## HIGHLIGHTS OF OIA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS TO GUAM IN FY 2010 Prepared for the Senior Plenary Session of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas March 1, 2011

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) has provided a substantial amount of financial assistance in the past year to assist Guam in a variety of areas ranging from infrastructure improvements to financial management.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- A \$2 million Guam Infrastructure grant was awarded for the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Modernization project bringing the total awarded by OIA for this effort to \$6.1 million since FY 2008.
- A total of \$5.8 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding was awarded to address a variety of infrastructure needs including \$365,000 for Guam Community College to upgrade its Construction Trades facilities and \$365,000 to the College to design a DNA and Toxicology laboratory to be housed within the Forensic Crime Lab on the campus. Both projects will provide new educational and vocational opportunities for Guam's students.
- \$16.8 million in Compact Impact grant funding was awarded for a number of projects including \$3.5 million to GMHA for purchase pharmaceutical and medical supplies and \$7.1 million for the Guam School Leaseback Program.
- \$250,000 in Water and Wastewater grant funding was awarded to flood-proof the Chaligan Sewage Pump Station which is crucial in the treatment of wastewater from the villages of Agat and Santa Rita. The work required on the Chaligan Sewage Pump Station will help to lift FEMA's probationary status designation on the Government of Guam for violations of the National Flood Insurance Program which bars Guam from FEMA pre-disaster assistance.
- \$300,000 in Technical Assistance (TA) funding was awarded to the University of Guam for a second year to promote its Green Initiative program. OIA provided \$204,856 in FY 2009 to improve recycling and waste management methods as well as identify alternative energy sources for Guam. Second-year funding will support the launching of the Center for Sustainability.

- \$200,000 in TA funding was awarded to the Guam Department of Administration to assist with the software upgrade of its Federal Grants In-aid System which will enhance its financial management system resulting in better internal controls and reporting compliance.
- OIA also entered into a \$750,000 reimbursable support agreement with the Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory to conduct energy efficiency and renewable energy assessments and assist in developing strategic plans for EE/RE implementation and deployment in American Samoa, the CNMI, and Guam.
- OIA, in partnership with NOAA, provided a grant of \$453,890 (\$50,000 from DOI; \$403,890 from NOAA) in Coral Reef Initiative funding to assist Guam in identifying appropriate mitigation associated with the military build-up, continue site-based restoration projects in Piti/Asan watershed, and support its Local Action Strategies. OIA also awarded \$130,059 to The Nature Conservancy to support the Micronesia Challenge.

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