

# S.A.M.E. Forum Agenda 2024

## PRE-EVENT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

1400 - 1900

### PRE-REGISTRATION

Ballroom Foyer

Pre-registration will be available at the Forum location, The Guam Convention Center, on the 6th floor of the Dusit Thani Guam Resort. Assistance in downloading and navigating the conference Whova app will be provided.

1700 - 1900

### HÅFA ADAI WELCOME RECEPTION

Dusit Thani Guam Resort Lobby Lounge

Sponsored by **First Hawaiian Bank**

All registrants are invited to meet, relax and network.

## DAY 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

0700 - 0830

### FORUM REGISTRATION

Ballroom Foyer

0830 - 0930

### OPENING REMARKS

Grand Ballroom

Forum Opening: Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, Guam Hymn

**Ms. Jenny Bowers**, President, S.A.M.E. President Guam Post (confirmed)

Welcoming Remarks: S.A.M.E. Guam Post will welcome participants and provide an overview of the forum.

**Joshua "Josh" Franquez Tenorio**, Lieutenant Governor of Guam (confirmed)

Welcoming Remarks: Guam's Lt. Governor will welcome the participants and provide her thoughts on what the U.S. Government and commercial investment will mean for Guam.

**The Honorable James Moylan**, Delegate to U.S. House of Representatives, Guam (confirmed)

Welcoming Remarks: Guam's congressional representative will provide insight regarding the current and expected National Defense Authorization Act appropriations. In addition, he will describe the commitment of the U.S. House

of Representatives and the Senate's commitment to the continued funding and support for military investment in the region.

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**0930 - 1000**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

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**1000 - 1030**

**PLENARY PRESENTATION: THE ROLE OF GUAM, THE MARIANAS AND MICRONESIA FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

Grand Ballroom

As the United States focuses its national security interests in the Indo-Pacific region, we will discuss why Guam, the CNMI and infrastructure in Micronesia are critical to the security of the region and the nation. International tensions are high and the importance of being prepared cannot be overstated. The scope and timing of the planned defense and infrastructure investment will be explained in the context of the overall strategic interests of the United States and its partners in the region. The military and the federal government's expectations of the program will also be explained.

**Deputy Commander**, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (unconfirmed)

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**1030 - 1100**

**GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEMS**

Grand Ballroom

Guam plays a pivotal role in the U.S. military's strategic efforts to safeguard the Indo-Pacific region. One of the most significant development initiatives on the island is the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) program, aimed at enhancing Guam's protection against missile threats. This presentation will outline the scope of the MDA's defense program, detailing its infrastructure, operational goals, and the crucial role it plays in U.S. national security. The session will offer insights into the project's impact on both Guam and the broader security landscape, providing contractors with an understanding of upcoming opportunities in this vital defense initiative.

Moderator: **Ms. Ilana Almquist**, Board Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post Board of Directors (confirmed)

**Mr. Douglas E. Grant**, Director of Architecture Engineering and Construction, MDA/DXOF (unconfirmed)

**Representative, United States Army** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, NAVFAC** (unconfirmed)

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**1100 - 1200**

**PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND RELATED CIVILIAN CONTRACTS**

Grand Ballroom

An overview of programmed Department of Defense MILCON projects on Guam and projected outlook for various construction programs across all military services. Hear about upcoming Government of Guam and other private industry projects and opportunities.

Moderator: **Mr. Noel Enriquez**, Board Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post Board of Directors (confirmed)

**Captain Brent Paul**, Vice Commander, NAVFAC PAC (confirmed)

**Captain Troy Brown**, Commander, NAVFAC MAR (confirmed)

**Captain Blake Burket**, OICC Marine Corps Marianas (confirmed)

**36th Wing Andersen Air Force Base** (unconfirmed)

**Ms. Vera Topasna**, Executive Director of the Community Defense Liaison Office, Government of Guam (confirmed)

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**1200 - 1300**

**LUNCH**

Grand Ballroom

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**Speaker: Ms. Catherine Castro**, President, Guam Chamber of Commerce (confirmed)

Ms. Castro will discuss how the Guam Chamber of Commerce is supporting the military development program on Guam and how contractors can benefit from the services offered by the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

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**1300 - 1400**

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING TOOLS**

Grand Ballroom

Contracting Officials will discuss the contracting tools currently being utilized to solicit and award Department of Defense construction and service contracts on Guam. The Government of Guam will discuss contracting tools in use by the Department of Public Works.

Moderator: **Mr. Charlie Perham**, Past S.A.M.E. National President (confirmed)

**Design Director, NAVFAC PAC** (unconfirmed)

**Chief Contracting Officer, NAVFAC MAR** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, 36th Contracting Squadron** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Guam Department of Public Works** (unconfirmed)

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**1400 - 1530**

**BUILDING RESILIENCE TOGETHER: STRENGTHENING CRITICAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH COLLABORATION BETWEEN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PARTNERS**

## Grand Ballroom

As Guam continues to serve as a critical strategic location for the U.S. military, the resilience and security of its local infrastructure are fundamental to both national defense and community well-being. This panel will bring together leaders from local government, water, and power authorities to discuss their coordinated efforts in building a robust, sustainable, and secure cyber infrastructure that supports both the local community and the military presence on the island. The panelists will focus on how local agencies are enhancing the resilience and management of critical digital systems governing water, power, and communication networks. The robust cybersecurity measures and sustainable practices each of these cyber security partners will be discussed. Given the strategic importance of Guam in the region, the panel will also address the vital need for these sectors to collaborate to ensure that essential infrastructure is prepared for cyber threats, and the demands of military operations.

Moderator: **Mr. Scott Thompson**, Board Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post Board of Directors (confirmed)

**Ms. Lyann M. Nishihira**, Command Information Officer, NAVFAC MAR (confirmed)

**Representative, Guam Power Authority** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Guam Waterworks Authority** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Homeland Security** (unconfirmed)

**Mr. Andy LaBrunda**, Vice President for Strategic Development, Guam Telephone Authority (confirmed)

**Mr. Plamin Rabino**, MITS Pacific (confirmed)

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**1530 - 1600**

### **NETWORKING BREAK**

Ballroom Foyer

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**1600 - 1700**

### **CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING**

Grand Ballroom

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Marianas leveraged (NAVFAC) Pacific's Global Contingency Services Multiple Award Contract (GCSMAC), to respond to the destruction brought on Guam by Typhoon Mawar. The additional construction required to address the aftermath was stacked on top of an already robust military construction program before the storm. This contingency contracting tool was used for responding to and supporting emergency requirements on very short notice, while simultaneously promoting competition. This competition affords the government an opportunity to receive innovative solutions that best meet cost/price, schedule, and performance requirements. The goal of this session is to hear from contractors on the

GCSMAC regarding takeaways and lessons learned from the execution of contracts during Typhoon Mawar.

Moderator: **Mr. Pete Diaz**, Board Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post Board of Directors (confirmed)

**Mr. David Preston**, INDO PACOM Strategic Program Manager, KBR, Inc. (confirmed)

**Mr. David Khandan**, President & CEO, Austability (confirmed)

**Mr. Mike Saum**, Vice President, Navy Client Account Manager, AECOM (confirmed)

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**1700-1715**

**DAY ONE WRAP-UP**

Grand Ballroom, Dusit Thani Guam Resort

The key takeaways from the sessions on the first day will be discussed and summarized.

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**1715 - 1900**

**NETWORKING MIXER**

Ballrooms A and B, Dusit Thani Guam Resort

Sponsored by Guam Economic Development Authority

Exhibits Open

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**DAY 2**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

**0800 - 0830**

**OPENING REMARKS**

Grand Ballroom

The impact and importance of the investment in facilities, resiliency and defense projects and programs by the Department of Defense in Guam and the Western Pacific cannot be understated. The effort is a complex and challenging engineering and construction initiative that coordinates many services and many disciplines into the largest federal investment in Guam by the federal government since WWII. Admiral Devore will explain how the effort is proceeding, the critical challenges that must be addressed and why this effort is essential to the security of the United States.

**Rear Admiral Brent De Vore**, Commander, Joint Region Marianas (confirmed)

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**0830 - 0915**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Grand Ballroom

The environmental and cultural preservation regulations and policies that govern both military and civilian construction and development programs will

be described and discussed providing an overview of the review and regulatory processes that guide construction and development.

Moderator: **Ms. Caroline Haatveit**, Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post (confirmed)

**Representative, Guam EPA** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Guam SHPO** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Private Environmental Consultant** (unconfirmed)

**Myounghee Noh**, President & CEO, Myounghee Noh & Associates (confirmed)

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**0915-0945**

**MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF CONCERN (MEC)**

Grand Ballroom

Unexploded ordnance remains a current and ongoing challenge for construction contractors doing business on Guam and the CNMI. The regulations and policies for MEC will be discussed along with the Navy's experience in dealing with MEC during the construction process.

**Ms. Martha Spengler**, CIV USN NAVFAC PAC PEARL HI (confirmed)

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**0945 - 1015**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

Ballroom Foyer

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Exhibits Open

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**1015 - 1115**

**UTILITIES DEVELOPMENT**

Grand Ballroom

Mr. Sanchez, a member of the Consolidated Commission of the Utilities will discuss the expansion and development plans and projects scheduled for the next three to five years. The size, nature and value of the infrastructure improvements both to complement military projects and enhance resiliency for Guam's utility infrastructure will be discussed.

**Mr. Simon Sanchez**, Commissioner, Consolidate Commission on Utilities (confirmed)

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**1115 - 1200**

**HOUSING AND WORKFORCE HOUSING**

Grand Ballroom

Guam is facing a significant housing shortage, which presents major challenges as the military construction continues to peak. Two critical issues need addressing: the lack of adequate workforce housing for H-2B workers essential for construction projects, and the overall shortage of housing, impacting both local residents and military personnel. Solving this dual challenge requires collaboration among local, private, and federal stakeholders. This session will

provide insights into the current housing landscape and potential solutions, with presentations from key industry and government leaders.

Moderator: **Ms. Doyon Morato**, Board Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post Board of Directors (confirmed)

**Ms. Siska Hutapea**, President, Cornerstone Valuation Guam, Inc. (confirmed)  
**Mr. Fernando Esteves**, Deputy Director, GHURA (confirmed)

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**1200 - 1300**

**LUNCH**

Grand Ballroom

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Exhibits Open

Speaker: **Mr. Charlie Perham**, Past S.A.M.E. National President (confirmed)

The Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) plays an integral role in linking communities and businesses to meet the engineering needs of the U.S. Department of Defense. The S.A.M.E. national representative will explain the mission of S.A.M.E. and its role in the construction and engineering industry and U.S. National Security.

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**1300 - 1500**

**ALTERNATIVE CONSTRUCTION METHODS (PANEL DISCUSSION)**

Grand Ballroom

The rising costs, logistical challenges and prolonged timelines of construction on Guam have created a critical need for faster, more cost-effective building solutions. This urgency is driven by the strategic importance of maintaining readiness in the Indo-Pacific region and the logistical challenges of acquiring key components for military operations in such a remote location. In response, the Navy is seeking innovative ideas from the private sector to address these issues and enhance competitiveness. A representative from NAVFAC will outline the Navy's concerns, while industry leaders will share potential solutions their companies are exploring—such as alternative construction methods and materials—to streamline vertical and horizontal construction projects. This panel seeks to foster collaborative efforts between the military and private sector to find practical, effective strategies for the region's unique construction challenges.

Moderator: **Mr. Phillip Santos**, Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post (confirmed)

**Design Director, NAVFAC PAC** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Hensel Phelps** (unconfirmed)

**Mr. Joseph Slattery**, Senior Project Executive, Gilbane (confirmed)

**Representative, Black Construction** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, NorthStar** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Quantum** (unconfirmed)

**Representative, Owens Corning** (unconfirmed)

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**1500 - 1530**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

Ballroom Foyer  
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Exhibits Open

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**1530 - 1600**

**PORTS OF ENTRY AND LOGISTICS (PANEL DISCUSSION)**

Grand Ballroom

Logistics will be a key component to successful execution of projects in Guam. Learn what you need to know about shipping, both air and sea freight, and what Guam Customs will require when you ship materials and equipment to Guam. Also, supply chain issues will be discussed as well as transport options between Guam, Tinian, Saipan, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia will be discussed.

Moderator: **Mr. Phillip Santos**, Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post (confirmed)

**Surface Shipping:**

**Mr. Hans Sholley**, Operations Manager, Guam & Micronesia Matson (confirmed)

**Mr. Jack Scogin**, General Manager, American President Lines (confirmed)

**Air Shipping:**

**Representative, United Airlines** (confirmed)

**Airport Capacity:**

**Dr. Artemio Ricky Hernandez**, Deputy Executive Manager, A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (confirmed)

**Port Capacity in Guam:**

**Mr. Rory Respicio**, General Manager Port Authority of Guam (confirmed)

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**1600 - 1630**

**WORKFORCE ISSUES**

Grand Ballroom

One of the greatest challenges facing contractors, suppliers, service providers and logisticians is the lack of skilled and available workforce. Hear what the availability of workers locally are, what skills can be found in the region, what actions are being taken to increase and develop the workforce and what the requirements are for importing both H2 and H1 laborers into Guam and the CNMI.

Moderator: **Ms. Doyon Morato**, Board Member, S.A.M.E. Guam Post Board of Directors (confirmed)



**H2B Temporary Workforce:**

**Mr. Greg Massey**, Administrator, Alien Labor Processing and Certification Division, Guam Department of Labor (confirmed)

**Ms. Julia Johnson**, Associate Attorney, Baumann, Xu and Black, LLC (confirmed)

**Local and Regional Workforce Issues:**

**Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez**, President, University of Guam (confirmed)

**Dr. Mary Okada**, President, Guam Community College (confirmed)

**Dr. Herbert Johnston, Jr.**, Education Director of the Guam Trades Academy (confirmed)

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**1630 - 1700**

**PROJECTS AND PLANS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Grand Ballroom

Military and federal infrastructure and facilities development programs are also underway in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. The nature, size and timing of those projects will be described and discussed.

**Special Assistant for Administration in the Governor's office of the CNMI** (unconfirmed)

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**1700 - 1730**

**CIVILIAN CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES**

Grand Ballroom

In addition to military construction, there are many large-scale public and private construction opportunities not directly related to the military throughout the region. Learn what the governments and private sectors are doing that provide additional opportunities.

Moderator: **Ms. Vera Topasna**, Executive Director of the Community Defense Liaison Office, Government of Guam (confirmed)

**Guam:**

**Ms. Melanie Mendiola**, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Guam Economic Development Authority (confirmed)

**Saipan:**

**Economic Development Manager, Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA)** (unconfirmed)

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**1730 - 1745**

**CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**

Grand Ballroom

Two days of information will be summarized, and questions will be fielded to ensure that output from the forum is understood. Where to find the latest program information available will be provided to participants.

Closing Remarks: **Ms. Jenny Bowers**, President, S.A.M.E. President Guam Post (confirmed)

**1745 - 1900**

**NETWORKING MIXER**

Bambu Bar, Dusit Beach Resort Guam

Sponsored by **Coffman Engineers**

Exhibits Open

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**DAY 3**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

**1000 - 1200**

**WINDOW TOUR OF KEY PROJECT SITES**

Project Sites

Registered participants will visit key project sites. There will be staff on each bus to give an overview and answer questions. This add-on bus tour is limited to the first 200 registrants. Meet at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort main entrance on the ground floor level at 0915. Transportation to the golf tournament or to the Dusit Thani Guam Resort will be provided after the tour.

**1200 - 1900**

**CHARLIE CORN SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

FINEST Guam Golf & Resort, Dededo

S.A.M.E. Guam Post invites forum participants to take advantage of another great networking event - the annual Charlie Corn Scholarship Golf Tournament at FINEST Guam Golf & Resort. Now in its 45th year, the event raises money for a scholarship fund that benefits engineering or architecture students from Guam, the Marianas, and Micronesia islands. The tournament's format is a two-person select ball (scramble) with a Peoria Handicapping System. For Window Tour participants, transportation to the golf tournament and return to the Dusit Thani Guam Resort will be provided.