



The Port Report

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Port Close To Getting \$50 Million

The U.S. House of Representatives on July 28 passed the 2010 Supplemental Appropriations Act which will give the Port \$50 Million for the Modernization Program.

The House of Representatives had previously passed this legislation on July 1, 2010, with additional funding for domestic concerns. However, Republican obstructionism in the Senate required the Senate to remove the domestic funding and return the

package back to the House for a final vote. Despite differences of opinion between the House and Senate on this domestic funding the funding for the Port of Guam was not in question and is supported by the House and Senate leadership. The bill now goes to President Obama for his signature.

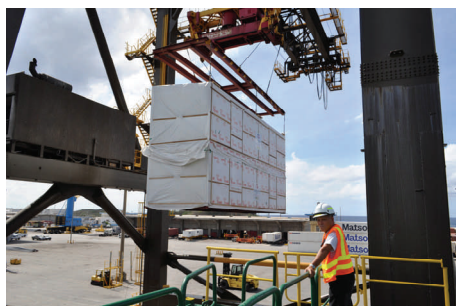
"We are ecstatic that this pivotal piece of legislation has been passed as it is critical to the progress of the Port Authority of Guam," said Port General Manager Rick Agustin. "We will anxiously await action by President Obama on the bill. Once the President signs the measure and the funding is released, we will be able to accelerate our Modernization

activities. On behalf of the Port employees, management and Board of Directors, I want to thank Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo for her unyielding support. I also want to thank Governor Felix Camacho, Lieutenant Governor Michael Cruz and Speaker Judy Won Pat, along with all members of the Guam Legislature, for being our partners in this Modernization Program."

This funding was made available at the request of President Obama after the Port of Guam was denied Recovery Act funding and was strongly supported by Congresswoman Bordallo.

"The \$50 million in port funding included in this bill is critical to beginning infrastructure and modernization projects at the

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DOD Deputy Secretary Visits PAG

On July 27th, Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn and Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Dorothy Robyn visited the Port along with a delegation of federal officials to take a tour of the facility and see first-

hand how the Port is preparing itself for the upcoming military buildup. A presentation was given by the Planning Division and GM explaining the Port's Modernization Plan and the need for federal support in executing the Port's expansion projects.

Deputy Secretary Lynn and Undersecretary Robyn visited Guam with other high ranking

federal officials to present and receive comment on the final Environmental Impact Statement which details the Department of Defense buildup plans.

As the senior defense official overseeing Guam's military buildup, Deputy Secretary Lynn made three commitments to Guam relating to the buildup:

- Working with Guam to respect and



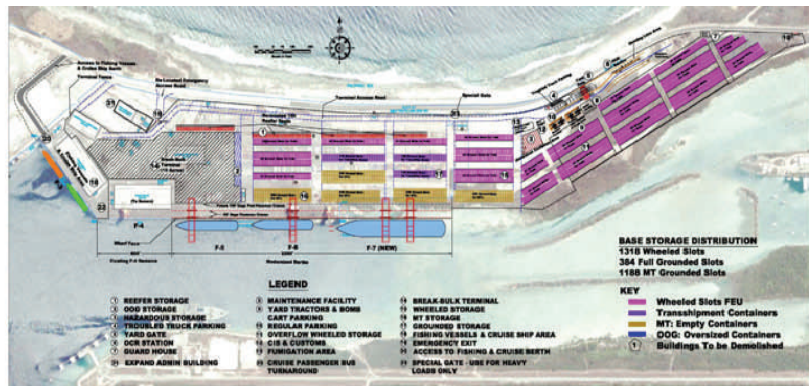
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Port of Guam,” Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo said. “The Port of Guam has repeatedly been identified as a potential chokepoint for supplies and personnel, and this funding is a major step forward ensuring that our island is prepared for the realignment of forces in our region and to sustain our economic development in the future. I appreciate the support of the Obama Administration for requesting this funding and the support of my colleagues for recognizing the importance of this funding to our community and to the strategic importance of our port. This funding demonstrates a continued commitment from the Obama Administration to

address our long standing infrastructure issues with specific funding commitments. We have a long ways to go, but funding for the port, financing for a new landfill and continued road funding are

important steps forward. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and with Administration officials to ensure that the military build-up is done right.”



PAG Gets \$2.2 Million Grant

The Port Authority of Guam has been awarded more than \$2 million in federal grants to boost the security systems at the island's only commercial seaport.

“We are pleased that this money was awarded so that we may continue to upgrade our security systems here at the Port,” said Port General Manager Enrique J.S. Agustin. “Enhanced security measures are a critical part of our Modernization Program so these projects will fall in line with our efforts to upgrade and

modernize our crucial facility.”

In February of this year the Port applied for \$2,257,500 in FY 2010 Port Security Grant Program funding. The agency was recently notified that they were awarded the entire amount. The \$2.2 Million will be used to integrate the agency's CCTV Security Surveillance Cameras, access control systems, radar and intrusion detection systems and the Maritime and Port Security Operations Center.

“This funding will allow us to integrate our information with other local and federal security agencies and will take the Port Authority of Guam to the next level with regards to maritime and port security,” Agustin said.



Spiders on MV Altavia

As you may have learned through the media, operations on the MV Altavia was ceased on July 14 due to thousands of spiders found in the cargo. The vessel was carrying housing units and accessories that were to be used at the Ukudu Workforce Village in Dededo. The workforce village is expected to house up to 18,000 temporary workers who will construct military units for the impending buildup.

The spiders were discovered by stevedores shortly after Customs and the Agent gave clearance to off load the cargo. When the units and beams were placed on the dock, stevedores noticed that hundreds of large spiders and thousands of little ones were on the cargo and the ship. They immediately informed their superiors and Port Police, who notified Customs and Quarantine. Port employees were then instructed to return the cargo back on the ship and send the vessel to anchorage, located in outer Apra Harbor.



But before the vessel left, employees on the dock were able to catch samples of the insect which was turned over to Department of Agriculture. The agency is working with the University of Guam to determine the species of the spider and if it is venomous.

As of July 19, the MV Altavia and its cargo departed Guam waters. After a meeting was held with Governor Camacho, Customs and Quarantine, Department of Agriculture, US Coast Guard, No Ka Oi, Marianas Steamship and the Port Authority, the decision was made to refuse re-entry of the vessel and reinforce the order to leave Guam for treatment of its cargo. Once fumigation is completed, the vessel will be allowed re-entry only after the cargo has passed inspection by Customs and Quarantine and the Department of Agriculture.

Another vessel - the Stx Alpha, from the same origin and carrying the same cargo was en route to Guam but was diverted to Busan Port for fumigation to ensure that no spiders are on board the vessel. Upon its arrival, the cargo will be inspected by



Customs and Quarantine and Department of Agriculture at anchorage before being allowed to tie up to the pier.

"We are taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety of our facility, our hard working employees and the community of Guam," said General Manager Rick J. Agustin. "I want to thank our stevedores for their quick response during this operation and for being cognizant of the potential hazards should more spiders get off the vessel."

On July 23 and July 27, Port's Safety Administrator worked with No Ka Oi and the Department of Agriculture in treating the Port's dock to rid the area of any spiders that may still be around.

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- preserve Chamorro culture
- DOD will not exceed Guam's infrastructure capacity as construction takes place for new military facilities, the arrival of Marines to Guam will be adjusted to match the pace of construction.
- Local work force will be tapped first before foreign workers are brought in to Guam.

During his speech at the University of Guam, Deputy Secretary Lynn specifically mentioned Guam's port and water system stating that he will not hesitate to make

adjustments as the buildup unfolds to protect the islands' infrastructure, its services, and its resources. This will be done by partnering Guam with federal agencies to monitor key indicators such as the amount of cargo flowing through the Port and wastewater flows. Federal officials have said they will commit to regularly adjusting the pace and sequencing of buildup projects so that it stays within the limitations of Guam's utilities, port, roads and other public infrastructure.

Passport to Careers

A participant with the AHRD's *Passport to Careers* employment program, the Port has again gained from the services of students temporarily employed with the agency. The program is funded through a federal grant for high school students which require participants to meet a certain criteria. In this program, participants are placed in the work force exposing them to the world of work and remain with the same agency until they are out of the program or request for a transfer. Trainees have

been assigned only to divisions outside the terminal yard – Port Police, Commercial, Finance, Procurement, & Clerical. They are no longer allowed to work within the terminal yard due to restrictions established by the Department of Labor. Students participating this summer include Edward Appleby, Josette Anderson, Meja Garrido, Ivalani Leon Guerrero, Brittany Lujan, Jamielyn Mojica, Robert James Perez, Garrett Nauta, Andres Quenga, Tomas

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Our condolences to families of the late Tomas U. Tajeron, brother of Mike U. Tajeron (Transportation Division) who passed away on July 14, 2010, Eduardo M. Malaga, father of Edwin A. Malaga (Transportation Division) who passed away on July 17, 2010, and Anna R. Salas, sister of Eric J. Salas (Port Police) who passed away on July 23, 2010. Our deepest condolences are extended to the families.

Port Authority Police Updates

Earlier this month, Port Police officers began radar traffic enforcement along Route 11 in Cabras Island. "We want to caution members of the public to obey all traffic laws as they travel through this route," said Port Police Chief Doris Aguero. "This is a heavy industrial zone and can be quite hazardous with all the large trucks moving in and out of the area."

The speed limit travelling from Marine Drive into the Port Authority is 25 miles per hour. Leaving the area toward Marine Drive, the speed zone is 35 miles per hour.

Four Officers have undergone training from members of the Airport Police Department and are certified to operate the radar laser gun. The radar equipment was donated by Airport Police. "I want to thank Airport Police Chief Robert Camacho for his assistance and for giving our officers the training they needed to utilize the radar guns."

Along with this traffic laser gun, the Port Police has acquired a number of equipment from Department of Defense through a program under the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). Under this program, government agencies within law enforcement are qualified

to obtain DOD surplus equipment that is not needed or in excess. The Defense Reutilization Marketing Office is responsible for distributing the equipment. As the Port's coordinator for the LESO program, PO 2 Dave Esplana has been able to acquire a number of equipment for the Port Police. Just to name a few, the division has obtained a fire truck, 30 ft boat, 40 ft lowboy, 2 tractors, Ford Ranger truck, stake truck, and computer accessories.

Chief Aguero and her staff are credited for their initiative in taking advantage of this resource.



PAG Hosts ATOSSCOM

The Association of Terminal Operators, Stevedoring and Shipping Companies of Micronesia (ATOSSCOM) held its 37th Annual Meeting at the Guam Marriott Hotel on July 19 – 20 with a number of delegates from our neighboring islands attending the 2 day event. The Port Authority currently holds the position of Secretary and has been a member of the association for over 15 years.

The objective and purpose of the association is to increase the efficiency of ports and harbors in the Micronesia through the development and sharing of information useful to terminal operators and stevedoring companies. The association provides members with the opportunity to connect with each other for the purpose of furthering knowledge in the field of port organization, management, operation and development.

This year's meeting primarily focused on the upcoming military buildup and how the Micronesian islands will be affected. The morning kicked off with brief remarks from Governor Felix Camacho and General Manager Rick J. Agustin. Also present were special guests Kosrea Governor Robert J. Weilbacher, USCG Captain Sparks, and Marianas Shipping Council ministers from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic Marshall Islands and Palau. Guest speakers included the National Defense Transportation Association Board, Gordon Lowe – SDDC, Donna Lizama-Acosta & Dora Perez from the Port Strategic Planning Division who spoke on the Port Modernization Plan. A special presentation took place with the National Defense Transportation Association who donated \$1,500 to ATOSSCOM.



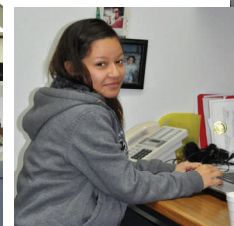
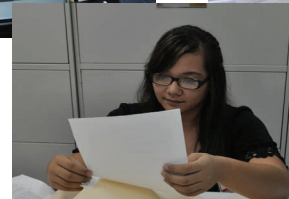
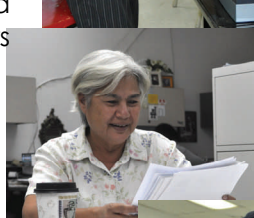
The two-day event was well attended by ATOSSCOM members (Belau, Kosrea, Majuro, Palau, Pohnpei, Saipan, Truk, Matson) and associate members (Horizon, Ambyth, Seabridge, CTSI Logistics, Omega Safety, Marianas Steamship Agency, Kyowa Shipping). A special thank you is extended to Operations Manager John Santos and his committee, Jessica Drilon, Jesusa Cruz, Mary Guerrero, Rita Carbullido, Davita Palacios, & Tony Susuico, for coordinating the event; and to all those who sponsored lunch/dinner for the two days – Matson, Seabridge, ATOSSCOM, PAG, Saipan Shipping.



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Quichocho, and Rocky Topasna.

Most recently, HR brought on board two workers under the Senior Community Service Employment program which is also funded through a federal grant. Dolores James assigned to Procurement and Enrique Borja assigned to finance work four hours daily under this program.



66th Guam Liberation Day

Along with thousands of island residents, Port employees, family, and friends gathered along Rt. 1 Marine Corp Drive to watch the 66th Guam Liberation Day Parade. This year's theme, *We Are Guahan, Honoring Our Heroes*, was beautifully depicted on the many floats that participated in the island's celebration. Once again PAGGMA had it's annual get-together at the Agana Marina. Special thanks to Ray Santos for coordinating the event and to all those who made donations and prepared the feast.

