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Hawaiian Telcom Welcomes Menon and Choe to Lead Government & Community Affairs

HONOLULU (March 1, 2018) – [Hawaiian Telcom](#) (NASDAQ: HCOM) announced that Ani Menon and Francis Choe have joined the company. As director of government & community affairs, Menon leads the development and implementation of Hawaiian Telcom’s government strategies, advocacy, public policy, and community outreach and engagement initiatives. Choe, as senior manager of government & community affairs, manages administrative components including analysis of legislation and its impact to the technology industry and oversees Hawaiian Telcom’s charitable campaigns and community awareness.

“Ani and Francis are strong leaders with complementary skillsets that equate to a powerful team to advocate for positive change for our company and our community,” said Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel John Komeiji. “Their insight and deep understanding of our community are in perfect alignment with Hawaiian Telcom’s commitment to Hawai’i.”

Previously Menon served as the regional account manager for KPMG’s Advisory practice where she managed government relations, communications and community engagement. Prior to that she was the founder and managing partner for AMS Naturals, and an adjunct instructor at Hawai’i Pacific University focused on policy, government, and civic engagement. She began her career as a corporate development manager for Aloha Medical Supply of the Pacific, Inc.

Choe most recently served as an account supervisor for Pang Communications where he provided strategic communication and PR counsel for various clients. Prior to that, he was senior advisor to Honolulu City Councilmember Trevor Ozawa, managing constituent services, special projects, policy and community outreach efforts. He began his career as a legislative aide.

A graduate of McKinley High School, Menon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Hawai’i Pacific University, and a Juris Doctorate from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.

Choe, who graduated from St. Louis School, earned a Bachelor’s degree in Communications from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, and a Master’s degree in Communication and Leadership from Gonzaga University in Washington. He serves as president-elect and membership co-chair for the Public Relations Society of America – Hawai’i chapter.

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About Hawaiian Telcom

Hawaiian Telcom (NASDAQ: HCOM), headquartered in Honolulu, is Hawai'i's technology leader, providing integrated communications, broadband, data center and entertainment solutions for business and residential customers. With roots in Hawai'i beginning in 1883, the Company offers a full range of services including Internet, video, voice, wireless, data network solutions and security, colocation, and managed and cloud services supported by the reach and reliability of its next generation fiber network and a 24/7 state-of-the-art network operations center. With employees statewide sharing a commitment to innovation and a passion for delivering superior service, Hawaiian Telcom provides an Always OnSM customer experience. For more information, visit www.hawaiiantel.com.