

As operators are arrested “Forever Lucky” not so lucky for Micro Games in Yap

By Bill Jaynes
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FSM—Yap lost more than half of the “hotel rooms” it had planned on for the Micro Games when the “Forever Lucky”, owned and operated by Fahrenheit Company, Limited of Subic Bay, Philippines was detained in Bhataan, PI while sailing to the FSM. The Yap government had signed an MOU with the company to provide rooms and catering services for the games. The vessel claims to have 146 cabins including deluxe single,

deluxe double and executive suites but at press time, that vessel is not likely to arrive.

According to multiple news sources, Philippine authorities detained the vessel when it got a tip from a foreign law enforcement source that the Forever Lucky might be involved in a human smuggling scheme. When they boarded the vessel, they found 139 people aboard who, news sources say, were not on the manifest and did not have proper documentation for the journey or authorizations to work outside of the Philippines.

Some news sources say that the majority of the 139 victims of human smuggling were sent home and others are awaiting travel arrangements. Without a staff, it appears that even if Philippine authorities were to release the “Forever Lucky” to sail to Yap, it wouldn’t be able to do the work.

One news source says that the CEO of Fahrenheit has denied wrongdoing and is cooperating with investigators.

Initial news sources in Manila said that the company was accused of “human trafficking”. Others say that investigations are continuing into allegations of that crime. From the descriptions of the ongoing situation, the crime being investigated in the majority of the cases is “human smuggling”, an altogether different crime from human trafficking.

On Wednesday, the Yap State Government issued a short statement. “The State of Yap has a two-month Memorandum of Agreement with Fahrenheit, Ltd. to provide extra rooms on the Forever Lucky ship during the 2018 Micro Games and to provide food and catering services for the athletes and coaches who will be participating in the event on July 15-27, 2018. The Micro Games Organizing Committee, a separate entity,

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APIL gathered in Pohnpei to discuss issues on: “CLIMATE CHANGE: Regional policies and action plans regarding climate change mitigation.”



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Members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) met in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, June 26-28 for its 37th General Assembly, to discuss issues on Climate change policies, mitigation and adaptation. The opening of the Conference took place at the Pohnpei States Legislature’s Chamber in Kolonia. Pohnpei State Lieutenant Governor,

Hon. Reed Oliver welcomed the APIL delegates and expressed his support of the work of APIL in the areas on regional collaboration and cooperation. His Excellency Robert A. Riley III, US Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, gave the key note speech where

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Audit shows unauthorized and inappropriate expenditures of Infrastructure Maintenance Funds

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei—Pohnpei’s Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) recently released an audit on Infrastructure Maintenance Funds for fiscal years 2012 through 2016 that pointed out a number of examples of non-compliance with law and negligent accounting practices.

The Infrastructure Maintenance Fund (IMF) is established under the Compact of Free Association with the United States. Each year the US and the FSM allocate 5 percent of the annual public infrastructure grants to the IMF. During the years that OPA audited, the US and Pohnpei each contributed \$1,571,646 to the fund for a total of \$3,143,292. The IMF is for the upkeep and maintenance of the Pohnpei Government’s capital infrastructure facilities and related assets in accordance with the government Infrastructure Maintenance Plan. The Pohnpei State Legislature must appropriate the money for specific projects before they can be used.

OPA says that between 2012 and 2016, \$1,311,942.80 of IMF monies was used for 29 projects that were not submitted to the legislature for specific approval.

In his response, Jack Yakana, Administrator of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure wrote that the office notified “all concerned” including the Pohnpei Legislature that IMF project funds for 2015, 2016, and 2017 had not been appropriated during the course of their implementation of the IMF projects that had earlier been approved by the Office of Insular Affairs for those fiscal years. He says that those project funds were eventually appropriated under the Comprehensive Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

OPA did not audit 2017. There were 17 projects funded in 2015 and 2016.

“Without the required due process, the corresponding infrastructure maintenance funds of more than \$1.3 million were expended improperly.

Pohnpei Department of Treasury and Administration did not respond to the audit.

The audit said that the Pohnpei IMF savings account was not properly managed. It said that the account was not properly managed, reconciled and monitored to ensure that only authorized and appropriate transactions are processed through the account. It provided a chart of transactions totaling \$450,000 that it said could be misconstrued as having been spent for purposes that were not in line with the purpose for which the account was created.

The audit report said that additionally, the total amount of the IMF account at September 30, 2012 reflected in the State Finance schedule did not match the bank balance by more than \$180,000.

The report found that the \$32,350 of State contributions to the IMF that was used to pay for the costs of a change order for the completion of a new gymnasium funded under a different grant was an unauthorized use of IMF funds.

The audit said that there was a lack of proper supervisory review and monitoring. It said that if found that certain adjusting entries made to two contracts affect the total contract price. I also noted that \$3,342 of the IMF account was used to pay laborers renovating the State Hospital. The payment was approved by the Office of Insular Affairs to be reimbursed on a later date by OIA. That amount has yet to be reimbursed by OIA.

The auditors also found poor maintenance and safeguarding of pertinent records and documents.

FSM making progress on anti-Human Trafficking efforts but more needed according to US State Department

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Federated States of Micronesia—For the fifth year in a row, the United States Department of State has ranked the FSM at Tier 2 in their Trafficking in Person report. The report evaluates the efforts of countries worldwide to eliminate human trafficking. Human trafficking is the exploitation of people through coercion and does not necessarily involve the movement of a person from one place to another. It is involuntary servitude.

The Tier 2 evaluation means that the FSM does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so. The report said that the government demonstrated increasing effort by convicting two traffickers, increasing anti-trafficking training among judicial officials and students, and establishing and staffing a national hotline.

“Despite these efforts, the government did not meet the minimum standards in several key areas. Courts issued weak sentences to convicted traffickers and authorities did not follow an established procedure to identify victims among vulnerable populations or refer them to

protective services, which remained undeveloped and under-resourced,” the report said.

The report recommended that FSM should consider eliminating provisions in its human trafficking laws that allow for fines in lieu of imprisonment. It pointed out that in the one prosecution of two human traffickers, one was sentenced to a \$5000 fine and only weekend jail time. That convicted felon didn’t even serve his entire sentence and was allowed by the court to leave the country when his work contract expired. The other trafficker, the parent of the victim received probation for 15 months with no fine. The report said that the prescribed penalties for human trafficking are sufficiently stringent with possible jail terms of up to 30 years, but by allowing for a fine or other greatly decreased sentence, the value of deterrence is greatly diminished.

The FSM continues to prosecute human trafficking cases. In early August, four men in Chuuk who were convicted of Human Trafficking are set to be sentenced in the FSM Supreme Court for their crimes. It remains to be seen and will be up to the court whether the men will receive sentences that are more in line with the apparent deterrent intent of the law than previous sentences that were handed down.

The report also made recommendations for protection of Human Trafficking victims and for prevention of the crime.

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he spoke on climate change mitigation and adaptation programs available under US Aid and other programs under the United States Government and its agencies. The APIL President, Hon. Vice-Speaker Robert I Taulung, welcomed everyone and reiterated in his remarks that our Island nations are on the front lines of global climate change. Heavy rainfall and rising sea levels are eroding shorelines and causing flooding. Warming and increasingly acidic oceans are damaging coral reefs that support fisheries for our sustainable use and attract tourists. At this meeting the APIL members will continue to discuss these important climate change mitigation and adaptation issues and recommend ways in which each APIL member jurisdiction can direct its efforts and advocate for policies and projects that will benefit the constituencies they serve.

APIL expresses its appreciation to the climate change experts and presenters who presented on the theme: Mr. Asterio Takesy, Vice President-Bank of Guam spoke on "Climate Change: How policy makers in the Pacific region can be the solution and how do we link the business sectors in the equation". Mr. William Kostka, Executive Director, Micronesia Conservation Trust, presented on "Green Climate Fund (GCF): Possible funding resource for climate change mitigation and adaptation." And Maybelline Andon-Bing, Secretary -Ministry of Finance, RMI presented on: "Climate Change and Adaptation programs and projects in the Republic of the Marshall Islands." These presentations were very informative to the members and we again thank the presenters for their time and tremendous contribution to the General Assembly. "APIL will focus on gaining the needed support and collaboration from our regional policy makers to improve and provide regional climate change mitigation and adaptation networks throughout our island communities", said APIL President, Vice Speaker Taulung.

During the final day of the sessions, the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) unanimously elected Speaker Fernando Scaliem to serve as the President of APIL for the

2018-2019 Term.

"I believe that regional collaboration is key to addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation and we need to network closely with our Pacific island neighbors" said Scaliem.

Under his leadership, Scaliem will work to ensure that a reasonable and actionable strategic plan is established and acted upon by the APIL. Scaliem made a commitment to work closely with regional chief executives to ensure that policies established by the association are supported and implemented by the APIL member state presidents and territory governors. "The prosperity and long term security of our Pacific people requires that executive and legislative branches of government cooperate." said Scaliem.

Other officers and leadership positions for APIL's 2018-2019 Term are: Chuuk State Senator and Floor Leader, Hon. Nelson Stephen was elected to serve as the organization's Vice President; Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature's former Speaker, Hon. Joseph Deleon Guerrero was elected as Secretary and for the first time for this member entity to serve on the APIL leadership, Hon. Kaure Babo, M.P. from the Parliament of Kiribati gained the position as Treasurer of APIL.

The members of APIL, during its 37th General Assembly, adopted nineteen resolutions and they are as follows:

1. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-01 "Conveying the deepest sympathy and earnest condolences of the APIL on the passing of one of FSM's foremost leaders, the late Honorable President Leo A. Falcam."
2. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-02 "Committing the APIL to continue the legacy of His Excellency the late Tony A. deBrum through solidarity and unity to combat the overwhelming impacts of climate change."
3. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-03 "Urging all APIL member states to accept the cordial invitation of the Republic of Palau to attend the Our Oceans Conference in 2020, and further urging the support of the APIL members states in preparing for and funding this important international event."

4. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-04 "Respectfully requesting the Micronesia Conservation Trust to include the Republic of Kiribati in the extent of its jurisdiction and the focus of its services."
5. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-05 "Commending the efforts of Ms. Yolanda Joab for her tireless efforts, both here and abroad, to address the needs of those who are most vulnerable to the damaging effects of climate change through programs that are changing attitudes about the resources and effects of climate change, and through projects directly designed for climate change adaptation and mitigation."
6. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-06 "Supporting the efforts of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands for active membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education."
7. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-07 "Complementing and recognizing the FSM Congress, Congressman Ferney S. Perman, the Governor's Office, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, the FSM Development Bank, the Bank of Guam, the Bank of the FSM, the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, the FSM Petroleum Corporation/ Vital, the National Fisheries Corporation, the Caroline Fisheries Corporation, the Micronesian Conservation Trust, the PEW Environment Group, the Pohnpei Port Authority, the Pohnpei Visitors Bureau, the Pohnpei Arts and Crafts, and the Honorable Rohsa Kittii, Mr. William Hawley, for their support in sponsoring the APIL's activities for the 37th General Assembly meeting of the APIL in Pohnpei."
8. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-08 "Commending the Chuuk Language and Cultural Association of Hawaii, Inc. and the Chuuk Language and Cultural School that it sponsors for their efforts to teach the Chuukese language, customs, traditions and culture to young Chuukese who are residing in the State of Hawaii, and urging other Micronesian communities living abroad to formulate similar organizations to help their young people become fully conversant in their own language and deeply knowledgeable of their own customs, traditions and cultures"
9. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-09 "To endorse, as the APIL, the proposed designation of Ant Atoll 'a protected turtle sanctuary,' in order to promote and facilitate sea turtle life."
10. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-10 "Recognizing the critical nature of addressing the adverse effects of climate change and urgently requesting that all APIL member entities collaborate on developing strong regional policies and action plans to mitigate the effects of climate change."
11. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-11 "Calling upon the APIL member entities to work together to formulate regional policies and strategies to increase energy efficiency and independence with a focus on the renewable sector, and make progress on installing and expanding renewable energy networks."
12. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-12 "Complimenting and recognizing the Pacific Islands Development Bank for its noteworthy progress in assisting in the economic and social development of its members."
13. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-15 "Supporting the 9th Micronesian Games to be held in the State of Yap, FSM in July 2018 and extending congratulations and best wishes to the athletes, coaches and their sponsors to the 9th Micronesia Games."
14. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-16 "Whole heartedly commending the U.S. Peace Corps program for the fifty-two years of devoted service provided by around 4,800 Peace Corps volunteers and numerous Peace Corps administrative staff to the islands and peoples of the APIL Pacific."
15. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-17 "Respectfully, yet earnestly, requesting all Member Legislative Assemblies of the APIL to continue their support and investment in the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund."
16. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-18 "Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Government and the People of the State of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and especially to the Ninth Pohnpei Legislature, for the use of their facilities and for their administration and logistic support during the 37th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures."
17. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-19 "The APIL strongly urges its member jurisdictions to take action to conserve biodiversity and ease the impacts of climate change through the creation of marine protected areas in the thirty percent (30%) of their jurisdictional waters by 2030."
18. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-20 "Strongly opposing the intent of Bill No. 257-34 of the Guam Legislature which would tax the transshipment of fuels passing through the Port of Guam to the islands of Micronesia and respectfully requesting the Guam Legislature not to enact the bill."
19. APIL Resolution No 37-GA-21 "Expressing gratitude to the PEW Charitable Trusts, former APIL President, Carlotta Leon Guerrero and the presenters at the June 26, 2018 workshop for the valuable information received concerning marine protected areas leading to the adoption of 37-GA-19."

Members of APIL are legislative assemblies of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, FSM State of Chuuk, FSM State of Kosrae, FSM State of Pohnpei, FSM State of Yap, Island of Guam, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Palau and the State of Hawaii. (www.apilpacific.com)

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met in an emergency session on July 4 to review options and is expected to make an announcement by Friday.”

Several hours after the Yap government had closed its business day on the announced day for the statement, the government had issued no statement whatsoever regarding any alternative plans they may or may not have established prior to the detention of the “Forever Lucky”. By Saturday there still was no word from the Yap government. Sources in Yap say that the government and the Micro Games Organizing Committee had been in an emergency session on Friday morning but no outcomes of that meeting have been released.

How Yap will provide the services it had expected Fahrenheit to supply is unclear in the absence of any public information from the Yap government and there is no word on how exactly the situation will affect the games.

If Yap is expecting the FSM government to ask the government of the Philippines to overlook whatever laws Fahrenheit may or may not have violated so that the vessel can serve its contractual relationship with Yap for the Micro Games, it won't be happening. Like the FSM, the Philippines is a sovereign nation and the FSM will not give even the impression of interfering.

The FSM government has sent a letter

Issuance of Multiple Entry Visas for Short-term Stay for Nationals of Pacific Islands Countries

Embassy of Japan to the FSM

The Government of Japan has decided to begin issuance of multiple entry visas for short-term stay to nationals of Pacific Islands Countries including the FSM (ordinary passport holders) from August 1st, 2018.

This decision was announced at the 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8) on May 18th to 19th of this year in Fukushima, Japan. Dialogue shall come into effect for applications submitted on or after August 1st.

The multiple entry visas will be issued at all the Japanese Embassies and Consulate Generals.

It is expected that this will help increase the number of each countries tourists to Japan and improve convenience

to the Philippine government that very clearly states that FSM has no intention of asking the government to overlook any of its laws or enforcement efforts. It expressed the FSM's appreciation of the complex actions of the law enforcement officials of the Philippines to enforce their laws. For the planning, coordination and conduct of the Micro Games, FSM simply wants to know the status of the law enforcement efforts.

The Philippine government has not yet responded to that request for information.

“Yap entered into an agreement with a private company in good faith, to secure required logistical needs and to ensure a successful Micronesian Games,” said FSM Chief of Staff Leo Falcam. “The FSM greatly appreciates the planning and coordination of Yap State and the other organizers for the conduct of these games and we recognize their diligent efforts.”

Falcam said that he doesn't know whether Fahrenheit Company, Ltd. has another vessel in order to honor its commitment to Yap for the Micro Games.

Meanwhile, athletes and officials have already begun traveling for the games. Additionally, containers and supplies for all over the region have already shipped with the expectation that the supplies would be picked up by representatives from Fahrenheit on the arrival of the “Forever Lucky”.

At this point, there is only silence from Yap.

in business activities, thus further developing bilateral exchanges between Japan and Pacific Islands Countries.

Multiple entry visas for short-term stay for nationals of Pacific Islands Countries (ordinary passport holders)

Recipient: Those who have fulfilled certain conditions and who have an ordinary Machine-Readable passport (MRP) in compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards

Period of stay: 30 days

Terms of validity: Up to three years

Where to apply: Any Embassy / Consulate General / Consulate of Japan in any country.

Note: The details including the specific application documents will be informed on the Japanese Embassy's website.

Announcement: Employment Opportunity Project assistant for WHO/CLO-FSM

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the project assistant for WHO/CLO-FSM office. The duration of the contract for this position is one year.

The Administrative Assistant will be based at the WHO/CLO Northern Micronesia office in Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and will serve the three jurisdictions under this office: Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. The position will be supporting the general administration to support the UHC (Universal Health Coverage) promoting projects in three countries (FSM, RMI and Palau), based in the office of WHO/CLO for Northern Micronesia and the office of DHSA (Department of Health and Social Affairs) of FSM.

Description of duties

- Provide administrative assistance to CLO (country liaison officer) and technical officers in the CLO office to implement the projects in close collaboration and support for the governments (FSM, RMI and Palau)
 - a. Assist the government to meet all requirements for the financial request process before sharing with WHO administration
- Perform other related office administrative duties as required or assigned by CLO
 - a. Assist the administrative officer to get the nomination for WHO-hosted and/or other workshops
 - b. Assist the administrative officer to arrange the government clearance, accommodation and airport pick up request to the hotel for TA visits of WHO officers and consultants

Required Qualifications

Education:

- Minimum : Associate Degree in Liberal Arts or in Science in a community college
- Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts or in Science is preferable

Skills:

- Strong communication skills combined with the ability to write in a clear and concise manner; experience working in an international environment, knowledge of government functioning
- Good analytical skills;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite.

Required Competencies:

1. Communicating in a credible and effective way
2. Ensuring the effective use of resources
3. Fostering integration and teamwork
4. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Experience: At least 2 years of work experiences in the management of administrative functions for a government or NGO project

Languages: Fluent in written and spoken English, knowledge of local language other than Pohnpei language is a merit

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Interior Provides \$250,314 in FY 2018 Funding for Micronesian Resource Center One-Stop Shop on Guam

*Office of the Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs*

WASHINGTON – Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, this week announced \$250,314 in FY 2018 funding support for the Micronesian Resource Center (MRC) One-Stop Shop on Guam. The MRC One-Stop Shop provides orientation services, family support initiatives, and workforce development to migrants from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau (Palau), also known as the freely associated states (FAS), who may travel to the United States to live and work under the Compact of Free Association agreements.

“This Office of Insular Affairs initiative is intended to help provide initial support to FAS families and the government of Guam as they struggle to meet costs related to providing public services,” said Domenech. “It is important for communities on Guam to take the lead in finding solutions and we are encouraging the Micronesian Resource Center to become its own self-sufficient 501(c)(3) program so that it may continue

servicing and strengthening Micronesian children and families on Guam for the future.”

Now in their third year, the Micronesian Resource Center One-Stop Shop will receive \$250,314 to continue to improve assessment of services and make meaningful impacts in new migrant orientation services, workforce development and employment services, and family support initiatives. At the end of 2017, the MRC One-Stop Shop served more than 3,000 individuals on Guam.

The MRC One-Stop Shop has built many important relationships in the community with Guam and federal government agencies, the Guam Mayor’s Council, local faith-based organizations, academic institutions, and other non-government organizations such as the Guam Homeless Council. They serve on a task force spearheaded by Guam’s Governor to address social issues in a high-risk neighborhood known as Hemlani Apartments and recently completed a cleanup project Adahi I Tano with support from Matson Inc. Every August, they host a fundraising 5K run, One Healthy Micronesia, which has

attracted over 300 runners from a broad demographic. The next 5k run is August 11, 2018. Just last month, in a Guam Pacific Daily News, June 23, 2018, article, “Hiring FAS Citizens Challenge GPD”, the MRC was highlighted for its efforts to help the Guam Police Department recruit FAS individuals for the local police force.

The MRC recently relocated from their old location in Yona to a more central location at 272 E. Harmon Industrial Park Road, Unit 106, Tamuning, Guam. In the past month at the new location, they have received more foot traffic than in a six-month period at the old office location. The organization also does home visits and has logged in thousands of miles using the traveling office known affectionately as the Mobil Access to Information Van or “M.A.I.” Van (see picture). “Mai” and its homonyms across the Micronesian languages mean breadfruit, an important staple crop

across Micronesia.

A similar initiative supported through the Office of Insular Affairs is the We are Oceania (WAO) Hālau Ola One Stop Center in Hawai’i which also received FY 2018 funding support and serves communities in Hawai’i. Both programs were created as a way to empower Micronesians on Guam and Hawaii to help the respective Governments of Guam and Hawai’s address and mitigate impacts of FAS migrants on social services.



Assistant Secretary Domenech and OIA Director Pula (with leis) visit with Micronesian Resource Center Team on Guam Pictured in front of M.A.I. Van in April 2018 (photo DOI/HBlanco)

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SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

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SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific daily duties of the Accounting Assistant include, but are not limited to:

- Prepare, fulfil and distribute checks
- Scan, file and log accounting documents
- Handle accounts receivable & accounts payable
- Reconcile all bank accounts on monthly basis
- Run errands including delivering checks/payments, bank deposits, wire transfers and transfer funds between accounts, deliver checks/payments to be signed by Board of Trustees.
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- Maintain a log sheet on all processed checks/payments
- Prepare invoice and receipts for payments
- Prepare bank deposits, general ledger postings and statements
- Type accurately, prepare and maintain accounting documents and records
- Reconcile accounts in a timely manner
- Enter key data of financial transactions in database on a daily basis
- Research, track and restore accounting or documentation problems and discrepancies



- Provide assistance during annual financial audits, particularly with the preparation of the trial balance, locating and preparing requested documents for submission (especially during field testing)

QUALIFICATIONS

A successful Accounting Assistant will have the following combination of qualifications, skills and competencies:

- An Associate degree or equivalent certification and 2+ years’ accounting/bookkeeping experience (accounts payable preferred)
- Experience with QuickBooks, Microsoft Office suite and Google Docs and proficiency with Windows operating system
- Advanced written and oral communication skills as well as accuracy and attention to detail and aptitude for numbers
- Familiarity with bookkeeping and basic accounting procedures and particularly, hands-on experience with spreadsheets and financial reports
- Ability to operate office machines, equipment and have valid driver license

SALARY AND BENEFITS

This is an entry-level, support staff position. MCT does not offer relocation assistance for this level of employment but the AA will be eligible for MCT’s other benefits including, health and life insurance and retirement plan. Salary will depend on experience and qualifications, but MCT offers salaries comparable to, or higher than other employers of its type in Micronesia.

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Fraud Awareness Training for the 2018 FSM Police Academy



Pohnpei--On June 22, 2018, the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) conducted a fraud awareness workshop for the 2018 FSM Police Academy participants at their camp site, the Saladak Elementary School in U. The event was conducted as part of POPA's Community Outreach Program in promoting public awareness of fraud and corruption in the public sector and how they can be prevented. In the past four years, POPA has received and investigated thirty-six (36) cases involving abuse, fraud, misuse, mismanagement, mishandling and misappropriation of public resources. Eleven (11) of the 36 cases received and investigated are now filed and prosecuted in the Pohnpei Supreme Court. Some were referred to the appropriate management for administrative action, including but not limited to suspension, termination or restitution of monies and related resource gone missing. Other complaints received were unfounded. The Fraud Awareness Workshop was delivered by Ms. Sophia Pretrick, Investigative Advisor, Ms. Alice Etse, Audit Manager, and Iso Ihlen K. Joseph, Pohnpei State Auditor.

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Bid Date: Monday & Tuesday, July 16 and 17, 2018

ITEMS FOR BID: VEHICLES

Location:

Pohnpei Peace Corps Office

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Minimum Bid: \$17,588.00

6/18/18 Odometer Reading: 11697kmh

LOCATION: Pohnpei Peace Corps Office

VIEWING STARTS: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Monday, July 16, 2018

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SEALED BID:
8:00AM - 3:30PM
Tuesday, July 17 2018

OPENING OF BIDS: Winning bidders will be notified by Phone starting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Items must be picked as soon as possible.

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- No "ghost bids" allowed
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United States Embassy, Kolonia Mission
POHNPEI, FM 96941

TEL: 691.320-2187

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO QUOTE



**PROVISION OF STANDBY GENERATOR
CONTRACT REFERENCE:
FM-NORMA-49996-GO-RFP**

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's (FSM) National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards the procurement of one standby generator.

FSM NORMA is now seeking offers from suitably qualified and experienced vendors/suppliers to supply and install a backup generator for use by FSM NORMA at its office in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. It is expected that vendor shall provide a quotation or proposal that may involve the following:

- a) Provide a standby generator in consideration of NORMA electricity requirements currently estimated to be around 13,500 watts or 13.5 kilowatts which is based on the existing load plus 10% for additional load.
- b) Install and connect standby generator within housing acceptably built by vendor (details to be provided in ITQ) including provision of all necessary connection accessories and housing materials and collaborating with local utilities company to ensure proper hook-up for automatic transmission switching.
- c) Provide basic user training on generator proper use and maintenance including the provision of a user-friendly maintenance plan for the expected life of the proposed generator.

Bidding will be conducted through the Shopping procedures specified in the Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 and Revised July 2014 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

Interested eligible vendors/suppliers can obtain further information from and must also request a formal Invitation To Quote (ITQ) preferably by July 15, 2018 (Pohnpei Local Time) from the following email address. Mr. O'Kean Ehmes, PROP Project Coordinator, okean.ehmes@norma.fm.

Quotations in English in response to ITQs must be delivered to the address below at or before 5:00 p.m., 31 July 2018 (Pohnpei local time). Late quotations will be rejected and FSM NORMA reserves the right to reject any and all quotations submitted. Quotations may be submitted by email, courier or delivered by hand to the address below:

Mr. Eugene Pangelinan
Executive Director
FSM National Oceanic Resource Management Authority
Attn: PROP
FSM National Government
P.O. Box PS-122
Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941
Federated States of Micronesia
Telephone: (691) 320-2700/5181
E-mail address: norma@mail.fm and copy to okean.ehmes@norma.fm

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION (CQS)
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

Project for Strengthening Public Financial Management (P161969)
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No IDA-D3240
Assignment Title: FMIS System Requirements Study
Reference No.: FM-DOFA-63965-CS-CQS

The Federated States of Micronesia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Public Financial Management Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include assisting the government review and re-design its PFM business processes and select an FMIS implementation partner including:

- a) Preparing a paper detailing the legal and other requirements for compliance with the US Office of Management & Budget Uniform Guidance, and the key accounting principles to be adhered to during the design of the business processes.
- b) Partnering with the government's technical working groups to analyse as-is business processes of budgeting, accounting, reporting and government wide PFM and suggest improvements through a process design in line with good international practices.
- c) Develop functional requirements for the procurement of a new FMIS in line with the reviewed and re-designed business processes.
- d) Prepare the bidding documents, and assist with the acquisition, installation, and implementation of the FMIS.
- e) Provide updates for existing treasury instructions and procedures manual to reflect changes from any redesign of business processes.

It is intended the consulting assignment shall commence in October 2018 and be completed within four months. The Consultant's team is expected to consist of 3 or 4 members.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be downloaded from the FSM Government website at:
<https://dofa.gov.fm/investment/world-bank-projects/procurement-and-consulting-opportunities/>

The Department of Finance and Administration now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated July 2016, and revised November 2017 ("the Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The best qualified firm to carry out the services will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualifications Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Regulations, and based on the following criteria:

- Minimum**
- + Overall 10 years of experience in consulting services for financial management information systems;
 - + Experience of carrying out similar work for at least 3 clients.

- Desirable**
- + Carried out similar work for a national or sub-national government.
- Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by Wednesday 18 July 2018.

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Project for Strengthening Public Financial Management
Central Implementation Unit
Investment & International Finance
Department of Finance & Administration
Palikir, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
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US Embassy hosts 242nd celebration of United States Independence Day in Pohnpei

*US Embassy in the FSM and Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press*

July 4, 2018

Pohnpei--Every year the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia celebrates the Independence of the United States of America. This year the Embassy celebrated with the theme of "Friends In Freedom" joined by many community leaders from the National and State Governments, American citizens, U.S. veterans and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

"242 years ago, 13 colonies came together in union to declare their independence, and eventually became the United States of America. Similarly, the islands of the FSM are stronger together; in unity of purpose, they provide security and opportunity for future generations. And our two nations will work together as Friends in Freedom to protect that future by tackling the challenges that we face in fostering sustainable economic development, combatting climate change, and enhancing maritime security, as well as the many other tests that will come our way." --Ambassador Robert Riley, US Ambassador to the FSM.

The Embassy provided hot dogs and hamburgers along with an excellent chili. They also provided American beer and wine, along with lemonade and soft drinks. Participants could get their faces painted or have their photo taken alongside a stand up cardboard likeness of US President Donald Trump. Children also participated in a chalk art contest. Near the end of the three hour event, prizes were awarded in several age categories for the winners of that contest.

Anthony Alexander, the US Embassy's Economic and Consular Officer served as the Master of Ceremonies, and Pastor Epel Ilon provided the opening prayer. Men from Youth for a Change performed the FSM and US National anthems. Following Ambassador Riley's speech, Secretary Lorin Robert of the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs was the next to speak followed by Pohnpei State Lt. Governor Reed Oliver.

US Deputy Chief of Mission, Theodore S. Pierce provided closing

remarks for the evening as the sun set.

Entertainers for the event were Disc Jockey Chris Johnson and rock band "Wetter Than Seattle".

The program for the event listed a large number of volunteers as well as a list of donors who made the event possible which were Ace Office Supplies, Bank of Guam, Blue Nile, Etscheit Enterprises, Food Linx, Kolonia Town Police, Mike Vet, Pohnpei Ace Hardware, Pohnpei State Public Safety, United Airlines, and U.S. Agencies.



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Event	Date
New Students Orientation	August 9-10, 2018
Fall 2018 Regular Registration	August 15-17, 2018
<i>First Day of Instruction</i>	<i>August 20, 2018</i>

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Palauan musical artists put on a concert for climate change in Pohnpei



Conservation Society of Pohnpei

June 29, 2018

Pohnpei—On June 11th, 2018, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) was copied in a letter to the Association of Pacific Island Legislators' (APIL) President, Honorable Robert I. Taulung from the Palau delegation to the 37th General Assembly held in Pohnpei. The intention of the letter was to inform APIL that the Palau delegation wished to take a different approach for their traditional gift exchange.

Despite the usual physical gifts that typically represent respective cultures and traditions, the Palau delegation decided to entertain the association and the host state of Pohnpei by providing two of Palau's top musicians to preserve local performance arts. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) was fortunate to partner with the Palau delegation to host a benefit concert to help raise funds to support local climate change initiatives in the communities of Pohnpei. The concert was held at the Kolonia-China Friendship Center with a lot of fun activities and raffle prizes for the lucky winners.

CSP wishes to thank the Palau delegation and the fantastic musicians (Kelau Remelik and Fredrick Olsudong) for such unique partnership.

The benefit concert for climate change would not have been possible without the support of the following individuals, businesses and agencies: CSP Board of Directors, Pohnpei Hardware, Imelda's Shoe Store, LP Gas, Seven Stars, Ace Office Supplies, Pohnpei Water Company, Australian Embassy, FSM Development Bank, Black Sand Inc., Palm Terrace Inc., Dr. Padwick Gallen, KOA Builders (Roy & Lindsay Lowe), Panuelo Gas Station, XIX Store,

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The Embassy plans to take possession of the residence on/around September 30, 2018.

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**U.S EMBASSY
INVITES THE GENERAL PUBLIC
TO A SEALED BID AUCTION**

**Bid Date: Monday & Tuesday,
July 16 and 17, 2018**

Pick up date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Location:
Pohnpei Peace Corps Office

ITEMS FOR BID:

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Misc. office equipment (IT equipment & general equipment)

LOCATION: Pohnpei Peace Corps Office

VIEWING STARTS: 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Monday, July 16, 2018

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SEALED BID:
8:00AM - 3:30PM
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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Interest bearing deposits in banks	97,094	Non-interest bearing	\$ 508,149
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>126,127</u>	Interest bearing	1,307,983
Restricted cash	400	Total deposits	<u>1,816,132</u>
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiary	3,167	Accrued interest payable	131
Investment securities available-for-sale, at fair value	460,788	Other liabilities	11,536
Investment securities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	89,677	Total Liabilities	<u>1,827,799</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,303	Commitments and contingencies	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	1,209,824	Stockholders' equity:	
Accrued interest receivable	5,728	Common stock	1,969
Premises and equipment, net	17,842	Preferred stock	980
Other assets	50,090	Additional paid-in capital, Common stock	21,472
Total Assets	\$ 1,965,946	Additional paid-in capital, Preferred stock	8,803
		Retained earnings	108,900
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,687)
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total stockholders' equity	<u>138,147</u>
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,965,946

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (Year ended December 31, 2017; in 000's US Dollars)

Interest income	\$ 81,683
Interest expense	2,195
Net interest income	<u>79,488</u>
Provision for loan losses	7,519
Net interest income, after provision for loan losses	<u>71,969</u>
Non-interest income	16,563
Non-interest expense	70,352
Income before income taxes	<u>18,180</u>
Income tax expense	9,636
Net Income	<u>\$ 8,544</u>

BANK OF GUAM FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCHES

STATEMENT OF CONDITION (Year ended December 31, 2017; in 000's US Dollars)

Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,400	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	24,055	Non-interest bearing	\$ 51,357
Accrued interest receivable	119	Interest bearing	125,789
Premises and equipment, net	447	Total deposits	<u>177,146</u>
Other assets	6	Accrued interest payable	19
Due from the Bank of Guam	155,009	Other liabilities	3,871
Total Assets	\$ 181,036	Total Liabilities	\$ 181,036

STATEMENT OF INCOME (Year ended December 31, 2017; in 000's US Dollars)

Interest income	\$ 4,077
Interest expense	216
Net interest income	<u>3,861</u>
Provision for loan losses	1,279
Net interest income, after provision for loan losses	<u>2,582</u>
Non-interest income	975
Non-interest expense	2,226
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,331</u>

Interior Assistant Secretary Domenech Visits Pohnpei Reaffirms U.S.-FSM Compact partnership continues and endures beyond 2023

Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA— U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs Doug Domenech today concluded his official visit to Pohnpei, the capital of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), where he conferred with President Peter M. Christian on the continuation and strengthening of the U.S.-FSM relationship under the Compact of Free Association. While at the national government capital complex in Palikir, Domenech also met with Speaker of the FSM Congress Wesley Simina, Vice Speaker Esmond Moses, other senators and staff. Accompanying the assistant secretary were Nikolao Pula Director of the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) also Chair of the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) and OIA staff.

“On behalf of U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, I am here to celebrate the U.S. longtime friendship with the people of the Federated States of Micronesia,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “The U.S. and the FSM embarked on this journey together many years ago following World War II. Since then the FSM has transitioned from trusteeship to self-governance in 1986, and will transition again in 2023 from direct grant

funding assistance to trust fund distributions,” he continued. “The U.S. and FSM will continue to work towards the mutual goals under the Compact of Free Association to promote economic advancement, budgetary self-reliance, and economic self-sufficiency,” Domenech added.

Before beginning site visits and other meetings throughout the island, Assistant Secretary Domenech paid a courtesy call on Pohnpei State Governor Marcelo Peterson and Lt. Governor Oliver Reed. He toured a Compact-funded building at Nett elementary school with Pohnpei State Director of Education Churchill Edward and Vice Principal Maxson Mallarme. Assistant Secretary appreciated the strong support of the Parent Teacher Association at Nett elementary school as a model for schools on Pohnpei.

Domenech toured the Nanpohnmal power plant and met with Nixon Anson Pohnpei Utilities Corporate General Manager and staff regarding the current problems on-island with power generation and the need for maintenance funding. The Assistant Secretary visited the International Organization for Migration to learn more about emergency disaster assistance in Pohnpei and the FSM, and the Micronesia Registration Advisors on the FSM captive insurance domicile.

Domenech took a boat ride through the Sokehs Dau mangrove channel with Willy Kostka of Micronesia Conservation Trust and other natural resource conservation leaders to learn about mangrove ecosystems and their vital role in food security and protection from storms. Domenech visited Nan Madol Ruins, guided by FSM and Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Officers Gus Kohler and Jason Lebehn, following which he drove through the former campus of the Pohnpei Agricultural and Trade School and went to the Kepirohi waterfall.

FSM Vice President Yosiwo George joined Assistant Secretary Domenech for a special event announcing \$241,675 in grant funding to non-profit organization Habele, extending a Yap robotics program to select schools in Pohnpei and Chuuk for 2018-2019. FSM Senators Isaac Figir and Joseph Urusemal, former President of the Federated States of Micronesia, were also in attendance.

“The Assistant Secretary and I want to ensure that the U.S.-FSM relationship is relevant,” said OIA Director Nikolao Pula. “We concur with President Christian that together we should make the necessary mutual adjustments as we move toward the 2023 transition and continue strengthening our relationship.”

Assistant Secretary Domenech and his team, including U.S. Ambassador Riley, concluded the visit to Pohnpei with a traditional sakau ceremony hosted by FSM President Peter Christian and several members of his Cabinet including Foreign Minister Lorin Robert and Chief of Staff Leo Falcam FSM’s members of the Joint Economic Management Committee also known as JEMCO.

Since implementation of the Compact of Free Association in 1986, the United States has provided over \$2.5 billion to the Federated States of Micronesia. This U.S. investment under the Compact, in addition to numerous other federal programs, has improved schools and hospitals, supported historic preservation programs, built roads, secured airports, monitored and documented weather patterns, immunized children, opened doors to higher education, provided postal services, and provided salaries in critical sectors of education and health services. U.S. Government support overall has helped lay the foundation for a stable government, where democratic principles and the rule of law thrive, adding a measure of economic security to the islands in the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Pick up date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018

Location:

YAP Peace Corps Office

ITEMS FOR BID:

1. 2014 Toyota Rav4

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6/5/18 Odometer reading: 16371 kmh

2. Miscellaneous Office equipment

LOCATION: Yap Peace Corps Office

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Monday, July 30, 2018

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Vice President/Manager Special Projects

JOB SUMMARY:

1. Responsible for driving the reengineering and transformation efforts of the bank in the areas of account analysis, regulatory compliance management and financial reporting.
2. Will be responsible for enhancing the bank's management information systems including mapping of the bank's core banking system;
 - a) to automate financial statement generation,
 - b) implementing a bridge solution between the bank's core system and EZCall software to enable automation of regulatory reporting,
 - c) developing efficiencies in existing processes to ensure improvement in customer servicing
 - d) and developing a suite of reports to improve management's access to information from existing data sources.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Enhance Periodic Financial Statements to ensure accurate reports are generated by the bank's core system, including yearend financial reports evaluated by the bank's external auditors.
2. Enhance Monthly and Quarterly Regulatory Reports for FDIC and FSM Banking Board to automate the preparation to the fullest extent possible.
3. Develop an automate report generation tool for ALCO Reports for quarterly meetings, including:
 - Interest Rate Risk Analysis
 - Interbank Liabilities Analysis
4. Train BoFSM IT staff in the areas of Cyber Security, Networking and VMware
5. Enhance security of the existing software tools including the bank's Intranet Webpage and Loan log
6. Other special projects may be identified going forward

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. College Degree with 5-10 years banking experience, has IT background and in the accounting department of an FDIC insured bank or equivalent.
2. Knowledge of database and accounting computer application systems to supply the most accurate financial information.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Excellent analytical and organizational skills.

SALARY: \$31,200.00 pa - \$44,928.00 pa

BENEFITS: Housing, return air-travel and utility allowance are available in certain circumstances

LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Bank of FSM
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Tel. (691) 320-2724
Fax. (691) 320-5359
Email: bofsmhq@bofsm.fm

Interested candidates may contact information above or email resume to:
Ralph Grubbs, SVP/COO
Email: rgrubbs@bofsm.fm

Merli Y. Weital, HRM
Email: mweital@bofsm.fm

OPEN/CLOSING DATE:
June 25, 2018 – July 25, 2018

Priority will be given to local FSM hire. Applications are also invited from suitable FSM experiences off shore candidates and Micronesians domiciled overseas.

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College of Micronesia – FSM Mission Statement

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.

Values

honest, enthusiastic, dependable, Professionalism, Excellence, dedicated, innovative, Community, Teamwork, encouraging, respect, Learner-Centeredness, involved, Commitment, transparent, transformative, continuous improvement, responsible



The College of Micronesia-FSM is searching for qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness & Quality Assurance

Location: National Campus **Annual Salary:** \$44,196.00

Closing Date: July 21, 2018

Summary: Reporting to the President, the Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance (VPIEQA) is the individual providing leadership that supports the College of Micronesia-FSM goals and strategic plan for institutional effectiveness and quality. The VP-IEQA provides leadership for and oversight of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) and Information Technology Office (ITO).

The VP-IEQA is a key contributor to policy development and implementation related to accreditation and quality assurance.

Director of Information Technology

Location: National Campus **Annual Salary:** 30,102.00 **Closing Date:** July 21, 2018

The information technology office (ITO) is part of the college's institutional effectiveness and quality assurance (IEQA) department and provides computing and communications infrastructure, services, support, and digital innovation for College of Micronesia-FSM's (COM-FSM) administrative services (AS), enrollment management and student services (EMSS), and instructional affairs (IA) departments.

The director of the information technology office reports to the vice president for institutional effectiveness and quality assurance (VPIEQA), serves as the assistant accreditation liaison officer (ALO), and oversees system wide communications, IT personnel, and services such as the college website, servers, and the student information system (SIS). The director works closely with all other COM-FSM departments to provide technology and official publication services.

This director ensures that COM-FSM provides a competitive and secure educational environment taking maximum advantage of digital technology and best practices to improve technology services quality and effectiveness. The director leads the development, implementation, and review of COM-FSM information technology policy and planning, and serves as the ex officio officer on the COM-FSM Information Communications and Technology (ICT) committee.

Responsibilities provided to the college include technical consultation, long term planning, representing the college on technology issues to internal and external organizations. The director is responsible for the overall daily functionality of COM-FSM technology either personally or through employed personnel.

Instructional Coordinator

Location: Yap & FMI **Annual Salary:** 17,643.00-\$19,880.00 PA

Closing Date: July 19,2018

Duties:
 Instructional Coordination: Coordinate instructional programs, courses, workshops, and trainings for FSM FMI & Yap Campus; Ensure quality instruction takes place at both campuses through regular assessments each semester and report regularly to the Dean of Academic Programs and Director of Career and Technical Education; Coordinate with all faculty members at both campuses to conduct assessments each semester; Consult the FMI Campus Director regarding requirements and standards for the specialized fisheries and maritime programs offered; Supervise all instructional faculty (regular and adjunct faculty members) and LRC personnel; Conduct annual performance evaluations for all regular faculty members, and each semester for adjunct faculty members; Serve on the Curriculum and Assessment Committee (CAC) as well as other committees as may be assigned; Promote purposeful dialogue among both campuses faculty members and other faculty throughout the system; Collaborate and coordinate with campus Student Services staff, students, instructional and advising issues; Coordinate areas such as classroom management, curriculum development, and library services, Coordinate faculty professional development including; Attend relevant training courses, workshop, conferences and seminar. Coordinate required certification / recertification trainings for FSM FMI faculty; Work with faculty members at both campuses to develop annual performance based budgets; Assist in the recruitment of qualified instructional faculty and staff; Promote the college programs and services through recruitment efforts, media, and networks with agencies, organizations, and communities; Prepare and submits monthly and quarterly report to the Campus Dean; Perform other relevant duties as assigned. Program Development: Develop credit and non-credit academic certificate or degree programs; develop and revise course outlines in all subject areas; develop non-credit training or workshops designed for the private and public sector and other members of the community; act as liaison between the Campus and the community with regard to programs, courses, workshops, and trainings; This position is supervised on a day-to-day basis by the FSM-FMI / Yap Campus Dean and co-supervised by the Dean of Academic Programs.

Director of Procurement & Property Management

Location: National Campus **Annual Salary:** \$30, 194.00 **Closing Date:** July 10, 2018

The Director of Procurement & Property Management reports to the Vice President for Administrative Services and is responsible for developing and providing an effective, timely and comprehensive centralized purchasing program that supports the goals and objectives of the College in the acquisition of supplies, materials, equipment and services. Generally, work includes but not limited to overseeing, coordinating and managing the activities of the Procurement Division, inventory control standards and ensuring compliance with purchasing standards and policies.

The Director also oversees the management of property and fleet in establishing processes which foster accountability across the institution for moveable property, annual reporting on the inventory and disposal of surplus property.

Serious inquiries can be made to the Human Resources Office at email address hro@comfsm.fm and telephone number (691) 320-2482 or visit us at www.comfsm.fm for application, details, and requirements.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA KOLONIA



ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:
Kolonias-2018-002

POSITION TITLE:

Guard Supervisor

OPENING PERIOD:

July 9 to July 20, 2018

SERIES/GRADE:

FSN-710/05

SALARY:

USD 10,981 – USD 17,569

(eligible for night shift differential)

WHO MAY APPLY:

All Interested Applicants/All Sources

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SUMMARY: Seeking highly qualified applicants for the position of Security Guard Supervisor. The work schedule for this position is: Full time (40 hours per week). The Incumbent will work a rotating shift to include nights, weekends and holidays.

SUPERVISORY POSITION: Yes

DUTIES: Maintains operations during all shifts. Coordinates and controls all areas through on-site inspections and radio communications. Leads, supervises, and directs Guards in security duties. Controls access to Embassy facilities. Assists Guard Commander. Briefs incoming Guards with standing instructions or training. Responds to emergencies involving armed attack, weapons of mass destruction, fire, and chemical or biological agents.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EVALUATIONS:

EDUCATION: Primary education or elementary school level.

EXPERIENCE: 3 years minimum progressive responsibility in security services.

LANGUAGE: Level III Speaking/ Reading/Writing English.

All applicants under consideration will be required to pass medical and security certifications.

Required valid local driver's license with good driving record.

The point-of-contact is KoloniasHumanResourceRequests@state.gov, 320-2187.

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