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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Tutuila Harbor Project, Pago Pago Bay, Tutuila, American Samoa

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. Pago Pago is the only commercial harbor on the island of Tutuila. The harbor is one of the finest natural deep harbors in the Pacific and is strategically important for the U.S. Vessels entering the harbor often experience a one to three day delay due to congestion within the existing harbor. Development of the second harbor location would alleviate the congestion presently being experienced in the existing Pago Pago Harbor area.

b. The Tutuila Harbor Project is currently in the feasibility phase. The American Samoa Government Department of Port Administration is the local sponsor. The feasibility investigation is evaluating a suitable location for a second commercial harbor in Pago Pago Bay. The investigation will determine economic feasibility, environmental acceptability, and political desirability of a second commercial harbor.

c. The Section 905(b) Reconnaissance Study Report was completed in July 1999 under the Western District Harbor Study. The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed with the local sponsor in December 2000.

d. The wave climate model study was received in December 2002. The feasibility report is scheduled for completion in late FY04. Based on this study, the focus will be on sites at Anua and Aua. Investigative site visit is scheduled for February 2003. The feasibility is expected to be completed mid 2004.

3. Congressional Interest. Delegate Faleomavaega initiated actions to provide a Congressional add for this project in FY99 appropriation. Senator Inouye also supports the project. The Port Administration strongly supports this project.