului approximately every 40-60 minutes. The drive to Kihei from the airport is approximately 20-30 minutes. Please plan accordingly.

Please verify the current availability and specific departure times for your intended travel date, as flight schedules are subject to change.

Hotel Options

Near Neal S. Blaisdell Center

The Neal S. Blaisdell Center (NBC), located at 777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu, HI, serves as a central hub for major community events, conferences, and exhibitions. For attendees traveling to the Kaka'ako district, selecting a hotel with efficient access to the Ward Avenue corridor is essential for a seamless experience.

The following hotels are recognized for their proximity and convenience to the NBC complex. There are many more hotel accommodations in Waikīkī or Downtown Honolulu as well.

Recommended Hotels

Hotel Name	General Location	Estimated Travel Time	Convenience Highlights
<u>Ala Moana Hotel</u>	Ala Moana / Convention Center	~5-10 Minutes	Closest major hotel to the NBC; situated near the Honolulu Convention Center.
<u>Sheraton Waikiki</u>	Central Waikiki	~15 Minutes	High-capacity corporate option; approximately 15 minutes by car from the Kaka'ako area.
<u>The Ritz-Carlton O'ahu, Waikiki Beach</u>	West Waikiki	~10-12 Minutes	Located at the entrance of Waikiki, offering faster access to Ward Avenue than deeper Waikiki properties.
<u>Renaissance Honolulu Hotel & Spa</u>	Ala Moana / Kaka'ako	~5 Minutes	One of the newest properties located within immediate proximity to the NBC and the Entrepreneurs Sandbox.

Logistics and Accessibility

Venue Location

The Neal S. Blaisdell Center is centrally positioned between the Downtown

Honolulu business district and the Waikiki tourism hub. This location allows attendees to choose between the high-energy environment of Waikiki or more quiet, business-centric properties near Ala Moana.

Commuter Considerations

- **Traffic:** While travel times from Waikiki to the NBC are typically under 15 minutes, peak morning traffic can extend this duration.
- **Parking:** The NBC offers on-site parking for events, but attendees staying at nearby properties like the Ala Moana Hotel may find rideshare services more efficient for short distances.

If you are planning to stay in Kona and/or on Maui for the other two days of the conference instead of flying back to O’ahu, please find the below hotel options for the conference venues.

**Accommodations near HOST Park
(Kona)**

Hotel Name	General Location	Estimated Travel Time
Royal Kona Resort	Kailua-Kona	25-35 minutes
Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel	Kailua-Kona	25-35 minutes

Hotel Name	General Location	Estimated Travel Time
Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa	Keauhou	40-50 minutes

Logistics and Accessibility

Venue Location

HOST Park is located at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) near the Kona International Airport.

Transportation

Rental cars are strongly recommended for attendees, as public transportation options in the area are extremely limited.

Accommodations near MEDB Malcolm Center (Kihei)

Hotel Name	General Location	Estimated Travel Time
Maui Coast Hotel	Kihei	~5-10 minutes
AC Hotel by Marriott Maui Wailea	Wailea	~15-20 minutes

Hotel Name	General Location	Estimated Travel Time
Residence Inn by Marriott Maui Wailea	Wailea	~15-20 minutes
Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort	Wailea	~20 minutes

Logistics and Accessibility

Venue Location

The MEDB Malcolm Center is located within the Maui Research & Tech Park in Kihei, Maui.

Transportation

Rental cars are highly recommended for attendees, as the research park and broader Maui region are best navigated by private vehicle.

Things to do

If you're looking for things to do, places to eat, or other events during your free time in Hawai'i, please visit gohawaii.com or [here](#) for some recommendations.