

JASON T. OKUHAMA



**Resume**

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 01/2000 to Present. Managing Partner, Hawai'i Lending Specialists, LLC, dba Commercial and Business Lending, Honolulu, Hawai'i. Past 22 years specialized in USDA Farm Service Agency and Farmer Mac agricultural loan programs, USDA Rural Development and US Small Business Administration Guaranteed loan programs. Territory includes Hawai'i, South and Western Pacific, and the the Continental US.
- 01/2019 to Present. Executive Vice President, Thomas USAF Group based in Atlanta, GA; one of the largest originators of USDA Rural Development Business & Industry, Community Facilities and REAP loans in the US and US Territories.
- 08/94 to 08/99. Vice President/ Business Loan Officer, Bank of America, FSB, Community Development Banking Group, Honolulu, Hawaii. Administered the US Small Business Administration, USDA Rural Development and other government loan programs for Bank of America in the Hawai'i/Guam/American Samoa/CNMI regions.
- 11/91 to 08/94. Business Loan Officer, Financial Assistance Branch, State of Hawai'i, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), Honolulu, Hawai'i. Administered the Hawaii Capital Loan Program, Large and Small Vessel Loan Program, Molokai Loan Program, High Tech Loan Program, Community-Based Economic Development Loan Program and several other loan programs. Commercial loan interviews, analysis, formal loan presentations, servicing and collections.
- 10/90 to 11/91. Mortgage Loan Officer/Underwriter, International Savings & Loan Association, Honolulu, Hawai'i. Thorough mortgage underwriting and loan approval authority, and supervision of mortgage loan processors.
- 07/85 to 9/90. Assistant Branch Manager, First Hawai'i Bank - Kamuela Branch, Kamuela, Hawai'i. Thorough loan platform skills in commercial, mortgage and consumer lending. Assisted in overall branch operations.

**ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS :**

- January 2000 – Present: Board President, Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (a non-profit organization)
- April 2015 – October 2021: Board Member, Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA), public entity created by the Hawai'i State Legislature
- November 2013 – March 2020: Board President, AOA One Waterfront Towers
- April 2011 – August 2018: Board of Director AOA Century Square
- April 2006 – June 2011: Board Vice Chair, Aloha Tower Development Corporation, public corporation created by the Governor
- Current member, Hawai'i Farm Bureau
- Current member, Sierra Club
- Founding and former member, Lokahi Pacific Rural Development, Inc.
- Former Loan Review Committee Member, Hawai'i Community Loan Fund
- DBEDT Small Business Advisory Group
- 2004 Community-Based Economic Development Conference, Planning Committee
- 1998 Hawai'i Congress on Small Business, Planning Committee
- 1996 Hawai'i Technical Assistance Lenders Conference, Steering Committee
- 1995 Community-Based Economic Development Conference, Planning Committee
- Past President, Waimea Jaycees
- Past Treasurer, Exchange Club of Waimea
- Past Member, Board of Directors, Young Buddhists Association (YBA)
- Past Member, Honolulu Japanese Jaycees
- Attended University of Hawaii

**REFERENCES: (Contact information will be furnished upon request)**

- The Honorable Sharon Moriwaki, Senator, Hawai'i State Legislature
- Carlito Caliboso, Partner, Yamamoto & Caliboso
- Ann Tanouye, Vice President, First Foundation Bank
- Richard 'Buddy' Nichols, USDA FSA, Manager, Farm Loan Programs
- Kathy Daily, Managing Director, First Financial Bank
- Joseph Burns, Hawai'i SBDC, Interim State Director
- Thoms Kimsey, President, Thomas USAF Group
- Alton Kimura, Community Programs Director, Hawai'i State USDA RD