



NEWSLETTER

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Nearly \$50M in construction work to begin

More progress is happening at the Port Authority of Guam as the work will now begin on the rehabilitation of Hotel Wharf, construction at the Agat Marina, and the renovation and repair of the Harbor of Refuge.

The total cost for all three projects is \$48,696,645.00.

The Port Authority of Guam’s Board of Directors along with the Public Utilities Commission on Thursday approved the bid awards for Phase I and II of the rehabilitation of Hotel Wharf, construction for the B Dock at the Agat Marina, and renovation and repair of the Harbor of Refuge Phases II thru IV. The awardees are Sumitomo Mitsui Construction Co., AIC International, Inc., and Art Constructors, LLC.

“As the island’s only commercial port, the rehabilitation of Hotel Wharf is a project that Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio made a priority as they value the additional berthing capacity this will provide,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “Operationally, the space will alleviate construction materials, cruise lines, and roll on/roll off operations from the main cargo handling area and better align with the Port’s investment in the public cargo terminal.”

Respicio added that the Governor and Lt. Governor also made sure that the construction was a priority for the Agat Marina and the Harbor of Refuge. “The success we are seeing now is a result of the hard work of our Port employees and the strong support we have from the Governor, Lt. Governor and our Board of Directors,” Respicio said.



Hotel Wharf: Rehabilitation Project

On September 6, 2019, the Port entered into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration for the rehabilitation of Hotel Wharf. Phase I will procure all steel piling work materials for the Wharf and installation of the piles for the south wall. Phase II will include the installation

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of the west and east wall piles and other marine structures such as bulkhead concrete works (east, west and south wall), on-shore bollards, bulkhead mooring-cleat and bollard, and cell fenders. The respective costs for Phase I and II are \$39,485,672.00 and \$6,846,223.00 for a total of \$46,331,895.00. The project is being funded through \$10 Million in federal grants and the remaining by the Port.

Agat Marina's Dock B Construction

On September 1, 2021, the Port entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Guam Department of Agriculture (DOAG) to fund the reconstruction of Dock B at the Agat Marina under a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. The project bid amount for the reconstruction is \$1,494,750.00. The Port will fund the difference of \$994,750.00. This upgrade will use no-rot recycled plastic composite material, marine grade aluminum frames and stringers,



stainless steel components, connections and accessories. Power utility will have NEMA 4X junction boxes and watertight fittings. This upgrade to the Agat Marina will provide an additional 48 recreational boating slips.

Harbor of Refuge: Renovation and Repairs

In the same MOU as the construction of Dock B at the Agat Marina, the Port received additional grant funding to renovate and repair the Harbor of Refuge. The project will demolish 48 mooring systems and accessories and repair each of the 48 mooring systems and anchor blocks. The Harbor of Refuge is where boats can obtain shelter from high winds during inclement weather or typhoons and offers long-term moorage to accommodate boat owners who leave island for extended periods of time. The project bid amount is \$870,000.00 wherein federal grants will cover \$606,582.20 and the Port will fund the shortfall of \$263,417.80.

Port's Credit Rating



The Port Authority of Guam received positive financial news as Moody's Investors Service (MIS) issued a Baa2 credit rating for FY 2021.

This rating was based on the Port's credit strengths for the fiscal year. Moody's report highlighted the following:

- The Port's credit is supported by a very stable revenue profile. The stable outlook reflects our expectation that operating revenue will remain healthy and continue to support solid debt service coverage and liquidity levels," said the report released by Moody's.

- The Port derives credit strength for its role as the sole commercial port in Guam. Although the coronavirus pandemic has had deleterious effects on the island's economy, the port's financial profile remains solid, with stable operating revenue supporting sound

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levels of debt service coverage (2.0x in fiscal 2021) and liquidity (361 days cash on hand).

- Despite the extremely negative effects of the coronavirus pandemic that effectively closed the island’s tourism economy, the port’s operating revenue in 2020 and 2021 were \$54.6 million and \$55.1 million, respectively - in line with the \$54.0 million average since 2016. And,

- The debt service coverage for the Port is solid and expected to remain around 2X on the net revenue basis. The scorecard-indicated outcome for the Port Authority of Guam for FY 2021 is A3, which is above the assigned rating of Baa2 for FY 2020.

“The Port Authority of Guam, under the Leon Guerrero and Tenorio Administration, employed responsible and transparent financial strategies and has brought this agency to a higher standard of excellence, including recognition by the Guam Public Auditor and winning awards for transparency and accountability on local and national levels,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

“The upgrading of the Port’s 2018 Revenue Bond affirms that we have been on target with the directives put in place by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, Board Chairman Frank Santos, and our board. This news, along with the Port’s low-risk designation over the past three years, brings us the credibility needed to seek funding to replace the Port’s aging gantry cranes, rehabilitate the wharves to ensure resiliency, and replace our aging facilities, so that the Port does not become a choke point for discharging and deploying military assets and commodities, in addition to our charge to keeping the Port 100% operational at all times,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

Students with GCC visit the Port



On Thursday, June 9, 2022, middle schoolers participating in the Guam Community College’s (GCC) National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) program visited the Port Authority of Guam (PAG) for a tour of our facilities and to learn about how employment opportunities at the Port are connected with the Department of Transportation. The program, funded by the Federal Highway Administration, gives students the opportunity to visit transportation industry partners and expose them to possible employment opportunities.

During their visit, 17 students were provided the Port’s operations employment opportunity brochure and given a tour of the yard to see Port facilities and operations first hand. Port representatives explained the role the Port has in facilitating commerce and dispensing commodities into the community.

“I welcome the chance to highlight employment opportunities at the Port to our island’s youth. One day they will enter the workforce and I’d like to think that we made a lasting impression and that they would decide to one day join our Port Strong family,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

Ebola response training with USCG and DPHSS

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Guam and the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) conducted a full scale Ebola response exercise at Hotel Wharf from June 1 – 3, 2022.



The exercise tested Guam's first responders' incident response and unified command (UC) approach and execution at the presence of a suspected infection disease arriving at the Port Authority of Guam (PAG).

Throughout the exercise, incident responders to include the Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Port Police, the Guam Fire Department, DPHSS, Guam Homeland Security, and the Guam Police Department collaborated to mitigate the stimulated outbreak and secure critical infrastructure and ensure the Port remains open sustaining the economic viability of the island.

“It is critical that we continue to collaborate with our first-responders, particularly as it relates to mitigating public health concerns at our shores. Having persevered through the COVID-19 pandemic together while maintaining full operational capacity, we understand firsthand the impacts and must remain committed to

mitigating all threats. Continuity of service at the Port is key to the sustainability of our community,” said General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

Throughout the exercise, incident responders were evaluated on (1) safety, (2) mass care, (3) marine transportation system recovery, site security/port, waterways, and costal security/law enforcement, and (4) management. These objectives were measured on the safety and welfare of citizens and responders, operational risk assessment, medical triage and transport of persons infected, measures to isolate, contain, and stabilize perimeters, security plan, scene integrity and evidence preservation, enforcement, disseminating information, and interagency response efforts reflective of the UC.



Confined Space Training

On June 24, 2022, 29 Port employees completed a one day Confined Space Training.

A Confined Space Training course is designed to provide awareness of confined space entry hazards and procedures for operating company and contractor personnel involved in controlling entry to confined spaces and rescue procedures, combined with practical training in entry and escape.

Liberation Day Parade Spots

The Port Authority of Guam has eleven coveted spots along the Liberation Day Parade route. This year, Port management decided to give all employees an equal chance to attend and snag a spot by way of lottery. With less than a month to submit an application for interested parties, the Commercial Division received a total of 23 application requests. The lucky few whose names were picked and have secured their perch for this year's Liberation Day Parade are numerated below with their corresponding spot.

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| 1. Helen Aguon | 5. Frances Cepeda | 9. Melvin Tajalle |
| 2. Loretta Topasna | 6. Connie Nucom | 10. Pedro Leon Guerrero |
| 3. Angela Yoshida | 7. Brandon Carbullido | 11. Michael Taitano |
| 4. Jasmin Santos | 8. Joshua Candoleta | |



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Liberation!



The Strength to Overcome, the Faith to Persevere!
Minetgot Para Ta Hulad, Hinengge Para Ta Usuni!

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Congratulations on your retirement

Mr. Jose P. Bamba, an employee of the Port Authority of Guam retired June 10, 2022, after 32 years of government service.

He began his public service career as a Cargo Checker in March 19, 1990 and in November 13, 1995, he was promoted to a Cargo Checker Leader, in January 19, 1998, he was promoted to a Crane Operator, and in June 4, 2007, he was promoted again to a Crane Operator Leader.

During his tenure with the Port, he earned high satisfactorily performance ratings. In 2008, he was awarded Supervisor of the Year and in December 2021 he received Supervisor of the Quarter.

The Port Board of Directors, management and employees congratulate Mr. Bamba on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for the 32 years of hard work and dedicated service to the people of Guam.



Congratulations on your retirement

Mr. Enrique S. Conde, an employee of the Port Authority of Guam retired July 1, 2022, after 30 years of government service.

He began his public service career as a Refrigeration Mechanic II in December 2, 1991, in December 30, 2002 he was promoted to an Engineering Technician II, in June 26, 2006 was promoted to an Engineer I, in October 27, 2011 he was reclassified to an Engineer II, and in December 30, 2020 he was reclassified again to an Engineer III.

During his tenure with the Port, he earned high satisfactorily performance ratings and received various awards to include: Employee of the Month in February 1997, Outstanding Work Center of the quarter in September 1998, Employee of the Year in October 2000, and Sick Leave October 2019.

The Port Board of Directors, management and employees congratulate Mr. Conde on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for the 30 years of hard work and dedicated service to the people of Guam.



The Relay-for-Life “Fight for the Future” culminating event is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 2pm - 8pm at the Skinner Plaza in Hagåtña.

This year, our PORT STRONG family was able to not only meet our initial goal of donating \$3,690.00, or \$10.00 for each of our 369 employees, but exceed that for a total donation to Relay for Life’s Fight for the Future campaign of \$4,353.00.

A special shout out to the operations section for their wonderful idea to raise funds by offering memorial cards in honor of loved ones lost.



4th of July!
INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy
Birthday
to you!

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| John E. Tass | Gilbert C. Amado |
| Herbert G. Hattig | Edwin G. San Nicolas |
| Shawn B. Cepeda | Kylie R. Maurer |
| Anthony J.S. Yatar | Jathan J. B. Conway |
| Jerry D. Sanchez | Juan D. Yoshida |
| William M. Hudson | Jacob Q. Iriarte |
| Frankie S. Peredo | Andrew F. Nededog |
| Gilbert G. Santos | Edward K. Wright |
| Carmelita C. Nededog | Ronald C. Ayuyu, Jr. |
| George E. Piolo | Andrew R. Babauta |
| Joseph J. Aguon | Nicholas M. Palomo |
| Evangeline O. Castro | Riko S.N. Crisostomo |
| Mary Jane Camacho | Ronnie D. B. Cruz |
| Vincent C. Bamba | Ronald J. J. Cruz |
| Christopher J. Benito | Thomas V. Candelario |
| Peter F. Guerrero | Glen C. Fernandez |
| Henry M. Santos | Ryan J. Santos |
| Kilo R. Blas | David F. Naputi, Jr. |
| Jacqueline M. Eclavea | Victor M. Camacho |