

Hirota-Schmidt Named President of WOEDA

Kristi Hirota-Schmidt of Associa Hawaii has been named president of the West Oahu Economic Development Association (WOEDA), a nonprofit organization formed by local businesses and community leaders in 2001.

Its mission is to be a voice for growth and economic opportunity in West Oahu by engaging in advocacy, education and networking.

“We’re excited for Kristi and know that she will be a significant asset as the leader of this influential organization,” says Associa Hawaii CEO Jon McKenna. Hirota-Schmidt is senior vice president of business development at Associa Hawaii. She joined the firm’s business development division in 2006 and currently oversees sales and marketing for Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Lanai and the Big Island. She is the coordinator of all of Associa Hawaii’s advertising and community outreach efforts.

Okubo Joins Allied Builders

Jeanine Okubo has joined Allied Builders System as a senior project manager where she will utilize her experience with luxury retail and other specialty clientele to develop and oversee new client relationships and projects in the retail sector.



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“Jeanine’s many years of experience in the construction industry as a project manager will be instrumental in providing the highest level of construction service to our current clients and will help us build successful relationships with new clients,” says Gary Oda, president of Allied Builders System.

Okubo previously was marketing project manager at Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co. She also served as project manager at J. Kadowaki, Inc.

WCIT Names Tran CFO, Grows Team

WCIT Architecture welcomes **Ronald Tran** as the firm’s chief financial officer, **Derek Tsutomi** as project manager, **Craig McHenry** as senior

project architect and **Jonathan Lee** as project architect.

Tran’s work experience includes managing accounting department, information systems, construction and retail operations; analyzing financial

data to manage retail margins, control overhead and costs; and maintaining servers, computer hardware and software. Tran has a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and a master’s degree in accounting from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He was previously employed as director of finance and information systems for Pioneer Contracting Co.

Tsutomi was previously employed by Clifford Planning & Architecture LLC as architectural designer. His work experience includes assisting project managers, project architects and designers with roles ranging from schematic design to construction documentation and construction administration. Tsutomi is a graduate of UH-Manoa with a doctorate of architecture degree and also has an associate of arts degree in interior



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design from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles.

McHenry was previously an associate at Gensler. He is WCIT’s new primary on-site

project architect representing Architect of Record, providing design documentation and construction administration during an eight-phase, five-year construction project. McHenry has also worked for Studios Architecture in San Francisco as an associate and Bergmeyer Associates in Boston as job captain and project architect.

Lee, a licensed architect in the State of Hawaii, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Design with a master of architecture degree. He recently was an intermediate designer at WATG and has also worked at Brewster Hjorth Architects of Sydney, Australia as project designer, Cooper Joseph Studio of New York as project designer and project manager and on site-specific design projects in Greece, Japan and Pennsylvania.

G70 Promotes Camuso

Hawaii design firm Group 70 International, Inc. has promoted senior planner **Tracy Camuso** to associate.

As an associate at G70, Camuso is responsible for preparing master plans, environmental impact statements, design guidelines and applications for land use permits. Her planning experience includes agricultural developments, residential communities, educational facilities, industrial parks and scientific research institutions. She previously worked at the Hawaii State Legislature and she is membership chair of the American Planning Association’s Hawaii chapter. 🏠



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