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Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd. Announces Richard S. Abe as Principal Engineer

Civil Engineer Rejoins Firm After 26 Years with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

HONOLULU – Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd., a Honolulu-based planning, civil engineering, landscape architecture, and environmental consulting firm, announces that **Richard S. Abe, PE** has recently rejoined the firm. Abe returned to Belt Collins after a 26-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Abe most recently served as a Civil Engineer, Engineering Team Leader, and Senior Technical Advisor for the Regional Business Technical Division at Headquarters, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Shafter. Prior to working for the Corps of Engineers, Abe worked as a Senior Project Engineer at Belt Collins Hawaii from 1973-1982.

“We are pleased to have Richard rejoin Belt Collins after his retirement from the Army Corps of Engineers,” said Michael Terry, president of Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd.

“His experience gained while working for the Corps of Engineers is a tremendous asset to Belt Collins as we continue working on various civil engineering projects for the federal government,” said Terry.

A licensed professional engineer in the State of Hawaii, Abe received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawaii.

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From 1982-1992, Abe served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District in Seoul, Korea. After returning to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division/Honolulu Engineer District in 1992, Abe served as a supervisory branch chief and was responsible for the oversight of numerous projects within the jurisdiction of the Army's Pacific Ocean Division, including the design of the 53-mile, \$149-million Palau Compact Road project. During his tenure with the Corps of Engineers, he received numerous awards, including the Department of Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service. A resident of Honolulu, Abe is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

In addition to its U.S. offices in Honolulu, Seattle, and Boulder, Belt Collins has offices in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China; Singapore; Bangkok, Thailand; Guam; and the Philippines. Founded in Honolulu in 1953, Belt Collins has grown from a staff of two to over 500 professional and support staff. Services provided include planning, civil and sanitary engineering, landscape architecture, environmental consulting, GIS and graphic design. Acknowledged internationally as a leading design and consulting company, Belt Collins is best known for its extensive work in planned resort, residential and community design both in Hawaii and elsewhere. Visit the firm's award-winning web site at www.beltcollins.com.

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