University of Hawai'i

Consent to Participate in Research Project:

Designing and Evaluating a Professional Sound Reinforcement System for Adults

My name is Ken Miyamoto. I am a Graduate Student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM), in the Department of Learning Design and Technology. As one of my interests, I design professional sound reinforcement systems. The purpose of this instructional design project is to develop and evaluate an instructional module to improve basic knowledge of signal path and how to create an audio sound system for adult clients at Creative Sound and Lighting. The purpose of the research is to improve the module for future use.

Project Description - Activities and Time Commitment: If you choose to participate, I will meet with you face-to-face to take part in using the website to test the module in our store. The training will last for about 45 to 60 minutes. This research will use the website to collect data from your responses to pre, embedded, and post questions to surveys and test included inside the module about demographics and prior knowledge. If you participate, I will ask questions of you during the module. You will be one of a total approximately of fifteen participants who will use this module in our storefront. You will be asked to complete a pre-survey and a post survey that should take no more than 10 minutes each. If you would like to preview a copy of all of the questions that I will ask you, please let me know.

Benefits and Risks: You may benefit from participating in my research project by learning more about setting up sound systems and audio theories. The results of this project might help me and other researchers learn more about creating web-based modules to help people learn. I believe there is little or no risk to you in participating in this project. There is a possibility you may become uncomfortable or stressed by answering a question or navigating the module. If that happens, you may skip the question, take a break, or stop the project. You may also withdraw from the project altogether at any time with no penalty to you.

Confidentiality and Privacy: During this research project, I will keep all data collected in a secure location. Only I will have access to the data, although legally authorized agencies, including the University of Hawai'i Human Studies Program, have the right to review research records. All responses will be kept confidential. After the training session, I will use psuedonyms to protect the confidentiality of any information linked to my participants. When I report the results of my research project, and in my typed notes from my interview with you in the store, I will not use your name or any other personally identifying information. If you would like a summary of the findings from my final report, please contact me at the number listed near the end of this consent form.

Voluntary Participation: Participation in this research project is voluntary. You are free to choose to participate or not to participate in this project. At any point during this project, you can withdraw your permission without any loss of benefits.

Questions: If you have any questions about this project, please contact me at via phone (808) 478-4105 or e-mail (kenmiyam@hawaii.edu).

If you have any questions about your rights in this project, you can contact the University of Hawaii, Human Studies Program, by phone at (808) 956-5007 or by e-mail at uhirb@hawaii.edu.

To Access the Survey: Please go to the following web page: http://creativesoundsystemdesign.weebly.com. You should find a link to the survey and instructions for completing it. Completing the survey will be considered as your consent to participate in this study.

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