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Buildup lures hundreds Businesses flock to industry forum

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With billions of dollars worth of military contracts to vie for, representatives of hundreds of businesses from across the country and the Asia-Pacific region made time to be on Guam yesterday and today.

Their mission: Get as much detail as possible from the military on what types of products, services and skills would be needed for the \$15 billion military buildup on Guam.

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In addition to the \$10 billion cost of relocating U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam, the Navy and the Air Force also have projected about \$5 billion worth of projects on Guam over the next several years.

A congressional delegation visit this week coincides with the Guam Industry Forum, which began yesterday and continues today.

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Representative: Joint Guam Program Office Executive Director David Bice, right, greets U.S. House of Representatives' Armed Forces Committee Chairman Rep. Ike Skelton as he and other members of a congressional delegation arrive at the island's commuter terminal yesterday.

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International construction companies, information technology businesses, telecoms and financial services firms from Australia, South Korea, Japan, the Philippines and U.S. cities such as New York and San Francisco were represented at the industry forum.

The forum's attendance of more than 1,200 split the venue into two hotel ballrooms – one at the

Sheraton Laguna Resort and the other at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa. Both venues were linked via real-time audio and video feed.

Congressional delegation

The arrival yesterday of a delegation from the U.S. Congress also underscored Guam's growing importance to Washington, D.C., policymakers.

"Guam is very, very important to our country," said Rep. Ike Shelton, D-Missouri, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, in a brief statement after the congressional delegation he's leading stepped off an official U.S. government plane.

Shelton will be guest speaker at the continuation of the industry forum today.

In addition to Skelton and Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, the congressional delegation includes Reps. Randy Forbes R-Virginia, John Spratt Jr., R-South Carolina, Robin Hayes, D-North Carolina, Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., and Carol Shea-Porter, D-New Hampshire.

"It's a good sign that you have the chairman of the Armed Services Committee come here to be able listen, look and see," said Rep. Forbes.

While on Guam, the delegation will tour Air Force, Navy, and National Guard facilities, and will make an appearance today at the industry forum.

"In light of the coming military buildup, it is vitally important that my colleagues on the Armed Services Committee see our island firsthand," Bordallo said.

"This visit will help them better understand Guam's strategic importance in the Asia-Pacific region and the challenges facing our community," according to Bordallo.

TO THE POINT

- Hundreds of contractors from the U.S. and Asia Pacific are attending a forum on Guam to learn more about business opportunities related to the \$15 billion military buildup.

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Speakers: Assistant Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn waits to speak as Joint Guam Program Office Executive Director David Bice, right, introduces him from the Guam Industry Forum satellite venue. The forum was held at the Sheraton Laguna Resort and the satellite venue, the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa.

How Guam will change

- **171,000:** Current Guam population
 - **14,200:** Current military population on Guam
 - **40,000:** Future military population on Guam
- Department of Defense

BUILDUP DOLLARS

Of the \$15 billion military buildup over the next 10 years, the biggest cost - \$10 billion – involves the relocation of 8,000 Marines and about 9,000 of their dependents from Okinawa to Guam. Here's a preliminary breakdown of construction costs planned on Guam:

- Fiscal 2008: \$68 million
- Fiscal 2009: \$2.03 billion
- Fiscal 2010: \$2.62 billion
- Fiscal 2011: \$2.67 billion
- Fiscal 2012: \$2.57 billion
- Fiscal 2013: \$300 million

Department of Defense "pre-decisional" cost estimates

Wanted: More friends in Congress

Guam needs friends in Congress to hear the local government's requests for federal financial assistance to upgrade the island's ports, power and water plants and replace the Ordot Dump with a more environmentally friendly landfill.

The commercial port, which is being run by the local government, has been identified as one of the major concerns in terms of Guam's readiness.

The Port Authority of Guam's two gantry cranes, which are used to move containerized cargo off or onto ships, are 24 and 28 years old.

The port agency is putting out bids to buy two brand-new cranes for about \$14 million, but it will take about two years to build the cranes, ship them here and get them up and running, the agency has stated.

The buildup's construction also is expected to shift into high gear starting in about two years.

Without modernizing the island's only commercial port, it can be a chokepoint in the flow of goods for military construction, said retired Marine Maj. Gen. David F. Bice, executive director of the Joint Guam Program Office, which is hosting the forum. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command also is a forum co-sponsor.

The flow of military cargo for the buildup will increase the port's cargo volume about threefold, Bice said.

There's an opportunity for the Guam's port to become a 21st century facility, Bice said.

Federal assistance

Assistant Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn, who also spoke at the forum, said U.S. Maritime Administration representatives soon will meet with the Port Authority of Guam to determine how it can help the local port improve its infrastructure.

Penn said the Maritime agency can provide both financial and technical assistance to the Guam port agency, as was the case when Alaska and Honolulu ports needed upgrades to meet the military's needs.

The issue of availability of workers on Guam for the construction phase and the post-construction phase of the buildup also is a concern, Bice said.

\$3B a year

At the peak of the hotel construction boom in Tumon Bay, Guam's capacity was \$800 million worth of projects a year, but the military is pushing for construction

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NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND

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BORDALLO CHAMBER SPEECH

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• Download the Department of the Navy announcement of environmental regulatory agency meetings that will be held on Guam June 4 and 5, 2007:

<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074954530.PDF>

CAMACHO-CRUZ INTERVIEW

• Listen to an audio clip of an interview with Gov. Felix Camacho and Lt. Gov. Mike Cruz on the buildup and the Port issue:

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activities to reach \$3 billion worth of projects a year for several years, according to preliminary military plans.

The military will exhaust all available, qualified workers on Guam, the Northern Marianas, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia before foreign workers will be tapped, Bice said.

Small-business concern

Federal government representatives also made presentations yesterday to encourage small business participation in the military buildup.

Local small business owner Joey Lopez, who attended the forum, said he hopes for further dialogue on how small businesses can have more participation in the buildup's contracts.

One major disadvantage small businesses have compared to big defense contractors is the small entrepreneurs' lack of deep pockets to meet contracting requirements, such as performance bonds.

Lopez said there's no doubt the island will have some economic benefits as a result of the buildup because of the billions of dollars that will be spent on Guam's small economy.

But Lopez said he hopes there's a way for small businesses to offer their services to the military directly instead of having to settle for subcontracts from a bigger contractor.

Guam residents who voice their thoughts on the buildup should do so in a constructive manner, Lopez said.

Gov. Felix Camacho, in his speech, called for the military buildup to be "mutually beneficial" to the military and the local community.

Guam Republican Sen. James Espaldon voiced some disappointment that the military gave information about the buildup to the international contracting community at the same time he and others on Guam are hearing about it for the first time.

"To me there is a lot of inequity in that," Espaldon said.

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- Download the Defense Department's "Guam Military Buildup Program" presented May 3 to the Society of American Military Engineers:

<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074817529.PDF>

BJ PENN STATEMENT

- Download the March 2007 statement of B.J. Penn to the Readiness Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee:

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- Download the May 1, 2007 joint statement of the Security Consultative Committee, "Alliance Transformation: Advancing United States-Japan Security and Defense Cooperation" by Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso and Japanese Defense Minister Fumio Kyuma:

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4:46 pm

Citizen wrote: "I agree there is nothing wrong with negotiations and they can be good. What I am tired of is people thinking the federal government should fix our water and power and other problems. Why should they, they didn't make the mess."

Lets get some straight thinking going! If the DOD plan will cause an impact on our resources then the Fed should pay for it. We have a mess indeed and that may be caused by a number of different reasons - our inefficiency not withstanding. To say that you and I the ratepayers must bear the infrastructure burdens that this build-up will bring upon us without a federal govt buy in is a ridiculous proposition and very short sighted. Your disdain for our local government should not cloud your thinking unless you won't mind shelling out for higher rates to pay for the increased debt service. Ahhh!, the debt service - has it already "rained" money upon us like "manna from heaven" that would allow us to float bonds? Take off the blinders and join our community - good, bad or ...

Comments by: **citizen**Posted: Fri Aug 24, 2007
3:34 pm

Good I finally think we hit a good cord of discussion. I agree there is nothing wrong with negotiations and they can be good. What I am tired of is people thinking the federal government should fix our water and power and other problems. Why should they, they didn't make the mess. As far as DODEA, anyone who has been here long enough fully knows that the military gave our government plenty of chances to fix the system but OUR government continued to waste the money so the military did the only thing they could do. The same reason I send my kids to private school even though it hurts my pocket book. In my mind there are only two solutions to our problems on Guam. 1. Rightsize our government or 2. Military Buildup to increase revenues to pay for our bloated waistful government.


Comments by: **Uncle Sam**Posted: Fri Aug 24, 2007
3:07 pm

The Tumon Chef needs to get his head off the reef or out of the sand.

"We need people who are caring, hard working and honest to work for the federal government."

Comments by: **govslave**Posted: Fri Aug 24, 2007
1:06 pm

The federals and the people of the U.S.A. are different things. We need people that are caring, hard working, honest to work for the federal government.

LOL, The same can be said for our local government as well T.C. 

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Comments by: **Tumon Chief**

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12:32 pm

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