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### **RYAN OKAHARA JOINS FIRST INSURANCE AS NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**HONOLULU** – First Insurance Company of Hawaii has named Ryan Okahara vice president of organizational development. The position encompasses supervision of human resources, strategic planning and the project consulting group.

“We were very fortunate to find someone of Ryan’s caliber, whose experience includes a broad human resources background, a solid track record in business process improvement and planning, and the people skills to work with and lead a diverse team,” said Allen Uyeda, president of First Insurance Company of Hawaii.

Okahara is a graduate of Moanalua High School and holds a degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He also has a master’s degree in management and human resources development. Previously, Okahara was a compensation manager for General Electric (GEIS) and the Hawaiian Electric Company. Before that, he was responsible for human resources at Weyerhaeuser Company and Pihana Pacific.

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Okahara also had strong leadership and management experience as branch chief of force structure when he was a U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel responsible for overseeing \$5.7 billion worth of Pacific Air Force weapons systems and improving the integration of active duty and reserve forces.

First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. is the oldest and largest property and casualty insurer domiciled in Hawaii, with assets totaling more than \$400 million and liabilities of \$299 million. First Insurance offers a broad array of personal, commercial and specialty insurance lines. Nearly a century old, First Insurance enjoys an "A" (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best Co., whose ratings are widely recognized as a benchmark of an insurer's financial strength. Proud of its broadly experienced, service-oriented staff, First Insurance employs over 300 people and distributes its products through 28 independent general agencies. It has claims personnel on Oahu, Kauai and Maui, as well as in Hilo and Kona on the Island of Hawaii. First Insurance is jointly owned by CNA Financial Corporation and Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.

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