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## **Hawaiian Telcom Names New Executives** *John Komeiji, Craig Inouye and Steven Golden to Join Company*

**HONOLULU** – Hawaiian Telcom announced today the appointment of John T. Komeiji, Craig T. Inouye and Steven P. Golden to the company's senior management team.

Komeiji will serve as Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Inouye takes over as Senior Vice President for Sales, and Golden will be Vice President for External Affairs. Both Inouye and Golden are returning home to Hawaiian Telcom, having worked at the company earlier in their careers.

"I am pleased to have people of this caliber join Hawaiian Telcom's management team," said Eric Yeaman, Hawaiian Telcom President and Chief Executive Officer. "They have the local knowledge and important expertise to move the company forward as we continue to focus on customer service and operations and bring to Hawaii the most cutting-edge telecommunications products and services."

"I'm excited to join Hawaiian Telcom's management team and look forward to the challenge of keeping the company at the forefront of telecommunications," said Komeiji. "Also, working with Eric Yeaman, Walter Dods and the company's dedicated employees is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

In his new role, Komeiji will be responsible for legal, government affairs, support services and external affairs. Komeiji comes to Hawaiian Telcom from Watanabe Ing & Komeiji LLP, where he served as senior partner. His practice focused in the litigation of complex commercial, personal injury and professional liability matters.

Komeiji is currently a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and has served as a lawyer representative to the United States District Court Conference, and the State of Hawaii Judiciary Conference. Komeiji was appointed as an arbitrator and master mediator by the State of Hawaii Judiciary.

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As Senior Vice President of Sales, Inouye will be in charge of business sales, retail stores, wireless, customer contact centers and wholesale markets. "Craig Inouye brings a diverse background in the telecommunications industry to the company and will help bring innovative ideas to Hawaiian Telcom," Yeaman said.

Inouye joins Hawaiian Telcom after working at Sun Innovation Holding, LTD, where he served as Director. He previously worked at Circle Telecom USA, a Sun Innovations Holdings subsidiary, where he created retail and wholesale VOIP long distance telecommunications service in Japan. Inouye also worked at iBasis Inc. as Vice President for Asia/Pacific, and at WorldxChange where he served as Vice President/Asia. Inouye also previously worked at GTE Hawaiian Tel for a decade.

Golden will be responsible for regulatory issues, corporate communications and customer relations in his new job. "Steve Golden has a long history of dealing with regulatory issues and will be a valuable asset to the company," said Yeaman.

Golden comes to Hawaiian Telcom from The Gas Company, where he served as Vice President of External Affairs. Golden was responsible for the company's statewide public, government and regulatory affairs. He also managed employee communications and media relations.

Before joining The Gas Company, he served as a public policy advisor for elected officials with both the State of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu. Golden also worked as a government affairs liaison for GTE Hawaiian Tel and Pacific Resources Inc.

***About Hawaiian Telcom***

*Hawaiian Telcom is the state's leading telecommunications provider, offering a wide spectrum of telecommunications products and services, which include local and long distance service, high-speed Internet and wireless services.*

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