(TENORIO MOTION DISMISSED)

SAIPAN JUNE 24 MINS) --- THE SAIPAN SURVEYING FIRM OF JUAN C. TENDRIO & ASSOCIATES, INC., HAD THEIR MOTION TO ENJOIN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FROM HIRING OTHER SURVEYORS DISMISSED FRIDAY (JUNE 21).

THE TENORIO MOTION SOUGHT TO PREVENT THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FROM COMPLETING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TWO OTHER FIRMS FOR SURVEYING MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS. THE SAIPAN COMPANY HAD INSISTED THAT THE OTHER FIRMS WHICH WERE AWARDED BIDS DID NOT HAVE TT REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS ON THEIR STAFFS, AS TITLE 31 OF THE TT CODE DEMANDS.

TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT SAID IN HIS DISMISSAL ORDER THAT "PLAINTIFFS (TENORIO) WERE UNABLE TO PRESENT INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE THAT OTHER COMPANIES WHO HAD SUBMITTED PROPOSALS WERE NOT LICENSED, OR DID NOT HAVE EMPLOYEES LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 31."

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION SAID THAT WHILE THEY DID NOT CONSIDER LICENSING A PREREQUISITE FOR BIDDING, A COMPANY WAS EXPECTED TO HAVE LICENSED SURVEYORS BY THE TIME THEIR CONTRACT BEGAN.

TENORIO ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION LED THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE BID AND FAMILIARITY WITH LOCAL CUSTOMS WOULD BE THE PRIMARY FACTORS IN DETERMINING CONTRACT AWARDS.

JUSTICE BURNETT FOUND NO GROUNDS FOR THIS ALLEGATION. **"** [CANNOT ACCEPT PLAINTIFF'S VIEW THAT THESE WERE TO BE EITHER THE SOLE, OR DETERMINING FACTORS IN SELECTION," HE SAID.

BURNETT REFERRED TO THE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN A LETTER FROM KOZO YAMADA, CHIEF OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, TO COMPANIES INVITING THEM TO SUBMIT BIDS: A CONTRACTOR WOULD BE SELECTED "BASED ON TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE, ORGANIZATION, AVAILABILITY AND REPUTATION."

THE CHIEF JUSTICE ALSO FOUND NO WRONGDOING INVOLVED IN THE SELECTING OF ASIA MAPPING, INC., AND HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, INC., AS THE CONTRACTORS TO SURVEY MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS.

THE ORDER TO DISMISS THE CASE CAME ON A MOTION BY THE TRUST TERRITORY TO DROP THE TENORIO MOTION ON GROUNDS THAT NONE OF THE CHARGES HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

(MARSHALLS AGING PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS) --- THE TERRITORIAL OFFICE ON AGING HAS AWARDED A \$45,700 FEDERAL GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER FOR THE ELDERLY IN MAJURO ATOLL AND EBEYE ISLAND, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CFFICE.

THE ONE YEAR PROGRAM WILL ENABLE THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO OFFER A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HANDICRAFT DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SENÍOR CITIZENS. IF THE PROGRAM PROVES TO BE SUCCESFUL IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE OTHER PRINCIPLE ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAM RESULTS FROM A FEDERAL GRANT THROUGH THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE REGIONAL OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO UNDER TITLE 3 OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARSHALLS ELDERLY PROGRAM IS MAAS HONE, WORKING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TONY DEBRUM, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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(SMITH TO LEAVE TT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS) --- SPECIAL THANKS WERE EXTENDED TO

DR. WILLIAM B. SMITH, THE TRUST TERRITORY'S CHIEF OF ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES, MONDAY (JUNE 24) FOR HIS "TIRELESS AND CAPABLE LEADERSHIP" OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

IN CEREMONIES HELD AT TT HEADQUARTERS, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN PRESENTED SMITH WITH A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS WORK AS THE TT'S CHIEF VETERINARIAN. DURING HIS TWO YEARS OF SERVICE, DR. SMITH HAS WORKED IN MANY AREAS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. AMONG HIS NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SMITH TRAINED FOUR MICRONESIAN MEAT INSPECTORS, ESTABLISHED TT EXPORT MEAT REGULATIONS, BEGAN A TRUST TERRITORY WIDE ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEY, AND HELPED A MICRONESIAN TO GAIN ADMISSION TO A COLLEGE VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM.

"CAPTAIN SMITH," THE RESOLUTION READ, "WILL BE SINCERELY MISSED BY ALL...WHO HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS." SMITH IS A CAPTAIN IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE ON LEAVE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

BERMIN F. WEIBACHER, CHIEF OF THE AGRICULTURE DIVISION, CALLED DR. SMITH'S WORK "EXCELLENT, JUST EXCELLENT. IF I HAD A COUPLE DR. SMITH'S OUT HERE," WEILBACHER SAID, "THINGS WOULD BE A LOT BETTER."

DR. SMITH WILL LEAVE SAIPAN WEDNESDAY TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER AIR FORCE OFFICER, LARRY DEAN.

(NEW PCV TRAINEES)

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SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS) --- EIGHT NEW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER TRAINEES WILL ARRIVE ON SAIPAN SATURDAY (JUNE 29) TO BEGIN A NINE WEEK PROGRAM TO BECOME COMMISSIONER ASSISTANTS. THE JOB ENTAILS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO PROMOTE AND INPLEMENT EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS BASED ON THEIR DISTRICT'S NEEDS.

THESE TRAINEES, ACCORDING TO A PEACE CORPS STATEMENT, WILL UNDERGO INTENSIVE LANGUAGE AND CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES. THEY WILL BE STAYING WITH FAMILIES IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS DURING THEIR TRAINING.

THE FROGRAM WILL BE BASED AT THE SISTERS CONVENT IN CHALAN KANOA AND MAY BE THE FINAL PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

(FHA OFFICIALS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---TWO OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION (FHA) IN HONOLULU RECENTLY CONCLUDED A VISIT TO THE SIX DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA., THEY ARE ALVIN K.H. PANG, DIRECTOR, AND DONALD PHILLIP, CHIEF UNDERWRITER OF THE FHA'S INSURING OFFICE.

THE TWO OFFICIALS WERE INTERESTED IN BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION AND THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES. IN ADDITION, THEY WISHED TO REVIEW AND EXPLAIN TO TRUST TERRITORY HOUSING OFFICIALS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN HOUSING AVAILABLE TO THE TT.

THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PARENT OFFICE OF THE FHA, THAT THE TT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION OF 50 HOUSING UNITS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1974. PANG AND PHILLIPS DISCUSSED DUPING THEIR VISIT THE CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF SUCH FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. IT IS HOPED THAT THE TT HOUSING COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE HOUSING ALLOCATION IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FHA IN HONOLULU WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE TT TO SUCCESSFULLY TAKE PART IN THIS PROGRAM. THE HOUSING OFFICIALS MET WITH THE MANAGERS AND THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE TT HOUSING COMMISSION MEMBERS. THEIR VISIT TO THE TT WAS COORDINATED BY THE HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.