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

**RELATING TO CONFIRMATION TO THE PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PAMELA A. TORRES**

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, Pamela A. Torres. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Ms. Torres be recommended for confirmation.

HRS Section 103D-201 requires that the Board have a member who is a certified professional in the field of procurement. Ms. Torres is a Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM) and has served as the president of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), Aloha Chapter in 1994-1995 and in 2005. She has over 20 years of procurement and contracting experience and currently is the owner of her own consulting firm. Additionally, she serves on the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR CONFIRMATION OF PAMELA TORRES TO THE
PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD**

COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Pam Torres worked for me as a contractor in the development of a major Federal bid for Hawaiian Telcom. She is very knowledgeable in Federal procurement regulations and processes and easily explains complex regulations in laymen's terms. Pam is professional and easy to work with. She was NCMA President for several years and is well respected in the procurement community.

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