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### **Trex taps two for board**

Two Hawaii business leaders have joined the board of directors of [Trex Enterprises Corp.](#), a San Diego defense contractor and technology innovator with significant operations in Hawaii.

"Jeff Watanabe and Larry Johnson are extraordinary business leaders," said Trex Chairman Ken Tang. "Their expertise will help guide the direction of Trex."

Watanabe is principal at [Watanabe Ing Kawashima Komeiji LLP](#) and a director of [Hawaiian Electric Industries](#). Until January he was chairman of Hawaii's Nature Conservancy board. Johnson is the former CEO of [Bank of Hawaii](#), where he started in the 1950s as a teller.

"We have two corporate powerhouses joining us to complement our team of visionaries," said Tom Fargo, who has chaired Trex's subsidiaries [Loea Corp.](#) and [Sago Systems](#) since retiring as head of the Pacific Command earlier this year. Watanabe has also been a director of Loea since 2002.

Trex has more than 60 people working on Oahu, Maui and Kauai through two subsidiaries:

- Kihei-based Loea Corp. builds high-speed, high-bandwidth radios operating in millimeter-wave bandwidth free space, 71-76 GHz and 81-86 GHz range. It has installations in Hawaii, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Maryland and Washington, D.C.
- Sago Systems creates camera systems to detect and locate objects on passengers at airports, on passersby, or individuals at a stand-off range.

Trex, like many high-tech defense contractors today including others in Hawaii, practices dual use technology. This means it builds something useful for the Defense Department, then finds civilian applications for the same idea.