

"The Adama Deal" Featuring CEO Tim Dick and Amit Shah of Artiman Ventures

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m., By Invitation only.

Amit and Tim will explain how the Adama bridge and equity financings came together and the critical factors that led to the decision to invest. They will also discuss the current venture environment in Silicon Valley and what it takes to get a company funded today. The session will be interactive and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. John Dean, Executive Chairman of Central Pacific Bank and a member of the Adama Board of Directors, will also attend. Adama Materials is a HiBEAM portfolio company and a member company of EF Hawaii.

The event is co-sponsored by HiBEAM, an accelerator for early stage Hawai'i technology companies, and the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i, a nonprofit organization that encourages entrepreneurial companies to engage in community service and philanthropy.

Tim Dick is CEO of Adama Materials, Inc., a developer of nanotechnology-based advanced materials, and a General Partner of Startup Capital Ventures, a Palo Alto-based venture fund. A serial entrepreneur, Tim founded the Hawaii Superferry; co-founded Grassroots.com, the leading political web technology company (acquired by Edelman); and founded WorldPages.com, the internet's first white and yellow pages (NYSE:WPZ, then acquired by BT). He was also the first investor in match.com (NASDAQ:IACI) and Accept.com (acquired by Amazon).

Amit Shah is a Co-Founder and Partner of Artiman Ventures, a venture fund based in Silicon Valley and Bangalore, India, where he focuses on early stage technology investments. Amit was previously General Partner of Anthelion I & II, a seed stage venture fund. He also worked as VP of New Markets and Technologies for Cisco Systems' Business Development and Alliances Group. Prior to this he founded and was CEO of PipeLinks, Inc., acquired by Cisco (1998). Preceding PipeLinks, he founded ZeitNet, a networking systems company which was then acquired by Cabletron.