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## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

## RONALD K. AWA, ARCHITECT, AIA

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND** 

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Lanai High School

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Registered Professional Architect, No. AR-4281

State of Hawaii, 1977

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects, Corporate Member

Construction Specification Institute, Professional

Member

#### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

1986 - Present Awa & Associates LLC

Architecture, Planning, Interiors

1983 - 1986 Maurice H. Yamasato AIA & Assoc.

Architecture, Planning, Interiors

1979 - 1983 Wong, Sueda & Associates, Inc.

Architecture, Planning, Interiors

1978 - 1979 Takeo Matsumoto & Associates, Inc.

Architecture, Planning, Interiors

1971 - 1978 Edwin T. Murayama & Associates, Inc.

Architecture, Planning, Interiors

### **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC AFFAIRS**

- Ahahui Koa Anuenue University of Hawaii Athletics, Member
- Architectural Review Committee Chairman, Na Pali Haweo Development
- Architectural Review Committee Chairman, 1350 Ala Moana
- Architectural Review Committee Chairman, The Imperial Plaza
- Architectural Review Committee Chairman, The Kahala Beach
- Disability and Communication Access Board, Facility Access Committee (1997 2011)
- Lanai Golf Association
- Lions Club International, East Manoa Lions Club, Member
- Navy League of the United States, Life Member
- Shotokan Karate International Federation, Chief Instructor
- United Okinawan Association, Urasoe Shijin Kai
- University of Hawaii School of Architecture Alumni Association

#### **AWA & ASSOCIATES LLC**

#### Ronald K. Awa, AIA, Principal-in-Charge

Educated at the University of Hawaii with a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in architecture, the firm's principal, Ronald K. Awa, AIA, has been involved in the professional practice of architecture since 1971 and has been a registered architect in the State of Hawaii since 1977. Having been in the employ of several architectural firms as associate architect and as a principal of AWA & ASSOCIATES, Mr. Awa has obtained extensive experiences in all areas of the profession and has compiled an extensive and varied list of various projects to his credit.

Mr. Awa is certified in Value Engineering and Analysis and is experienced as a value engineer, architectural discipline, having represented the Department of the Navy, Pacific Division, for the Department of Defense projects here in Hawaii as well as overseas. Mr. Awa has also served as a consultant to VE specialists, assisting in project evaluations and also in training sessions for other professionals.

Mr. Awa is experienced in the Navy's Functional Analysis Concept Development (FACD) process, having led his design team, as the prime consultant, through the intense analytical and design process on projects contracted by the Navy. In addition, Mr. Awa is trained in the "Redi-Check" system of interdisciplinary coordination review implementing this system as a standard procedure.

Mr. Awa had served on the State of Hawaii's Disability and Communication Access Board and Facility Access Committee for several terms, having been appointed in 2003 and reappointed in 2007 by Governor Linda Lingle for the term expiring in June 2011. Previously, Mr. Awa had been appointed in 1997 and 2000 by former Governor Benjamin Cayetano to serve on DCAB's predecessor, the Architectural Access Committee. Administered under the Board of Health, the DCAB establishes guidelines for design specifications not covered by the American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and is empowered to grant site specific alternate designs, and issue interpretive opinions consistent with the intent of ADAAG. Mr. Awa is knowledgeable of design requirements for the physically impaired, including the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Guidelines, participating in ongoing government and industry sponsored seminars.

Mr. Awa's accomplishments have included his broad project experiences with the Federal, State, City and County government agencies as well as with the private sector. Mr. Awa's experiences have included the planning and design of new major structures, as well as renovations and alterations for a diversification project types. Mr. Awa also serves as the Chairperson for several design review committees which review proposed plans for compliance with association's design guidelines. The communities include single family residential subdivisions as well as multi-family condominium buildings.

As a working principal, Mr. Awa remains directly involved in the leadership, design and administration of all projects.