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GUAM DELEGATION MEETS WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK

*Billions could eventually be on the line in discussions on impacts of
military-federal build-up and Guam's outsized role in national defense*

Hagåtña & San Francisco - A long planned and highly anticipated process to mitigate the impact of the military buildup on the government and people of Guam is expected to take a critical step forward this week.

Dozens of officials from across the government of Guam will meet with their federal counterparts in San Francisco and present hard data and assessments of the impact of the unprecedented growth in military construction and spending underway on the island.

"This inter-agency process is necessary to lay the groundwork for eventually convening an Economic Adjustment Committee (EAC)," said Governor Leon Guerrero who is leading the delegation.

The EAC is a presidential-level interagency body that coordinates federal assistance to communities, businesses, and workers impacted by major Department of Defense program changes and base realignments.

"Because of our unique and invaluable role in America's Pacific force posture, the economic costs and benefits to Guam as a result of these federal decisions can be affecting us through the next decade," said Acting Governor Josh Tenorio. "The military has acknowledged as much and also recognizes this is a key step in the process that leads to convening an EAC."

The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration pushed the meetings and they were originally scheduled for April but postponed because of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

Guam's executive branch is seeking to partner with the federal government on numerous initiatives that align the island's greatly enhanced role in regional and national security with the impact of the extraordinary growth in military and federal presence.

Top areas of mutual concern include healthcare; power, water, transportation including seaport and airport; and communications-cyber security.

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Editor's Note: Please see two attachments:

- November 2025 Letter from Assistant Secretary of Defense Robert E. Thompson
- December 2025 Press Release from the Office of the Governor