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TESTIMONY
OF
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
October 25, 2007

RELATING TO CONFIRMATION TO THE PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEITH T. MATSUMOTO

Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board (the Board), gubernatorial nominee, Keith T. Matsumoto. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Mr. Matsumoto be recommended for confirmation.

HRS Section 103D-201 requires that the Board have a member who has business and professional experience who is not a full time state or county employee. Mr. Matsumoto has served in various positions and roles ranging from Contracts Management Officer to Chief Operating Officer for firms in private industry, non-profit organizations, and the Board of Water Supply. Currently, Mr. Matsumoto is a consultant with the Pacific Center for High Technology Research.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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October 22, 2007

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara,
Chairperson
The Honorable Donna Kim
Vice Chairperson
Committee on Tourism and Government Operations
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Keith Matsumoto; Procurement Policy Board

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased support the appointment of Keith Matsumoto to the Procurement Policy Board.

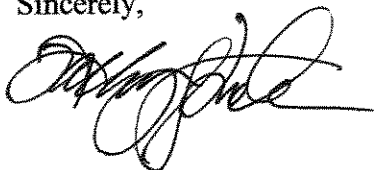
I worked closely with Keith at the Honolulu Board of Water Supply. He also assisted in the formation and operation of a startup nonprofit organization, Community Links Hawaii, which is a management support organization providing administrative support for community organizations.

I have been impressed with his knowledge and ability to see issues clearly and find solutions. He has in depth experience and knowledge about the State Procurement Code, and also has extensive experience and knowledge about federal rules, regulations and procurement as well. His background and expertise will be invaluable in this position.

Keith is also a straight talker, honest and forthright about his views. His integrity will be an asset for this board. He is not afraid to take on tough issues and works hard on getting things right.

In short, I support the appointment of Keith Matsumoto to the Procurement Policy Board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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October 23, 2007

To: The Committee on Tourism and Government Operations
From: Cellular Bioengineering, Inc.

Re: Support of Nominee Keith Matsumoto

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Mr. Keith Matsumoto's nomination to the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Matsumoto has been a key point of reference for the implementation and sustainability of Cellular Bioengineering, Inc.'s (CBI) procurement policies and procedures as related to government contracting. Mr. Matsumoto has guided and assisted the company in achieving a proper accounting system which in turn has helped CBI to become more systematic, organized and compliant with government contract regulations.

CBI is a small biotechnology business that began its research and development in July of 2003. Since its inception, more than 9 million dollars in federal contracts have been awarded. Three of these awards were received from Hawaii Technology Development Venture (HTDV) where our relations with Mr. Matsumoto began. CBI attributes this successful track record to the services provided by HTDV and Mr. Matsumoto.

We wish Mr. Matsumoto the best of luck and support his endeavors with the Procurement Policy Board. He has been an asset to CBI and will hopefully continue to do the same for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Coy
Vice President

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Thursday, October 25, 2007
1:15 pm @ Conference Room 229

by Brenda Kanno, Corporate Secretary

I support the confirmation of Keith T. Matsumoto to the Procurement Policy Board. I have known Keith for the past ten or so years through his association with PICHTR, the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR contracted with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii for some of their project activities).

Keith has extensive experience in the procurement arena, especially at the federal and state levels. When he served as VP/Chief Operating Officer/Treasurer of PICHTR, he was responsible for all contracting and procurement activities. He impressed me as a fast learner, and he was able to comprehend the sometimes confusing laws and regulations.

In his current capacity as Technical Director of the Hawaii Technology Development Venture, a project of PICHTR funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR), Keith continues to be involved with procurement matters, as HTDV assists small businesses in capacity building.

Keith is a hard worker, follows through to get a job done, and is able to see the "big picture" in things he has been involved in. He is an excellent choice to serve on the Procurement Policy Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.