

# PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Port Awarded \$564,218 from Port Security Grant Program

**Piti, Guam, September 8, 2022:** The Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the Port Authority of Guam \$564,218.00 in federal funds from its FY2022 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

“Our progress at the Port continues with this latest award of federal funds that will be used to continue our efforts to protect our Port and our borders,” Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said. “This work being done is in line with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio’s commitment to modernize our Port and protect our borders.”

The proposed projects for funding consideration were submitted by the Port in June 2022 and include the purchase of drones and communication system upgrades.

“Securing the Port Authority and our boarders ranks high on our list of priorities,” Respicio said. “Acquisition of these assets is a communication breakthrough not just for the Port Authority, but for everyone on our island as we work to provide safe and uninterrupted service to our community.”

Funds will be used for the following projects:

#### **#1: Acquisition of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**

Effective aerial surveillance of both the landside and harbor will provide the Port the opportunity to identify any potential threats to critical assets and human life. This project will directly support the Guam Area Maritime Security Plan (GAMSP) in monitoring and preventing any Transportation Security Incidents (TSI) and will mitigate potential harmful acts that may disrupt the flow of essential goods into Guam.

#### **#2: Primary Communications Replacement of Motorola Radio Units**

This investment will equip the Port Police Division, Port Managers and Cabras Island Facility Security Officers with modern, reliable units and will also be issued to the US Coast Guard and pertinent Government of Guam agency partners to allow seamless real time and on-demand communications not only within Apra Harbor but also to all GovGuam, federal, military, private sector emergency managers and first responders.

#### **#3: Integrated Digital Enhanced Network (iDEN) Technology Redundant Interoperable Communications Systems Service**

The Integrated Digital Enhanced Network (iDEN) Technology will provide a redundant, interoperable communication system service that will allow the Port to have direct access and link to Department of Defense components, Federal agencies and private sector partners that also deploy the same system. This investment will enabling seamless communication within the entire PAG property as well as throughout the entire island of Guam.