

**PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM
NON-EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REPORT
PUBLIC LAW 31-114
FY2023**

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Conchita Taitano	Board Member	<p>Powers Summit, January 24-26, 2023, Tampa Bay, Florida.</p> <p>Meeting with MARAD, January 27-31, 2023, Washington DC.</p> <p>PAG management also attended.</p>	<p>Port Opportunities with Energy, Resilience & Sustainability (POWERS) Program was created by AAPA. This program allows for AAPA to focus on its advocacy efforts, as energy and environmental issues are poised to play a prominent role in federal policy. The summit provides for port executives, energy leaders, environmental experts and other key stakeholders for deep-dive conversations on emerging sustainability and resiliency solutions in the port industry. PAG is an AAPA Member.</p> <p>Meeting with MARAD, the Port shared with (retired) Rear Admiral/MARAD Administrator Ann Phillips the challenges with the Buy American Act restrictions. Specifically, the BAA prevents the Port from acquiring STS gantry cranes, yard equipment, and construction materials that are not made in the USA. Also shared, was the Port's strategic importance to national security, ongoing military buildup and DOD Pacific Deterrence Initiative.</p>

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Conchita Taitano	Board Member	<p>Association of Pacific Ports Winter Conference, February 8-10, 2023.</p> <p>Meeting with US DOD Indo-Pacific Command, February 13, 2023.</p> <p>Meeting with US Army Corps of Engineer, February 14, 2023.</p> <p>Conference and Meetings held in Hawaii.</p> <p>PAG management also attended.</p>	<p>Continuity in PAG participation for purposes of networking to expand on corporate partnerships and relationship, lessons learned, shared ideas, synergy, access to industry professionals, and best management practices. As well as, opportunity for PAG to elevate challenges, concerns and issues the Port faces in areas of resiliency, sustainability, supply chain management, and infrastructure and equipment modernization. PAG is an APP member. Also, a PAG Board member serves as an Officer of the APP Executive Committee.</p> <p>Meeting with US DOD INDOPACOM, the Port discussed the synergy between DOD and PAG and its importance to the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and the ongoing military buildup. The Port continues to share challenging narrative to INDOPACOM to garner support in its issues with MARAD grants that are subject to Buy America Act.</p> <p>Meeting with US Army Corps of Engineer, the Port, as an awardee on the MARAD RAISE grant funding for its F1-F6 rehabilitation project, discussed opportunities to leverage USACE resources in the area of environmental compliance and acquire guidance on the best management practices on the NEPA process.</p>
Conchita Taitano	Board Member	<p>American Association of Port Authorities Legislative Summit, March 27-30, 2023, Washington DC.</p> <p>PAG management also attended.</p>	<p>The legislative summit is the premiere port industry government affairs and advocacy forum that brings together senior Port Executives from around the nation with Federal government leadership to discuss issues important to most critical national industries. This summit discussed the supply chains, energy, electrification, infrastructure, and the priorities of the 118th Congress.</p>
Conchita Taitano	Board Member	<p>Association of Pacific Ports 109th Annual Conference, August 13-16, 2023, Long Beach, California</p> <p>PAG management also attended.</p>	<p>Continuity in PAG participation for purposes of networking to expand on corporate partnerships and relationship, lessons learned, shared ideas, synergy, access to industry professionals, and best management practices. PAG is an APP member. Also, a PAG Board member serves as an Officer of the APP Executive Committee.</p>