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**Republic of the Marshall Islands Receives \$8.9 Million in Compact
Funding Payments for October 2015**

U.S. Support to RMI Continues under Compact for FY 2016

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 10, 2015) – The U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs recently released to the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands’ (RMI) Ministry of Finance, U.S. Compact grant payments for October totaling \$8,986,600. The breakdown of these payments is as follows:

Kwajalein Impact & Use Payment 1 st Quarter	\$ 8,616,600.00
Enewetak Food & Agriculture Program	\$ 370,000.00
	\$ 8,986,600.00

As provided for under Section 212 of the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the United States provides payments for military use and operating rights on Kwajalein Island and Atoll. Also under the Enewetak Food & Agriculture program, the U.S. continues to assist a community affected by the U.S. nuclear testing program of the 1940s by providing supplemental food for the people of Enewetak, replanting vegetation on the inhabited islands, conducting agricultural maintenance training and transporting food supplies.

Compact grants provided by the United States to the Republic of the Marshall Islands are managed through the bilateral Joint Economic Management Finance and Accountability Committee meetings between the United States Government and the Marshall Islands government as established under the Compact of Free Association. The close relationship between the U.S. Government and the Republic of the Marshall Islands is enshrined in the Compact of Free Association, under which the United States also provides guaranteed financial

assistance over a 20-year period in exchange for full international defense authority and responsibilities.

The Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas carries out the administrative responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior in coordinating federal policy for the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance to the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association. The Assistant Secretary executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs.

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