

# PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Port awarded \$461,712.00 in federal port security grants

*Funds will be used to construct security Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) wall and installation of perimeter fencing*

**Piti, Guam, September 3, 2013:** The Port Authority of Guam has been awarded \$461,712.00 in federal funding to further enhance the security posture at the island's only commercial sea port.

In June of this year, the Port submitted an application to the USDHS/FEMA's 2013 Port Security Grant Program in the amount of \$615,615.00. Although federal funding has been greatly reduced for this fiscal year, the Agency was still able to receive 75% of its original request. The \$461K will be used to repair the existing CMU wall, expand it by another 2000 LF along Route 11, and install 4500 LF of concrete-columned heavy duty chain link fence around its perimeter.

"We are pleased and thankful that FEMA continues to recognize the Port's efforts to improve its maritime domain awareness. Their support and continued partnership during the last few years have resulted in ongoing projects that once completed will greatly enhance the security of our employees, tenants, and stakeholders," said Port General Manager Joanne Brown. "Enhanced security measures are a critical part of our modernization program and this project falls in line with the necessary upgrades crucial to our facility," she added.

This project will not only provide perimeter protection and security to Port and stakeholders' assets and equipment but will also mitigate and prevent future damages and losses to Port infrastructure caused by tidal surges and strong winds that have historically plagued the Apra Harbor area during inclement weather and typhoons.

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