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\$567,074 paid so far through the FSM Economic Stimulus Package in Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, & Kosrae; more benefits to come

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On May 13th, 2020, a ceremony was held to celebrate the first disbursements of financial assistance through the Economic Stimulus Package. Although presently focused on the tourism sector through the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund via Public-Law 21-104, and implemented through Emergency Regulations issued by His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) on May 4th, the Executive and Legislative Branches of the FSM National Government are working to expand assistance to other sectors in the Nation's economy.

As of May 13th, 2020, approximately \$567,074 have been disbursed to 55 businesses throughout the Nation. Recipients of this funding include 11 businesses in Yap, 18 businesses in Chuuk, 20 businesses in Pohnpei, and 6 businesses in Kosrae.

Nearly one hundred additional businesses are currently being assessed for financial assistance.

At the same time that checks were being disbursed in Palikir, the field offices of the Department of Finance & Administration were disbursing payments in the FSM States of Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae.

"The total number of affected tourism sector businesses in the FSM is approximately 184," President Panuelo said in his remarks to Pohnpei's tourism sector representatives. "You will be receiving 75% of the salaries and wages you paid in the March quarter, and if you continue to submit your [information] on a monthly basis, you'll continue to receive monthly reimbursements for wages and salaries. Our focus for the Economic

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Above: Representatives of the private sector applaud the National Government's work on the FSM Economic Stimulus Package



Right: Vice Speaker Moses hands out a check to one of Pohnpei's businesswomen

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Marshallese men found in Namoluk after 42 days adrift-FSM vessel to repatriate

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

May 18, 2020

Chuuk—After 42 days adrift at sea, two men from the Marshall Islands landed on Namoluk atoll. On April 2, Godfrey Capelle, Thomas Benjamin, and Junior Joram left Ebeye in a small open boat. They developed engine trouble and drifted out of Kwajalein's lagoon during a period of high winds and rough seas, according to the

New Zealand Herald.

When they landed on Namoluk 42 days later, Joram was not in the boat. The US Coast Guard and the Marshall Islands patrol vessels conducted an extensive search but could not find the men.

Marshall Islands Health Secretary Jack Niedenthal told the New Zealand Herald that the two survivors were "skinny and weak as you would expect after 40 days at sea."

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Pohnpei State Auditor announces preliminary and ongoing review of COVID-19 procurement expenditures

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

May 17, 2020

Pohnpei—Pohnpei’s Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) announced in a letter to Governor Reed Oliver and Speaker of the Legislature Ausen T. Lambert dated May 1, 2020 that it has begun its preliminary review and examination of the Pohnpei Government COVID-19 appropriations and procurement expenditures. The letter seems to have been written to provide reminders of what the State leaders should keep in mind as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and also as a reminder that the Auditor would be there to help keep things transparent.

“The need for transparency and proper accountability cannot be over emphasized as we embark to manage the spending of public funds and related resources directed to our citizens and containment of the COVID-19,” the letter said. “We should expect that at the end, our people, our development partners, our donors and our other stakeholders will want to know whether funds and related resources reached the intended recipients or were properly applied for the purpose in which they were approved and intended for. It is therefore, essential that we put in place appropriate safeguards to strengthen internal control systems, transparency, accountability and public participation. And because of our limited capacity, it may also be necessary to mobilize additional support from within and outside of Pohnpei Government to maintain and strengthen capacity to ensure control systems continue to function effectively.”

Though Pohnpei has previously received allocations from Congress and grants from partner nations, the big grant came only this morning as OIA awarded \$2.313 million dollars for COVID-19 response. Pohnpei had asked for \$2.5 million but the Office of Insular Affairs unilaterally removed the State’s ventilator order from the grant request saying that the 13 it currently has on loan from FEMA should be sufficient for the State’s COVID-19 response.

“We know from previous disasters that emergency situations can lead to basic control systems being suspended or bypassed, combined with weakening of accountability systems and oversight. This usually result(s) in increased levels of waste, mismanagement and corruption at a time when government resources are under pressure,” POPA letter said.

State Auditor Ihlen Joseph wrote that several Supreme Audit Institutions across the Pacific region had conducted audits of how disasters were managed, including the handling of disaster related aid. He wrote that the audits were conducted mostly to assess preparedness as well as management during and after disasters. He listed the common finding of many of those audits in other places as things for leaders to keep in mind:

- Non-compliance with provisions of the disaster management laws and regulations;
- Lack of preparedness and inadequate institutional mechanisms for dealing with disaster;

- Absence of national or state disaster management plans;
- Absence of or incomplete documentation to justify fund disbursement and procurement;
- Ineligible expenditures from disaster management funds as well as wasteful expenditures;
- Lack of effective information dissemination;
- Poor coordination amongst agencies responsible for disaster management, leading to . overlap and duplication of efforts;
- No emergency operation centers;
- Inadequate prioritization of intervention areas; and,
- Slow and inadequate response.

He wrote that key issues for State leaders to consider in order to ensure prudent use of monies and other resources allocated to support the Pohnpei COVID-19 response are:

- Maintaining strong governance and effective systems and controls, both in terms of response activity and in maintaining regular public service delivery;
- Being aware of increased risk of fraud if controls are compromised;
- Ensuring management teams keep a close eye on the usual controls based on oversight, sign-off, and separation of duties and evidence of delivery;
- Managing risks to normal service delivery when your organization’s attention is focused on the COVID-19 response, especially key projects and initiatives that may have significant risk of delivery;
- Having back-up plan for senior staff (including yourself) and all those in critical roles, to protect your

ability to continue to operate if anyone senior or in a critical role falls ill and in recognition of the extended period of disruption that is ahead of us; and,

- Ensuring that all funds spent are properly tracked and accurately reported, including appropriations and all other resources made available for managing and containment of the COVID-19 emergency situation.



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Micronesia Red Cross Society observes World Red Cross Day

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On May 08, 2020, the Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRSC) observed World Red Cross Day. On this day, people pay tribute to millions of Red Cross volunteers, staff and members across the globe for their contribution in protecting human life and health.

It is also the anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant, who was born on May 08, 1828. He was the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Traditionally, people all over the world used to donate blood to mark the occasion. However, no such drives and

big observations are being held this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. MRSC volunteers and staff celebrated the occasion through #KeepClapping to honor the frontliners, and healthworkers of the pandemic.

“My area of coverage is health and disaster risk management. As a humanitarian organization, we are proud to honor our volunteers in the field in each states of the FSM conveying prevention messages to our communities,” said Morgan Y. David, Disaster Management Officer, MRSC. “Today and every day let’s #KeepClapping for all volunteers and staff worldwide responding to COVID-19,” he added.

Currently, MRSC continues to do house-

to-house prevention measure activities in response to the pandemic. The team covered 900 households in Nett District Government and 400 households in U Municipal Government. They are halfway through the activity targeting Madolenihmw District Government while Kolonia town, Kitti and Sokehs Municipal Government must be completed in the following weeks before a positive case on the island will surface.

“It’s about time to acknowledge the work of the volunteers in the local communities. They are doing a wonderful job. They all deserve a clap,” said Diaz Joseph, President, MRSC National Governing Board. “I commend the youth volunteers for stepping up in demonstrating



prevention measures in the local communities. In our culture, when a youth tells you to do handwashing, the elderly people will not bother,” he continued.

The Red Cross Society aims to inspire, initiate and create the urge to undertake humanitarian tasks at all times necessary, so that humans do not have to suffer. In line with this, the tasks that the Red Cross Society performs can be widely distinguished into four types – furthering the principles and values of humanitarian cause, response to disasters, preparedness for disasters, and healthcare.

China and Pacific Island countries hold the Vice Ministers’ Special Meeting on COVID-19

Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in the FSM

On May 13, 2020, China and Pacific island countries having diplomatic relations with China held the vice ministers’ special meeting on COVID-19 via video link. The meeting gathered representatives from China and 10 Pacific island countries including Fiji, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Niue, the Solomon Islands, and Kiribati. Vice Foreign Minister Zheng Zeguang and Papua New Guinea’s Foreign Minister Patrick Pruaitch co-chaired the meeting. As Head of the FSM

delegation, T.H. Ricky F. Cantero, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs, attended the meeting locally at the Chinese Embassy in Palikir, along with Mr. Moses E. Pretrick, Assistant Secretary of Health and Social Affairs and Mr. Berlino Martin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs. H.E. Huang Zheng, Chinese Ambassador to the FSM, and Mr. Zhang Weitao, DCM and Counselor of the Chinese Embassy, were also at the meeting with the FSM delegates.

Vice Foreign Minister Zheng Zeguang briefed representatives of Pacific island countries on China’s epidemic prevention and control situation. He pointed out,

under President Xi Jinping’s command and deployment, and the Chinese people have made great strategic achievements in COVID-19 containment through arduous efforts. At present, on the one hand, we are working tirelessly to step up epidemic prevention and control, and prevent imported infections and epidemic rebound at home; and on the other hand, we also speed up the orderly resumption of work and production, and restore normal order of production and life as quickly as possible. As comprehensive strategic partners of mutual respect and common development, China and Pacific island countries stand together and help each other in fighting COVID-19 pandemic. The Chinese side will continue to uphold the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind, and work with Pacific island countries to enhance epidemic prevention cooperation, share experience in fighting the disease and medical treatment plans, and provide Pacific island countries with assistance to the best of its ability. Zheng Zeguang also expressed China’s readiness to work with Pacific island countries to focus on the post COVID-19 era, actively expand practical cooperation in all areas under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, and advance early economic stability and



recovery, so as to deliver more benefit to the both peoples.

Representatives of the Pacific island countries commended the Chinese side for holding the special meeting and appreciated its assistance in their fighting against the virus. They noted they are looking forward to continuing cooperation with the Chinese side in epidemic prevention and control, support the World Health Organization in playing a leading role in international cooperation against the epidemic, and strongly oppose politicizing, stigmatizing and labeling the virus. They also expressed the readiness to continue to adhere to the One China principle, actively deepen exchanges and cooperation with the Chinese side in various fields, strengthen bilateral communication and coordination in international and regional organization, and firmly support multilateralism, in a bid to jointly safeguard the interests of developing countries.

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The Tuna Commission message on World Tuna Day – 2nd May 2020

The Pohnpei based Pacific Tuna Commission issued a celebratory and commemorative message to its members and stakeholders and the global tuna community on Saturday, 2nd May 2020, the day the world celebrated the World Tuna Day. The 2nd of May of each year since 2017 has been designated the World Tuna Day by the United Nations in a resolution dated 7th December 2016. The objective of the World Tuna Day is to raise awareness around the world of the value of tuna, the threats facing tuna populations and the economic and social benefits of sustainably managed tuna stocks, and to share the best practices in that regard.

As a highly migratory fish stock, tuna stocks traverse the entire oceanic surface of the earth without regard to maritime boundaries and national sovereignty and jurisdictions. As such, the global community called for cooperative efforts between coastal states which own the tuna resources when in their waters and distant water fishing nations which dominate the harvest of the tuna resources, to jointly conserve and manage the global tuna resources. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 and the UN Fish Stock Agreement of 1995 (UNFSA) provide the global frameworks for such joint cooperative efforts. also laid the foundation and rules for regional cooperation on which the Pacific Tuna Commission, officially known as the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), was established by the WCPF Convention adopted in September 2000 and entered into force on 19 June 2004. The WCPF Convention draws on many of the provisions of the UNFSA while, at the same time, reflects the special political, socio-economic, geographical and environmental characteristics of the western and central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) region. Convention seeks to address problems in the management of high seas fisheries resulting from unregulated fishing, over-capitalization, excessive fleet capacity, vessel re-flagging to escape controls, insufficiently selective gear, unreliable databases and insufficient multilateral cooperation in respect to conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks. The Convention also provides a framework for the participation of fishing entities and territories in the work of the Commission, and recognises the special requirements of developing States, and encourages cooperation with other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) in particular, the tuna RFMOs. Globally, there are five tuna RFMOs including the WCPFC. The other four includes the Inter-American

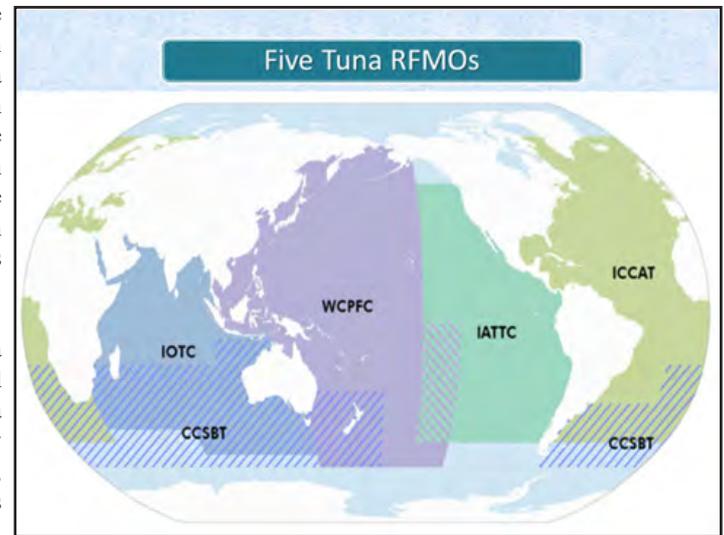
Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) which is responsible for the Eastern Pacific Ocean and shares a common boundary with the WCPFC and a joint management area where both organisations boundaries overlap; the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) which is responsible for the Indian Ocean; the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) for the Atlantic Ocean; and the Commission for the Conservation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) a single species organisation.

The Executive Director of the WCPFC Mr Feleti Penitala Teo in his message on the World Tuna Day applauded the membership and stakeholders of the Pacific Tuna Commission for the healthy status of the four key commercial tuna stocks in the WCPO namely bigeye, yellowfin, skipjack and South Pacific albacore tuna stocks which are all assessed to be managed and maintained above the agreed sustainable levels. He added that this achievement is unmatched by any other regional ocean and one that is attributed directly to the dedication, commitment, sacrifice and cooperative efforts of the members, cooperating non-members, participating territories and all other stakeholders of the WCPFC. The tuna catches for the WCPO in 2018 was estimated at 2.8 million metric tonnes which represented about 56% of the global tuna catch and it was valued at around USD \$6 billion.

The work of the Pacific Tuna Commission is supported by its four subsidiary bodies. The Scientific Committee that conducts stock assessments and provides scientific advice and recommendations that inform the management decisions of the Commission. The Technical and Compliance Committee that assesses the compliance performance of members in the implementation of their conservation and management obligations. The Northern Committee that has initial advisory roles in the conservation and management of the designated northern fish stocks. And the Finance and Administration Committee which reviews and advises on the financial, institutional and organisational affairs of the Commission. The Commission also engages the services of the Oceanic Fisheries Programme of the Pacific Community (SPC-OFPP) as the Scientific Services Provider of the Commission and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) as the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Services Provider.

The WCPFC is an inter-governmental organisation and its membership include Australia, China, Canada, Cook Islands, European Union, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Chinese Taipei, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, and Vanuatu. The WCPF Convention also permits the participation of territories within the WCPO in the work of the Commission which includes American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, and Wallis and Futuna. involved in the work of the Commission are cooperating non-members which are state countries that are not members of the Commission but are committed to be bound by the rules of the WCPFC and they currently include Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Liberia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The Head Office of the Pacific Tuna Commission is located in Kolonia, Pohnpei, the seat of the Capital of the Federated States of Micronesia. Its Secretariat's professional staff are recruited from across the member states of the Commission and its support staff from within the Federated States of Micronesia.



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One of the FSM's Marine Surveillance vessels was dispatched to Namoluk to retrieve the men. There had been some discussion of bringing the men to Pohnpei for medical attention but over the weekend authorities decided to take them to Weno, Chuuk before repatriation to the Marshall Islands.

Travel restrictions in both the FSM and in the Marshall Islands have required some creative thinking on how to get the men home to Ebeye. There had been some early talk of the Marshall Islands sending a chartered flight to Pohnpei to pick them up along with another resident of the Marshall Islands who has been stuck in Pohnpei since the COVID-19 travel restrictions were put in place. Ultimately it was decided that the FSM Marine Surveillance vessel would carry the men back to the Marshall Islands from Chuuk.

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Stimulus Package is to keep businesses open and our citizens employed.”

The FSM Economic Stimulus Package is locally funded through Public Laws 21-94 and 21-104, in addition to funding from the Project Development Fund under the National Oceanic Marine Resource Authority (NORMA) and a grant from the Asian Development Bank. The formula used to calculate the economic relief is based on an amount equal to 75% of wages and salaries, plus an amount equal to 100% of Social Security and Gross Revenue Tax paid. In addition to these benefits, the Government is also assisting businesses with the monthly interest component of loan payments.

The Nation’s tourism sector’s turnover revenues in 2019 were approximately \$43,300,000, and the sector employs 1,048 people i.e. approximately 6.7% of the FSM’s total labor force, which represented approximately \$5,720,000 in wages and salaries in Fiscal Year 2019. The FSM National Government has determined that approximately 500 individuals in the tourism sector have lost their jobs or had

their hours reduced as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic., and will qualify for unemployment assistance.

The FSM’s tourism sector’s Gross Revenue Tax returns for the Fiscal Year 2019 (i.e. October 1st, 2018 to September 30th, 2019) were approximately \$1,100,000. The March 2020 quarter represents a 30% downturn from the March 2019 quarter. January 2020 was a particularly successful month for the Nation’s tourism sector, and the FSM National Government predicts that the next quarter will demonstrate a far higher downturn.

“In a week or two,” President Panuelo said, “We’ll be announcing the details of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program through our newly established Office of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. We have requested a grant of approximately \$40,500,000 of funding from the United States to assist those who have lost their employment [or suffered reduced hours] due to the effects of COVID-19. Individuals will be able to fill out an application and we’ll begin processing as a separate means of support, with eligible individuals receiving a minimum payment of \$166 per week, backdated from January 27th all the way up to December 31st, 2020.”

“I thank the 21st FSM Congress and Vice President George for making this a joint effort by our National Government to work and give back to our Nation’s private sector,” President Panuelo continued. “I thank all of you in the private sector for carrying on the very important role you play in our Nation-building process. I want to emphasize to you all that you are valued, and that we will do our best to support you during these unprecedented times.”

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President Panuelo formally requests Caroline Islands Air to relocate to Pohnpei State by May 31st, 2020

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On May 7th, 2020 through a letter dated May 5th, 2020 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) formally requested Caroline Islands Air (CIA) to relocate “all aircrafts and crew members from Yap [State]” to Pohnpei State no later than May 31st, 2020. The purpose of this request is to ensure that CIA is able to continue to “provide emergency responses for medical emergencies to the other FSM States”, among other reasons.

The President noted in his letter to CIA’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Alex Tretnoff, that the Nation will “work with the Pacific Missionary Aviation to provide similar emergency services in Yap State.”

As a State-Owned Enterprise (i.e. a Government-owned corporation) like FSM Petroleum Corporation/Vital and the FSM Telecommunications

Corporation (FSMTC), CIA is designed to offer essential services to the Nation whilst also operating relatively independently.

The President’s letter to Mr. Tretnoff follows a series of internal discussions in the FSM National Government, as well as a meeting on April 30th, 2020, between President Panuelo, the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, and CIA’s Board of Directors. The President and Board were joined by representatives from the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure, the FSM Department of Justice, the FSM Department of Finance & Administration, and the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor.

Unlike other FSM corporations that began their life as a fully State-Owned Enterprise, such as Caroline Fisheries Corporation (which now has substantial private ownership), CIA remains 100% under the ownership of the FSM National Government and, by extension, every citizen in the Nation. The President highlighted his concerns regarding a need to strengthen CIA’s operational structure. “I wanted to bring you in,” President Panuelo began, “To see how we



President Panuelo and Mr. Alik Jackson, Chair of the CIA Board of Directors, fist bump

can work together. Ever since I was a Senator, it’s been my view that [CIA] needs to be improved in many respects. Today, our COVID-19 Response Framework would be more resilient if our remote island air service were strengthened.”

It was noted that, while CIA receives an annual financial audit, its

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U.S. Provides \$133 Million to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands FY 2020 Compact Grant Payments Bolster Health, Education, Infrastructure, Trust Funds, and Disaster Assistance

*Office of the Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech today announced that the Department of the Interior has provided \$133,114,602 in fiscal year (FY) 2020 grant payments to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) as provided for under the Compact of Free Association, or Public Law 108-188.

“This \$133 million in funding provided for under the Compact of Free Association agreements is critical to basic government operations and in providing stability for individuals and families in both the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Payments also bolster disaster emergency funds for unforeseen events and their respective Compact Trust Funds for the future,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “Secretary Bernhardt and I are proud of Interior’s role as part of the larger U.S. Government relationship with these freely associated states.”

According to Ambassador Carmen Cantor, U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia, “The funding provided under the Compact of Free Association between our two countries shows our enduring commitment to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia. These funds not only support Micronesia’s current response to the coronavirus pandemic, but also help build a more stable and prosperous future for all Micronesian citizens.”

In the Marshall Islands, U.S. Ambassador Roxanne Cabral announced, “We stand together to strengthen the prosperity of the Marshall Islands and to continue to improve the livelihoods of all Marshallese citizens. Our support for priority areas such as education, health, and infrastructure creates a strong foundation for continued growth in the Marshall Islands.”

Thus far, payments made to the Federated States of Micronesia in FY 2020 consist of Compact Sector Grant assistance, Supplemental Education Grant assistance, and a deposit into the FSM Compact Trust Fund, altogether totaling \$79,320,663, as detailed below.

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| FSM FY2020 Compact Payments | |
| FSM Compact Trust Fund | \$33,809,600 |
| Health | \$16,719,000 |
| Education | \$16,519,184 |
| Supplemental Education Grant | \$7,709,580 |
| Infrastructure | \$2,960,790 |
| Public Sector Capacity Building | \$750,000 |
| Enhanced Reporting & Accountability | \$572,764 |
| Disaster Assistance Emergency Fund | \$244,260 |
| Public Sector Development | \$35,485 |
| Total Payments through 4/2020 | \$79,320,663 |

In addition, payments made to the Republic of the Marshall Island in FY 2020 thus far consist of Compact Sector Grant assistance, Supplemental Education Grant assistance, support of the Kwajalein Land Use Agreement, and a deposit into the RMI Compact Trust Fund, altogether totaling \$53,793,939, as detailed below.

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| RMI FY2020 Compact Payments | |
| RMI Compact Trust Fund | \$23,645,000 |
| Kwajalein Landowner Payments | \$9,000,000 |
| Education | \$6,577,956 |
| Health | \$3,703,602 |
| Infrastructure | \$3,489,817 |
| Ebeye Special Needs- Health and Education | \$3,085,058 |
| Special Education Grant | \$2,104,026 |
| Ebeye Special Needs - Infrastructure | \$1,593,288 |
| Disaster Assistance Emergency Fund | \$248,600 |
| Kwajalein Environment | \$145,383 |
| Kwajalein Impact Fund | \$106,872 |
| Single Audit | \$94,337 |
| Total Payments through 4/2020 | \$53,793,939 |

Compact Sector allocations for the FSM and the RMI are approved each year by bilateral Joint Economic Management Committees. Compact assistance provided to-date for FY 2020 include deposits to the FSM Compact Trust Fund (<https://fsmcfatf.com/>), the RMI Compact Trust Fund (<https://rmicfatf.com/>), Disaster Emergency

Assistance Funds, and Single Audits.

For more information about the work of the Office of Insular Affairs, visit <http://www.doi.gov/oia> or follow @ASIIADomenech on Twitter.

For more information about U.S.-FSM relations, follow Ambassador Cantor on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/usembassykolonia/> and for more on U.S.-RMI relations, follow Ambassador Cabral on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/usembassymajuro/>.

The Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) carry out the Secretary of the Interior’s responsibilities for the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Additionally, OIA administers and oversees federal assistance under the Compacts of Free Association to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

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last performance audit was in 2010. This 2010 performance audit recommended the hiring of additional staff, including a full-time Chief Financial Officer or thematically equivalent position to eliminate any potential conflict of interest that may exist in the administration of the corporation’s financial operations. The performance audit also noted that only one individual was serving in the roles of Chief Executive Officer, Pilot, and Mechanic.

It was again noted in the April 30th, 2020 meeting that Mr. Tretnoff is presently serving in three roles—that of the CIA’s Chief Executive Officer, Pilot, and Mechanic—and that such a workload, particularly during the COVID-19 Pandemic, might jeopardize the Nation’s capacity to provide essential services to its citizens.

“I see so much need for these two positions,” said Mr. Kyoshi Phillip, Member of the Board of Directors representing the FSM National Government, referencing the need for a full-time Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Phillip advised that these positions would assist with, among other things, ensuring CIA is able to carry out its mandate effectively—to include ensuring that its financial reports are sufficiently transparent and detailed to allow the Chief Executive Officer to make appropriately informed executive decisions.

“If you look at our reports that we issue through our contracted [Certified Public Accounting] firm,” said Mr. Haser Hainrick, National Public Auditor, “There are a lot of adjustments made in order for the numbers to be booked into the financial statements. That in itself is an indication that the, accounting at the corporation really needs to be strengthened.”

When the Board of Directors asked the President and Vice President if it would be appropriate or allowable for the Board to work with the Office of Personnel to publish job announcements for CIA, the President advised he would support the corporation using the Office of Personnel for this purpose on the premise that the State-Owned Enterprise does not presently have the capacity to satisfyingly accomplish this task on its own.

It was also described in the meeting that, historically, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure served as an ex-officio member (i.e. someone who serves on the Board by virtue of their office.) This was subsequently changed in Public Law 16-26, where the Secretary’s role as an ex-officio member was replaced to allow the Chief Executive Officer to serve that function.

The President and the Board of Directors agreed to work together to see how the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure could return to serving as an ex-officio member of the Board.

The meeting concluded with the President and the Board of Directors agreeing to increase their collaboration in their joint efforts to enhance and improve the Nation’s air service.

The Department of Health and Social Affairs launches mass measles campaign in the FSM

Alvie B. Cabañez & DOHSA
Kaselehlie Press Volunteer Contributor

The Department of Health and Social Affairs (DOHSA) launched a Mass Measles campaign across the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The campaign focuses on the prevention of measles in the FSM with the integration of general routine immunization, Vitamin A supplementation, and deworming. The goal of the campaign is to immunize all delinquent children up to 17 years old.

“There was a measles threat in the South Pacific. It triggered us to team up with partners, like CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the National and State Departments of Health to put our heads together to come up with a fast-paced integration implementation plan,” said Carter J. Apaisam, Program Manager, Immunization, DOHSA-FSM.

Due to the measles threat in the Pacific region, FSM was able to streamline resources from the national, state, and partners to support the campaign. Based on the progress report from DOHSA, the Phase 1 target population (1-5 years of age children that are delinquent for the measles vaccination) was a success with a coverage of MMR1 (first dose of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine) increase from 89% (pre-campaign) to 95% (post-campaign). The MMR2 (second dose of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine) showed a significant difference of 10%, from 74% (pre-campaign) to 84% (post campaign).

Reliable transportation to the outer islands of Chuuk contributed to the success in this campaign. Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 pandemic, Phase 2 activities was interrupted, which was supposed to target the school age children in the FSM.

“MMR1 at 12 months is not enough to fully immunize the child,” said Nozizwe Chigonga, Maternal and Child Health Specialist, UNICEF-FSM. “In order to fully prevent measles, we also need to fully prevent Vitamin A deficiency. So, in any measles campaign, you need to have Vitamin A supplementation to really cover the immunity of the child. If the child

is Vitamin A deficient, and they get measles, they are more likely to die of the measles than if they were not Vitamin A deficient,” she continued.

“It was a good chance for us to roll out the campaign in all four FSM states, immunizing kids 12 months old to 71 months old for the Measles vaccines and immunizing children 2 months to 71 months for the integrated routine vaccines. We’ve completed Phase 1,” said Julie Ann Joseph Isaac, Non-Communicable Disease/ Health and Lifestyle Educator, DOHSA-FSM. “The COVID19 pandemic affected the campaign because the schools closed. We cannot proceed with Phase 2 of the campaign, to immunize school age kids,” she continued.

The said campaign was a successful showing of strong collaborative efforts from all parties. It was a joint partnership by CDC, UNICEF, WHO, the National and State Departments of Health with a strong push from His Excellency, David W. Panuelo, FSM President. Each partner organization played complementary roles to execute and deliver their duties and responsibilities.

DOHSA through collaborative partnership efforts, was able to quickly mobilize and draft a budget for their needs, outlining what they would need for training, operations and communications. FSM Telecommunications (FSMTC) was also commendable in providing big discount for co-sponsoring short-messaging-service (SMS) text blast to all active mobile subscribers in the FSM.

Immunization clinics are still open despite the COVID19 pandemic. Parents are encouraged to bring their kids to the nearest health facility to be immunized. “Vaccinate on Time, Every Time,” was Mr. Apaisam’s message to the FSM citizens.



Sokehs Pah Women’s Group and Care Micronesia Foundation partner up on COVID-19 masks

The Care Micronesia Foundation

“Today, the world including our tiny Island is in the face of a crisis of a pandemic. It’s still hard to imagine the reality when we will be confronted with it on our shores.” These were the words of the Sokehs Pah Women Volunteer Group when they sent out solicitation letters to business in Pohnpei looking for sponsorship of materials so they could lend a helping hand to help sew COVID-19 Cloth Mask. Several businesses, including Seven Stars, donated materials for the project, and the Care Micronesia Foundation, answered the call to provide funding so the first set of masks could be sewn. Speaker Ausen Lambert also donated funds to the project. With this support the women were empowered to move forward with this project and sewed 700 masks using a design certified by the CDC. The masks were donated to senior citizens at April’s Social Security Day, with the rest donated to the Micronesia Red Cross to hand out through their community outreach project.



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The goal of the mask project was to help protect the most vulnerable people in Pohnpei and enable them to breathe better and stay COVID-19 free. For the Sokehs Pah Women’s Group, their real purpose went far beyond just volunteering. Their sole mission is to help Pohnpei State prepare for this pandemic and to keep POHNPEI SAFE. The Care Micronesia Foundation, under its Pacific People Advancing Change project, took the opportunity to spread the message on the new Age of Consent law in Pohnpei that raised the marriageable age from 16 to 18 last year.

Join Our Team!

POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE:

- Based in Chuuk
 - Terminal Supervisor
 - Power Plant Operator
 - Infirmary Nurse
 - General Laborer
 - Carpenter Assistant

- Based in Yap
 - Customer Service Officer-Administration

- Based in Pohnpei
 - Electrical Technician
 - Mechanical Technician



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) Captive Insurance Consultant (Expert)

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The FSM Insurance Board is soliciting proposals and applications from any qualified and interested individual or business for the position of captive insurance consultant. The consultant is to be recruited either through the firm or directly and to be based or relocated to FSM for at least one year.

The Insurance Board is the regulatory and supervisory authority of insurance business in the Federated States of Micronesia whose principal purposes as specified by law, and they are: to regulate insurance business in the FSM; to undertake the licensing and supervision of insurance; to protect the interest of policyholders, and to promote a sound and functioning insurance system in the FSM. In 2006, captive insurance was introduced when the FSM Congress enacted a captive insurance law that allowed insurance companies to apply for licensing and undertake captive insurance business in the FSM.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Captive Insurance Consultant (CIC) will be based in the Insurance Board's office in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The principal and broad goals and duties of the CIC are to increase the captive insurance capacity in the Insurance Board's office and to provide the Insurance Commissioner more latitude to develop the non-captive insurance industry in the FSM.

The CIC will have a 1-3-year contract, will have dual reporting responsibilities - to the FSM Insurance Board for strategic development initiatives and to the Insurance Commissioner for day-to-day processing of captive insurance matters. The FSM Insurance Board together with the Insurance Commissioner, will be the decision-making group for the hiring of the CIC. The CIC will attend all board meetings either in person or via tele-conferences.

The CIC will be expected to carry out the following activities, but not limited to:

2.1 PROJECT TASKS.

The key tasks are as follows:

- Domicile Marketing Plan. The CIC would be responsible for a review of the FSM's marketing of its captive insurance domicile and make recommendations on a plan to improve the domiciles competitiveness in the global marketplace. This includes a review and recommendations for the captive section of the Insurance Commission's website and making recommendations for improving the efficiency of the application and communication process via electronic applications, etc.
- IT and Infrastructure Build-out. The CIC will review the 2019 plan for IT infrastructure upgrades for the Insurance Commission's office, specifically targeting the procurement and roll out of an internal server, providing for appropriate levels of cyber security of

data and to upgrade the office band-width to fiber-optic cable.

Legislative and Regulatory Advisory. The CIC will be responsible for following global captive industry trends and identifying opportunities for or threats to FSM captive insurance industry. The CIC will work with the FSM Executive Branch, Congress and other parties, as appropriate, to develop and pass new legislation or regulations to those ends.

Industry Relationship Management. The CIC will have responsibility with the Insurance Commissioner to maintain relationships within the global captive insurance industry marketplace, including captive insurance managers, FSM captive insurance companies, and industry regulators. The CIC would also attend captive insurance conferences (such as the annual CICA conference) as appropriate.

Technical Assistance. The CIC will have responsibility for reviewing all new captive insurance company applications, business plan changes, loan back requests, investment policy changes, dividends and other day-to-day matters and to make recommendations on those to the Insurance Commissioner.

Examinations: FSM captive insurance company law requires that the Insurance Commissioner's office executes examinations of FSM licensed captive insurance companies every three years. The CIC will be responsible for overseeing the execution of examinations. The CIC will recommend to the Insurance Commissioner whether the examinations on a case-by-case basis would be performed "in-house" or by external examiners.

Staff Management. With the Insurance Commissioner, the CIC will be responsible for the day-to-day oversight and review of the captive insurance activities of the staff in the Insurance Commissioner's office. The CIC will be responsible for making recommendations to the Insurance Commissioner and the Insurance Board on matters of hiring and retention of all Insurance Commission employees with responsibilities for captive insurance.

Capacity Building. The CIC will be responsible for developing the human resources necessary to address the needs of the rapidly growing captive insurance industry. He/she will be responsible for providing training to of the captive insurance focused staff in the Insurance Commissioner's office.

Perform other captive related duties as mutually agreed.

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE

The following are the preferred requirements for the CIC.

- (i) A Master's Degree in a related field of insurance, economics, finance or business management.
- (ii) At least 10 years relevant experience in the captive insurance industry either as a regulator or in the private sector.
- (iii) Demonstrated ability in effective client

relationship management, leadership roles, and team building. (iv) Proficient speaking and writing professionally in English. Other qualifications and experiences that would be advantage include:

- (i) An understanding of the cultures of Micronesia.
- (ii) An understanding of the cultures in Japan.
- (iii) Basic knowledge or proficiency in any one of the Micronesian languages.
- (iv) Basic knowledge or proficiency in the Japanese language.
- (v) Certification or registration with a recognized industry organization.

4. DURATION, LOCATION, AND CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT

This Terms of Reference is for a full time Captive Insurance Consultant.

The position is intended to be located in Pohnpei, with travels to Japan or places outside of the FSM. Based on Consultant's needs and circumstances, other arrangements are subject to negotiations. In both cases the duration will be for 12-36 months with the opportunity to extend based on performance and continuing annual approval of funding from the FSM National Government. The position would be subject to a probationary period review of three (3) months.

The Insurance Board's office will provide office space, general office supplies and office equipment including computer, printer and photocopier. Additionally, the CIC will have access to administrative staff in the Insurance Board's office.

The total remuneration package, including salary and other benefits, will be subject to negotiation based on previous documented contracting experience and whether the applicant is based in the FSM or based outside the FSM.

5. SUBMISSION OF PREPARATION COST

The Board shall not be liable for any expense incurred in connection with the preparation of a submittal to this request. Applicant or Firm shall prepare a straight forward and concise description of the applicant or firm's ability to meet the requirements of this document.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Specific evaluations will be made primarily according to the responsiveness and completeness of the proposal. Proposals should contain cover letter, resume, fees schedule, implantation plan, summary of past experiences, and other documents that may deem necessary.

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTENT OF PROPOSAL

All interested parties (Applicant or Firm) should submit the following:

- Statement of Intent
- Overall Approach and Plan of Activities
- Qualifications of the Applicant or Firm under signature
- Description of detailed Applicant's Resume' or Firm's Profile and Qualification
- Cost Breakdown
- The original copy of the proposal

8. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

One (1) signed copy plus a copy of the proposal must be received no later than 5 pm, June 26, 2020. The proposal shall be addressed to:

Attn: Insurance Commissioner

Office of the FSM Insurance Board

Government of the Federated States of Micronesia

P.O. Box K-2980

VB Building No. 1, Suite 2A, Pohn Umpomp Place

Nett, Pohnpei FM 96941

Tel: (691) 320-5426/3423

Fax: (691) 320-1523

Website: www.fsminsuranceboard.com

Unsigned proposals will not be considered. Selection and Notification of award is expected to be in July 2020.

FSM citizens who permanently reside abroad & medical referrals may depart if they have proper documentation

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On May 9th, 2020, May 20th, 2020, and May 21st, 2020, international air carriers will arrive into the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). These flights will not be bringing passengers into the Nation, but non-citizens who reside in the FSM (e.g. U.S. citizens, Australian citizens, etc.) may depart the country at that time if they choose to do so. Further, per the terms of Congressional Resolution 21-138, FSM citizens who meet the requirements for departure may do so long as they possess the proper documentation. This release will describe who is eligible to depart (FSM citizens permanently residing abroad and medical referrals), and the types of documentation they will need to bring with them, as FSM Immigration officers will be checking these documents prior to allowing citizens to enter the departure lounge in any given FSM port of entry.

further notice and until such time that a determination is made that the COVID-19 Pandemic is effectively contained. Exceptions may be granted for FSM citizens who will be traveling to affected areas, who are legal residents of an affected area, and are returning to their homes or place of employment, or for urgent medical treatment....”

Therefore, there are two categories of FSM citizens who MAY be allowed to depart the FSM: citizens who permanently reside abroad, and those with medical referrals.

Citizens who reside abroad will need to bring with them documentation demonstrating their residence abroad. Acceptable documentation may include:

1. A letter from one’s employer;
2. A bill for services such as power, rent, or other utilities;
3. A company ID card or employee ID card;
4. A lease agreement; and/or
5. A U.S. State identification card, IF such a card identifies an FSM citizens’ permanent address in that jurisdiction.

Congressional Resolution 21-138 advises that “All FSM citizens are banned from traveling to any country, state or territory with confirmed cases of COVID-19 until

A driver’s license may be used to augment such documentation, but may not serve as enough documentation by itself on the premise that not all foreign jurisdictions require residency to acquire such

a license.

Citizens travelling on a medical referral will need to bring with them appropriate paperwork from their medical service provider.

Any citizen who is not carrying proper documentation, as determined by FSM Immigration officers at the time of departure, will not be allowed to leave the FSM.



A large advertisement with a blue and white background featuring clouds and rain. The word "RESCUE" is written in large, bold, black letters inside a rounded rectangular frame. Below it, "MISSION SMS GAME" is written in bold black letters. In the center, "text RESCUE to 505" is written in large red letters, followed by "and you can be one of the 3 lucky winners" in smaller red letters. At the bottom left, "MAY 04-28, 2020" is written in bold black letters. At the bottom right, the logo "FSM (TC) We Are You" is displayed, with "FSM" in grey, "(TC)" in blue, and "We Are You" in a smaller blue font.

Governor Oliver, Secretary Taulung, & Ambassador Cantor strengthen the FSM COVID-19 Response Framework & the FSM-U.S. enduring partnership

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On May 7th, 2020, Her Excellency Carmen G. Cantor, Ambassador of the United States of America, was received by the Honorable Reed B. Oliver—Governor of the State of Pohnpei, and Honorary Consul of the State of Israel to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)— and the Honorable Livingston A. Taulung, Secretary of the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs, in a handover ceremony celebrating the arrival of much needed and deeply appreciated medical supplies, including thirty (30) ventilators, to assist in the implementation of the FSM’s COVID-19 Response Framework.

Governor Oliver, in his capacity as Honorary Consul of the State of Israel to the FSM, posed with Secretary Taulung for a photograph in front of the supplies received through

partnership with His Excellency Tibor Shalev Schlosser, Ambassador of Israel to the FSM and to the Pacific Island States. The supplies included 2,000 surgical masks, 200 NK95 masks, 4 infrared thermometers, and 40 protective suits, which will be equitably (i.e. fairly) distributed amongst the FSM’s States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.

“Israel is very happy that we could contribute and assist our good friends in the Pacific in their times of need,” Ambassador Schlosser wrote in a message to the FSM National Government. “I wish you all good health—success and prosperity. May you never need to use these items.”



ventilators, which will be equitably (i.e. fairly) distributed amongst the FSM’s States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.

Following the photo opportunity, Secretary Taulung and Governor Oliver described their intention to ensure the FSM COVID-19 Task Force more closely collaborates with the Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force. This will result in

a joint FSM-PNI Task Force meeting in the coming days.

Governor Oliver, in his capacity as Governor of the FSM State of Pohnpei, then posed with Secretary Taulung and Ambassador Cantor in front of the supplies received from the United States of America through the defense provisions of the Compact of Free Association, as Amended. These supplies include

“All Micronesians, be they Yapese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, or Kosraean, stand together in peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity—indeed, our

See “Partnership” on next page

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(Date of Issuance: May 6, 2020)

YAP STATE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (YSPSC) WATER TANKS ENGINEERING DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES YAP STATE, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA RFP NO. 2020- 001 Colonia, Yap FM 96943

On behalf of the Yap State Government, Federated States of Micronesia, the Office of Planning and Budget/**Project Management Office (PMO)** invites proposals for the provision of professional consultant services to perform Engineering Design for the repairs and refurbishment of existing two atmospheric one million gallons (MG) potable water steel tanks and Engineering Design for a new two hundred fifty thousand gallons epoxy coated carbon steel potable water tank located in Colonia, Yap State.

Respondent may request a clarification or inquiry of any of the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents in writing addressed to: Samuel E. Luzano, PMO Manager, Project Management Office, YCA Complex, P.O. Box 970, Colonia, Yap FM 96943 at (691) 350- 2324 or emailed to seluzano@yapstategov.org

All Proposals will be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**RFP No. 2020 - 001, YSPSC Water Tanks Engineering Design**” and must incorporate the name and address of the Respondent on the outside of the envelope addressed to:

The PMO Manager
Project Management Office
YCA Complex, P.O. Box 970

Proposals must be submitted to the above address no later than July 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., local time to be eligible for consideration. Proposals received after the deadline shall be rejected.

Whenever Proposals will be sent via FedEx, UPS or other mail carrier, Respondent will ensure that the outside mailing package is also clearly marked “RFP-YSPSC Water Tanks Engineering Design” with the name and address of the Respondent. Packages and envelopes not marked with the name of the proposal may be misidentified and will be rejected.

Proposals can also be submitted in electronic copies by E-mail. Electronic copies of proposals sent through E-mail shall be in PDF and submitted to:

Samuel E. Luzano
PMO Manager
seluzano@yapstategov.org
seluzano@gmail.com



FSM Connectivity Project

Fiber-To-The-Home Is Coming



The FSM Government has received a new grant from the World Bank to be used by the FSM Cable Corporation (FSMTCC) to build fiber optic cable networks directly to homes, offices, schools and health facilities on the capital islands. This will enable:

- **faster internet**
- **multi-service network**
- **weather-proof**

Fiber-to-the-home will provide many in FSM with the high-speed connectivity they have been waiting for.

It will benefit society, businesses and families and encourage the development of a new digital economy and digital government services in FSM.



...Partnership

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national unity—in combatting the COVID-19 threat,” His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, said in a statement following the proceedings. “I extend our Nation’s utmost gratitude to the State of Israel for their generosity and support.”

“I also again extend our Nation’s appreciation to our first and foremost ally, the United States of America,” President Panuelo continued, “for their continued commitment to our Enduring Partnership. Time and again the United States shows that they are just as committed to peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity as Micronesians are. We proudly stand together with you during this time of crisis, and look forward to standing with you in less turbulent times ahead.”

“As a medical doctor myself,” Secretary Taulung said, “My colleagues and I in the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs, like our counterparts in the respective State Departments of Health, are deeply appreciative of our own Governments’ commitments to ensuring our

National response to the COVID-19 Pandemic is based on medical science. Likewise, we are humbled, touched, and moved by the generous assistance of our international friends, allies, and development partners, and today in particular to the United States of America and to the State of Israel. COVID-19 presents a unique challenge to the FSM, but I am confident that it is one that we will all emerge stronger from as we work together to prevent COVID-19 from reaching our shores and in mitigating COVID-19 from spreading around this Paradise in Our Backyards.”

As of May 7th, 2020, the FSM remains COVID-19 free. The FSM National Government remains committed to close collaboration with its international friends, allies, and development partners, and also with the State Governments of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae to ensure that this remains the case until such a time that COVID-19 Pandemic is effectively contained, and that, in the event the virus arrives in the FSM, that it is successfully mitigated.



Governor Oliver, Ambassador Cantor, & Dr. Taulung pose in front of the LTV 1200 Ventilators



College of the Marshall Islands
Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) is a community college located in the central Pacific Ocean six degrees north of the Equator on the Majuro Atoll. Majuro is the nation's capital and has a population of approximately 28,000 people. The College enrolls 1000 students each fall and spring semester with the semester full-time equivalent number of students approximately 800. CMI is the national college of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and seeks to be the role model for community colleges in the Pacific region.

The College is now seeking a passionate Educators willing to relocate to our small and remote location where his/her teaching and learning expertise is greatly valued by a developing population with a distinct Pacific culture.

CMI invites applications for a following full-time instructor positions beginning Fall semester 2020 (August 1, 2020):

Education Instructor

As a member of the Education Department, this instructor will work collaboratively with the Education Faculty and the Public School System to improve the quality of all areas of basic education for RMI Elementary students with support from the Improving Basic Education in the Pacific grant (IQBE)

Successful appointees must have a Master's degree in Education area related to teaching and a minimum of 3 years of experience in elementary and / or secondary grades. Experience living in multi-lingual cultures other than one's own. Understanding other's ways of viewing issues.

STEM-Science Instructor

The STEM Department invites applications for a full-time Science Instructor to teach courses in the Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Microbiology and Chemistry disciplines. The candidate also has opportunities to develop new courses and departmental initiatives in his/her areas of expertise. The semester workload is 15 teaching contact hours per week, 5 scheduled office hours per week, and other duties as assigned for a total of 40 hours per week over a ten

month academic year. (Summer semester teaching is optional with additional pay at the adjunct/part-time rate.

Successful candidate must have a Master's in Biology, Chemistry, or Microbiology or related degree OR a Master's in Education with Bachelor's in Biology, Chemistry, or Microbiology or related field. Also have experience teaching Chemistry or related subjects.

Social Science Instructor

The successful candidate will teach a variety of courses in the Social Science, including Sociology and Psychology. Other responsibilities will include departmental, and college services, academic advising, and outcomes assessment.

Successful candidate must have A Master's Degree in one or more of the social sciences, with coursework in Sociology. * Experience teaching a broad range of social science courses. * 3 years teaching experience in higher education.

English Composition & Speech Instructor

The successful candidate will predominately teach:

ENG 105: Fundamental of Speech
ENG 111: Composition I
ENG 112: Composition II
ENG 220: Writing Research Papers

The candidate also has opportunity to develop and shape new courses and develop departmental initiatives in areas of expertise.

Successful candidate must have A Master's Degree in Arts majoring in English with course work in English.
• Experience teaching a broad range of English and Arts courses (English Composition and Speech).
• 3 years teaching experience in higher education.

Ebeye Distance Education Coordinator

This position coordinates the necessary services on Ebeye to maintain a functional Distance Education Center for the College of the Marshall Islands. The coordinator must collaborate effectively with a team of academic and student services stakeholders while working independently away from the main Uliga campus. This person facilitates enrollment of new students in Ebeye,

manages the technology necessary for the center, collaborates with those responsible for instruction, facilitates service delivery to Ebeye students, and maintains positive communication with the local community. Visit Ebeye Distance Education Center at <https://www.cmi.edu/campus-and-resources/ebeye-de-center>.

Successful candidate must have;

- Requires reading/writing skills in English sufficient to prepare marketing materials, correspondence, and written reports (as required); computer skills necessary for record keeping and report generation; ability to assure smooth flow of information to, from, and within the campus; ability to process all paperwork related to the Distance Education program; ability to develop and manage a budget.
- Must have human relations/presentation skills sufficient to build trust among the local community, convey difficult concepts – often technical in nature, and must work well with others.
- Bachelor's Degree in educational administration, business administration, instructional design or a related field.
- Two (2) years' experience in project management, technology based course deliver, technical coordinator, or instructional design.

Salary \$19,760 to \$26,346. Salary placement based on relevant education, training and experience.

For Faculty positions:

Salary Range: USD\$ 25,137 to USD\$33,515 per annum. Salary placement based on relevant education, training and experience.

All Position Benefits: Initial contract of three years; Transportation from the point of hire to the Marshall Islands, \$2,000 moving allowance; \$9,000 annual housing allowance.

Making an Application: Applicants must apply online at CMI jobs website www.cmi.edu or <https://jobs-cmi.peopleadmin.com>. Full Job Descriptions available on request.

Closing date: May 22, 2020.

The College of the Marshall Islands is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The College of the Marshall Islands requires pre-employment reference and background screening



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

"A/E Services for the Design of Three Schools and Two Dispensaries, Mortlock Region, Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia"

NOTICE

The Chuuk State Government, through the Project Management Office (PMO), is hereby soliciting Statement of Qualifications from interested entities for A/E Services for the design of three Schools and two Dispensaries in the Mortlock region of Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia. Work will be funded by Infrastructure Sector Grants under the Amended Compact of Free Association between the United States and FSM.

The duration of the consulting services is eight (8) calendar months starting from the date of Notice to Proceed issued to the selected Consultant.

Further details of this RFQ may be obtained by submitting a written letter of interest to Mr. Sasha Savich, Project Manager, PMO, Weno, Chuuk State, FSM 96942 at email sasha@enrinc.com with the subject heading:

"Statement of Qualifications for A/E Services for the Design of Three Schools and Two Dispensaries, Mortlock Region, Chuuk State, FSM"

The RFQ may also be directly obtained from the following website: www.tci.gov.fm

In order to be considered, Statement of Qualifications must be submitted to the above contact address no later than 4.00 pm, Chuuk, FSM time, June 15, 2020.

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Interim President

College Board Announces Interim President

The College's Board of Regents has announced that it has identified an interim president who will serve until the search for the full-time president is complete. Dr. Tulensru Waguk, chair of the Board of Regents, reported that Karen Simion, MEd, who has been serving as the acting president is now the interim president effective May 05, 2020.

Mrs. Simion has worked for the College for thirty-two years beginning in 1988 at Chuuk Campus, and then moving to National Campus in 2005. She has served in a variety of positions such as an administrative assistant, faculty of English, Instructional Coordinator, Dean of Academic Programs, and Vice President for Instructional Affairs. Mrs. Simion also currently serves as the Accreditation Liaison Officer for the college.

Mrs. Simion's professional strengths are in assessment of student learning, accreditation, and supporting and leading innovation.

Interim President Simion shared in response to her appointment: *"I am honored to be selected by the Board of Regents to serve as interim president during this unusual and trying time. I will do my best to promote quality education while keeping students, faculty, and staff safe and healthy."*

The college community welcomes Interim President Simion, and looks forward to her continued leadership towards achieving student success at the college.

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