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**MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI
 PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #1**

Project: North Ramp Future Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI) Project Design Studies	Date: August 16, 2013
Project Location: Andersen Air Force Base	Prepared By: EV23

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project proposes to conduct geotechnical and topographic surveys to support project design efforts for future improvements and vertical construction projects within the bounds of North Ramp at Andersen Air Force Base (Figure 1). The effort may also require munitions of explosive concern (MEC) removal. *Please note: this PA memo is for consultation regarding potential effects of design studies only. Consultation for individual projects will be undertaken once Congress has approved funding for each project and design efforts are complete.*

This project was identified after preparation of the Final EIS (FEIS) for the military relocation to Guam and CNMI and Appendix E of the PA. In accordance with Stipulation I.E. of the PA, it is a new project associated with the Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation (the Undertaking). This memo presents information to allow interested members of the public to provide comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties in the proposed project area.

Project works will include vegetation clearance for the purpose of accessing specific study locations, placing geotechnical borings (via auger) and mechanized excavation to facilitate sample collection, and placement of survey markers (wooden stake hubs and/or rebar) for topographic support. Generally, geotechnical work entails drilling borings with a truck-mounted drill rig using 8-inch diameter augers or pipe casing with water or air rotary drilling. Boring depths vary, but generally range from 5 feet to a maximum of 110 feet. Additionally, backhoe test pits up to 3 feet wide and 12 feet long may be excavated in some areas to depths ranging from 3 to 8 feet. Samples of subsurface soil/rock materials are collected from borings and test pits for laboratory analyses. After completion of sampling, borings are filled with grout and test pits are backfilled with the leftover excavated material. Boring and test pit locations will be determined in the field by the service provider, with site checks and coordination provided by the DPRI Cultural Resource Manager, Mr. Ronnie Rogers.

Andersen Air Force Base is one of the largest airfields in the US Air Force. It covers 6,275 ha

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(15,500 acres) and occupies a mostly flat, uplifted limestone plateau in the northern portion of the island of Guam. The Main Operations area in the eastern third of the base includes the main active airfield and an array of operations, maintenance and community support facilities, most of which are located along the South Ramp. The North Ramp area includes operations of the Navy's HSC-25, munitions storage in the former Strategic Command storage area, and parking apron space for contingency operations. The central third of the base is a Munitions Storage Area (MSA). The western third is Northwest Field, a WWII-era airfield that is currently used for fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter training, and various field exercises and bivouacs.

The total APE for the current project is 614 acres.

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

Scope of DoD Identification Efforts

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) has conducted extensive archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, and, in consultation with the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and some Concurring Parties, has applied the results to the siting/lay down of individual projects to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the Programmatic Agreement (PA).

DoD surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific areas of potential effect (APE), defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam and Tinian subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking, based on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

In addition to the archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, DoD has completed extensive archival research and oral history studies and interviews to identify traditional cultural properties, places, sacred sites, and culturally important natural resources such as the *nunu*, *da'ok*, *dukduk*, and *ifit* trees, and medicinal plants.

Results of the studies indicate that one historic property is located within the project APE.

Historic Property 1 is a WW II-era runway complex, which while retaining some of its original layout, is now essentially a Cold War-era airfield with the 1940s elements adapted for larger and heavier aircraft (B-36, B-47 and B-52).

PRELIMINARY DoD DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

Pending input from consulting parties and the public, the DoD's determination is that Historic Property 1 is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A because of its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.

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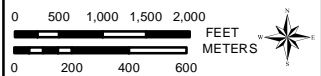
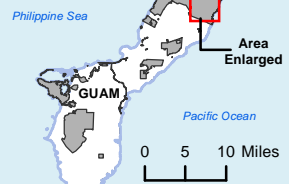
**Figure 1:
Andersen AFB
North Ramp
Design Studies PA
Memo Boundary**

Legend

- North Ramp Design Studies Area
- Military Installation

**North Ramp
Design Studies,
614 acres**

Pacific Ocean



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