



The Port Report

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Port Granted Strategic Designation

Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced this month that the Port of Guam has received approval for Strategic Port designation from the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC).

With this designation, the Port of Guam becomes the 16th commercial Strategic Seaport in the United States. The announcement of the Strategic Port designation comes two weeks after General Duncan J. McNabb toured the Port.

Bordallo included language in the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act that urged the Department of Defense (DOD) to

establish additional strategic ports including the Port of Guam.

Receiving Strategic Port designation



will benefit the Port by allowing the port to develop a closer partnership with the DOD. The Port will see a significant increase in cargo volume during times of military deployments as it will serve as a conduit for the distribution of forces and supplies. The Port will also be able to provide

greater support for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in the Pacific. The port's strategic designation underscores the need for federal funding to make the necessary improvements at PAG.

"This designation will help the port to receive federal funding to modernize port infrastructure and cargo handling. I congratulate Governor Camacho, Port Authority of Guam General Manager Glenn Leon Guerrero, Board Chairman Monte Mesa, and the board members, who worked hard for this designation," Bordallo said in here news release.

Port Master Plan Approved

After more than one week of debate in session, Senators of the 30th Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 178-30 granting final approval to the first phase of the Port Authority of Guam Master Plan. Senators spent much of that week in discussion over the



measure which calls for more than \$200 Million in upgrades to the 40-year-old facility.

"I want to thank the senators for their debate, concern and positive action on this legislation," said General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. "We appreciate all of the discussion that was held this week and look forward to submitting our

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Four-Star General McNabb Visits Port

Four-Star General Duncan J. McNabb visited the Port Authority of Guam earlier this month and met with Governor Felix P. Camacho along with the Board Chairman and General Manager regarding the agency's plans to modernize the commercial sea port.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a four-star general here to witness the progress we have made and our plans to upgrade our facilities," said Port General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. "We also explained our efforts to seek federal funding for the needed upgrades and General McNabb seemed very receptive to the work we have been doing."

McNabb is the Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command



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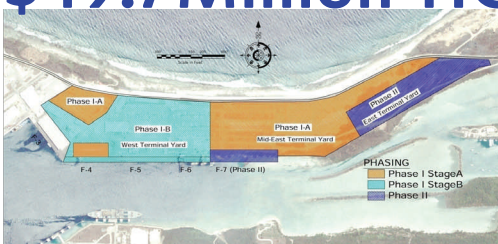
His position and review of the Port is critical as the agency seeks Strategic Designation approval from the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) and the Department of Transportation's U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD). Federal officials from SDDC and MARAD were on Guam last month to conduct their assessment on PAG's request.

A few weeks following his visit he granted the Port Authority of Guam Strategic Designation Status.

Port Seeks \$49.7 Million TIGER Grant

The Port Authority of Guam submitted its application for \$49.7 Million in ARRA grants to kick start the first phase of the Port Modernization Program.

The Port applied for the funding from the U.S. Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The deadline to apply for this grant is September 15, 2009. This is a "competitive grant" which means that all states and territories can compete for the transportation funding. A total of \$1.5 Billion in this grant is available for sea



ports, highways, airports, ferry systems, rail ways, high speed transit systems and other modes of transportation.

The Port Authority of Guam will also be applying for \$50 Million in USDA loans and will combine the ARRA and USDA monies to launch Phase 1 of the Modernization Program.

Governor Felix P. Camacho recently signed a letter of support for the port's application noting that the

application and the funding it will provide is a "top priority" of the Administration.

"We are on the verge of greatness at the Port that will define the future for our community, our region and for our military partners," Governor Camacho wrote to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "However, that greatness will not be fulfilled if we don't join together with you in this ambitious project." PAG officials expect an answer sometime next year.

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applications for the federal funding.”

Port officials need the final approval in order to receive higher consideration for their applications for federal funding of the first phase of the master plan.

The Master Plan was a supporting document in the application for \$50 Million in American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act Funds. The Port also will be submitting an application for \$50 Million in USDA funds.

“This master plan is the road map for the modernization of our port that will transform the facility into a world-class commercial sea port,” Leon Guerrero said.

“This final approval by lawmakers will now show the

federal government that the Port Authority of Guam has community-wide support for our plans to upgrade and modernize our facility.”

The legislation was transmitted to Governor Felix Camacho who signed it into law later that evening.

A copy of the Master Plan is available at www.portguam.com.

Port Launches New Website

The Port Authority of Guam has launched its new website that is full of information on port operations, modernization, financials and even includes special areas for children, Freedom of Information Requests and a dedication to soldiers who have been deployed overseas.

“We are very excited about this new website which is very user-friendly and full of information that people will need on our port and our plans to modernize the facility,” said Port General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero.

The Port Authority of Guam staff worked with iCON Guam Web Design on the website renovation.

“iCON Guam Web Design has been a true partner in progress for us during this website redesign and we are very pleased with the work they have done for the Port and the people of Guam.”



The website has an extensive section on the Port Modernization Program including all current efforts, plans, reports, ARRA application, presentations and even copies of prior Port Master Plans dating back as far as 1981.

Information can also be found on the website that deals with Requests for Proposals, job openings, financial reports, audits and details on equipment and facilities.

The Port's website also has a special section dedicated to

Freedom of Information where the general public can submit their Freedom of Information Requests via email.

Another section on www.portguam.com is entitled "Our Heroes" and is dedicated to the men and women of the Port Authority of Guam who are deployed by the U.S. Military.

“We are a family at the Port and we want to make sure that we show our appreciation for our employees who have put themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life,” Leon Guerrero said.

Children and school teachers can also find useful information under the section entitled "Just for Kids" where they will find a downloadable Port Authority of Guam coloring page, links to educational websites and information on tours.

2009 Coastal Clean-Up



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's 15th Annual Coastal Clean-Up. Your time and volunteerism is most appreciated. Hope to see more employees participate in next year's clean-up.

After just one month from the passing of former employee TK Cruz, another member of our Port Family was called to eternal life by our Heavenly Father. Alfredo "Bobo" Manguba, Equipment Operator II from Transportation Division passed on September 18, 2009. Very quiet and mild mannered, "Alfredo will be remembered as a good worker and a loving person to friends and co-workers" said Transportation Supervisor Mike Taijeron. Nightly rosary is being prayed at 8:00pm at Bobo's home in Santa Rita. Last Respects may be paid on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the family residence in Santa Rita from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 2:00pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Santa Rita. Christian burial will follow at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Agat. Rest in peace Bobo, you will surely be missed by your Port Family.



2009 Labor Day Picnic



Third Quarter Incentive Awards



Supervisor of the Quarter – Raymond C. Munoz, Building Maintenance Supervisor



Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter – Welding Section/ Equipment Maintenance Division
Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Quarter – Welder's Section



Employee of the Quarter – Sylvestre S. Torres, Maintenance Custodian



Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Quarter – Marketing Section

Port Week 2009

September 26, 2009

Pool Tournament – Championship
6:00pm Lucky Break, Anigua

October 3, 2009

Volleyball - Tentative Scheduled
Time & Place – TBA

October 9, 2009

Golf Tournament
7:30am Showtime, Windward Hills
Golf Course
Entry Fee: \$30 per person
BBQ luncheon to follow at Ipan Beach

October 10, 2009

5th Island Style Cookout
6:00am gates open, 11:30am judging
Port Beach, Piti

October 16, 2009

Karaoke Night
Downtown Keiu's
6:00pm - ???

October 19, 2009

Opening Ceremony
9:00am, PAG Administration Bldg.

October 23, 2009

Grand Finale
6:00pm, Nikko Hotel

TBA

Basketball Tournament