



# NEWSLETTER

## PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

SEPTEMBER 2022

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### Port CFS Building to get Facelift



The Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors approved an award to RN Builders to begin work on the PAG CFS Building.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Invitation for Bid award to RN Builders for the painting of the exterior, interior, and roof coating of the PAG CFS Building (IFB-PAG-CIP-022-007) during their regular Board of Directors meeting held on September 29, 2022.

On July 12, 2022, an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued and advertised in the Pacific Daily News soliciting services for the painting of the PAG CFS Building (IFB-PAG-CIP-022-007). Twelve (12) individual firms registered and picked up the IFB packet online through the Port's website. Four (4) firms submitted before the established deadline of

August 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

The Port's engineering cost estimate for this project was projected at \$405,000.00. The lowest bid amount was submitted by RN Builders in the amount of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00).

Upon review of RN Builder's bid packet, the Port's Procurement Division confirmed that RN Builders complied with Title 5, Chapter 5 of the GCA, Guam Procurement Law, and was subsequently determined by the Procurement Officer to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The funding source for this project is made possible through Port local funds.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors also approved the Award of RFP-PAG-022-004 Independent

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Financial Audit Services, the Award of IFB-PAG-015-022 Insurance coverage for the Port Authority of Guam, Resolution No. 2022-18 relative to approving the Port Authority of Guam's insurance coverage, and Resolution No. 2022-16 and 19 relative to honoring the life and service of Port Authority of Guam employees Justin A. Candoleta and Herman T. Paulino and extending our heartfelt deep sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family members. The Board also approved Resolution Nos. 2022-20 thru 2022-32 relative to commending and congratulating port retirees on their retirement with the Port and

Resolution No. 2022-33 relative to approving the settlement agreement to enter a stipulated dismissal in Civil Service Commission Adverse Action Appeal Case No. 20-AA-10T, Frank San Nicolas v. Port Authority of Guam, following the acquittals of the criminal cases rendered by the Superior Court of Guam, and authorizing General Manager Rory J. Respicio to execute the agreement and use Port funds as necessary to satisfy the agreement, and to herein provide the finalized agreement to the Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Guam Public Auditor in the interest of transparency and accountability.

### PAG Attends APP Conference in Saipan



The Port Authority of Guam attended the 108th Association of Pacific Ports (APP) Annual Conference held in Saipan from September 25 – 29, 2022. Approximately 80 participants from member ports in North America, Asia and the Pacific Islands attended the yearly event.

APP is a trade and information association founded in 1913 for the purpose of promoting increased efficiency and effectiveness of the ports of the Pacific. They assist Member Ports in achieving the vision of providing environmentally sustainable and economically viable trade in an efficient, fluid, and cost-effective manner by sharing best practices, lessons learned, peer-to-peer networking, and professional development. Programs of the APP are aimed at enhancing the technical and governance expertise of commissioners and other port officials through meetings, educational seminars, and the exchange of appropriate communications.

“The Port Authority of Guam has been a member of this association for more than 25 years and has experienced the benefits of being a constituent through the sharing of information on the industry's trends and best practices, building

relationships, networking and gaining a better understanding of the critical role and economic value of ports,” said General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

The agenda for this year's conference covered topics on port governance, management and operations that focus on current activities, trends and concrete solutions, as well as challenges facing all ports today. Emphasis was placed on building relationships amongst ports throughout the Pacific and learning from each other. A tour of Saipan Port Operations was a part of the conference agenda.

Respicio also was invited to be a panel member for the MARAD Town Hall session which was an open discussion about the industry's post-pandemic environment, the future outlook of ports and maritime commerce, and engaging in a question and answer period with conference attendees.

Present at the conference were members from Alaska, American Samoa, British Columbia, Canada, California, Guam, Hawaii, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Oregon, Saipan, Taiwan, and Washington.



## Training: CPR/AED



The American Heart Association's Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation / Automated External Defibrillator Training (CPR/AED) course provides knowledge and skills that may help save a life.

The latest series of CPR/AED training conducted at the Port took place from September 9 - 16, 2022, and 46 port employees participated. The employees completed the four-hour long course conducted by Port's training staff, Program Coordinator Frank Lujan and Port Police Officer Joy Quichocho-Cruz.

The most important goal of this course is to teach the student how to act in an emergency and what they can do to keep calm and collected in order to provide assistance in the event of an emergency.



The CPR/AED course covered the following:

- How high-quality CPR improves survival;
- The concept of the Chain of Survival;
- Recognizing when someone needs CPR;
- How to perform CPR with help from others;
- Giving effective breaths by using mouth-to-mouth or a mask for all ages;
- How to perform high-quality CPR for an adult, a child, and an infant;
- Using an AED on an adult and child;
- When and how to help a choking adult or child; and
- How to help a choking infant.

Training will be offered to all Port employees on an annual basis and the certification received is valid for a period of two years.





Nine finance personnel attended the latest Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 87 (GASB 87) training seminar held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort. GASB 87, which will be implemented in FY 2022, establishes a new GASB accounting standard that alters the historical landscape of how lease accounting has always been performed.

GASB 87 not only does away with the methodology of previous accounting for leases, but also introduces new concepts for what a lease is, and even more importantly, what is not a lease.

The training also provides new guidance on how to determine the true “term” of a lease for accounting and financial reporting purposes. In addition, the recognition of an intangible capital asset will now be required for most, if not all leases, along with the recognition of a lease obligation. In addition, accounting and financial reporting for lessors is also included, introducing the new concept of a deferred inflow of resources for the lessor.

The training was organized by the Office of Public Auditor with follow up visits made by the instructors to the various participating agencies.

# Happy 47th Port Week!



## EVENT LINEUP



**BOWLING**  
1pm @ Central Lanes  
October 3



**SOFTBALL**  
1pm @ Piti Field  
October 24



**PING-PONG**  
8am-12pm @ Board Rm.  
October 7



**TRACTOR PULL**  
1pm behind Admin Bldg  
October 7



**BASKETBALL**  
October 7



**Golf**  
6:30 am @ CCP (Ipan)  
October 28



## Labor Day Picnic



The Government of Guam Labor Day Picnic is an annual event that honors employees Government-wide for their service to our island community. This year, GovGuam held the first annual Labor Day Picnic after a two-year hiatus as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic on Sunday, September 4, 2022 with this year's theme being, "Pride in Public Service."

Port employees and their families, in true Port Strong fashion, showed up in full force and participated in the day's entertainment and activities which included the rock wall, kid cart ride, tug-of-war, cabinet member musical chairs, and various local musical talent on stage. Shout out to our General Manager for staying on beat

in the cabinet member musical chairs event, and although we are no longer reigning champions of the tug-of-war event, our Port family represented us well. We'll get it back next year!

The Port Finance and Planning Divisions spearheaded the event and did a spectacular job in coordinating the event's logistics, food, and decorations for the festivities. EQMR did a great job with custom made displays that highlighted the Port's employees, operations and services. Representatives from various sections pulled together to ensure an all-around successful Labor Day Picnic for our Port Family. Thank you to all who worked to ensure our Labor Day experience was a success!





Labor Day Picnic





## COVID-19 Relief Programs Available

The Government of Guam opened a Relief Center in July to centralize many relief programs now available to island residents. “From health care, child care, and welfare, to housing, utilities, and cost-of-living assistance - this center provides direct access to the programs that will help our people experiencing hardship,” said Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio.

Below are a few programs available to eligible residents which can be applied for in-person at the Guam Relief Center on the third floor of the Bank of Hawaii building in Hagåtña with some available to be applied for online. For a full list of relief programs, visit [governor.guam.gov/assistance](http://governor.guam.gov/assistance).



### CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

#### Prugrãman i Pililan i Famagu'on Guãhan

This program expands eligibility requirements for childcare assistance and allows more working families and single parents access to growing child care opportunities.

#### Apply Online or In-Person

Download the Child Care Assistance form [governor.guam.gov/assistance](http://governor.guam.gov/assistance) and refer to the checklist for NEW APPLICANT or FOSTER FAMILY to understand what required documents must be submitted alongside the application. Submit complete packet via email to [childcare@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:childcare@dphss.guam.gov).

Visit the Guam Relief Center, the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) on the 5th floor of the ITC building in Tamuning, or to 130 University Dr. Castle Mall Rm.15, Mangilao Guam 96913, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Income Eligibility

If your household income is below these thresholds, you are eligible for this program.

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
2	\$62,711.84	\$5,225.99
3	\$77,467.57	\$6,455.63
4	\$92,223.30	\$7,685.28
5	\$106,979.03	\$8,914.92
6	\$121,734.76	\$10,144.56
7	\$124,501.46	\$10,375.12
8	\$127,268.15	\$10,605.68
9	\$130,034.85	\$10,836.24
10	\$132,801.55	\$11,066.80
11	\$135,568.25	\$11,297.35
12	\$138,334.95	\$11,527.91

### HOUSING ASSISTANCE

#### Income Limit Per Household

Household Size	Income Amount
1	\$1,611
2	\$2,178
3	\$2,745
4	\$3,314
5	\$3,881
6	\$4,448
7	\$5,016
8	\$5,583
9	\$6,152
10	\$6,720

#### The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

The LIHWAP is a new federal program that will provide financial assistance to low income Guamanians to help manage their residential water utility costs. Established by U.S. Congress in December 2020, this federally funded program will help low-income households pay down their outstanding water bills. Guam has been allocated \$206,371 in one-time funding to provide LIHWAP

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assistance.

This water assistance program provides a one-time benefit payment of up to \$1,000 to assist eligible households with their current water and wastewater bill, arrears, late fees, disconnection fees, reconnection fees and amount under a payment plan.

**Eligibility**

You may qualify for a LIHWAP benefit payment if:

1. You or a member of your household are a U.S. Citizen or qualified non-citizen.
2. You either rent or own your home.
3. You have an overdue water bill that you are responsible for paying.
4. Your household gross monthly income meets the income guidelines (see previous page).

**Guam’s Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF)**

Guam’s Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program is a federally funded relief program to assist eligible homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with their mortgage, utilities and property tax payments. The Department of Administration (DOA) is the lead government entity to administer and implement Guam’s HAF Program.

**Eligibility**

- Must own and occupy a home in Guam as their primary residence.
- Must have experienced a financial hardship associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, after January 21, 2020.
- Household income must be equal to or less than the 150% area median income.

For program and pre-application inquiries, please email [haf@doa.guam.gov](mailto:haf@doa.guam.gov) or call (671) 638-3814/5.

2022 HAF Income Limit for Guam	
Household Size	Annual Income
1 Person	\$90,000
2 Person	\$91,600
3 Person	\$103,050
4 Person	\$114,450
5 Person	\$123,650
6 Person	\$132,800
7 Person	\$141,950
8 Person	\$151,000

**COVID-19 BEREAVEMENT**

This program assists eligible families of individuals who died due to COVID-19 or related complications with up to \$10,000 per deceased person.

**Eligibility**

- Provide government-issued identification of deceased person.
- Provide certified document advising of COVID-19 or related death from the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, Guam Regional Medical City, or U.S. Naval Hospital -Guam. Death certificate from the Department of Public Health and Social Services indicating death as a result of COVID-19 or related complication, and Guam as place of residence and death.
- Deceased persons below one day old must have been living at time of birth.

2ND BOOSTER SHOTS  
AVAILABLE

Individuals 12 years and older are encouraged to get their second COVID-19 booster shot if it has been four months or more since your first booster.

Book your COVID-19 Vaccine or Booster Shot today at [tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme](http://tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme)



## September Photo Highlights



The Transportation and Stevedore personnel conduct a clean up at Southern High School.



Employees from Finance conduct annual inventory to close out the FY 2022.



Port employees bid farewell to brothers Justin Candoleta and Herman Paulino.



## September Photo Highlights



EQMR personnel build custom made displays for the Port's 2022 Labor Day Picnic.



Port division heads participate in a tabletop exercise led by the United States Coast Guard Sector Guam (USCG). The exercise simulated Port operations becoming disrupted by the threat of a bomb with the capacity of destroying Port infrastructure and accessways. A unified command center comprised of outside agencies such as USCS, Guam Homeland Security, the Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the FBI is stood up alongside an incident command center, comprised of Port Division Heads, to collaborate, mitigate, respond and recover to the simulated incident.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Patrick Q. Claros        | Daryl M. Movida          |
| Pete M. Castro, Jr.      | John A. Santos           |
| Glenn B. Nelson          | Corey V.C. Roberto       |
| Ionatana Faasuamalie     | Raymond J. Gofigan       |
| Derrick M. Balajadia     | Christopher J. Calip     |
| Quirino B. Cabe, Jr.     | Terrence J. Siguenza     |
| Frances T. Cepeda        | Jason M. Castro          |
| Junior D.N. Topasna      | Brandon J. Carbullido    |
| Joy R. Quichocho-Cruz    | James Y. Cruz            |
| Joaquin P. Pangelinan    | Benjamin P. Cruz         |
| Gus Alan D. Aromin       | Matthew J. Charfauros    |
| Paul A. San Nicolas      | Zachary J. Mendiola      |
| Jose G. Javellana, III   | Jesse James Eclavea, Jr. |
| Leonore V. Leon Guerrero | Justin K. Santos         |
| Jovonne Ybarra-Reyes     | Paul A. McCarrel, Jr.    |
| Janice H. Flores         | Joshlynn U.M. Taimanglo  |
| Kevin Lee T. Cruz        | Jimmy P. Dacasin         |
| Estefanie C. Cordero     | Ramon J. Ogo             |
| Franklin J. Santos       | Roy R. Ignacio           |
| Gary T. Cruz             | Cory Ray A. Untalan      |