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Potential Stakeholders for the Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Subject: Request for Early Consultation for the **Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update for Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands**, a project under the Department of Public Lands

Dear Potential Stakeholder,

The Department of Public Lands (DPL) has recently retained SSFM CNMI, LLC along with their sub-consultants, Chris Hart & Partners, Inc. and John M. Knox & Associates, Inc., to update the CNMI's Public Land Use Plan in order to satisfy Public Law 15-02. This effort is intended to incorporate the public's interests as well as government agencies and groups representing commercial interests. Your agency or group has been identified as a potential stakeholder in this project. Therefore we are soliciting your specific input in this project in order to ensure that your interests are heard and incorporated, as best as possible, into the updated land use plan.

Attached you will find a survey sheet that is designed to assess specific information on how the land use plan may be impacted by your public land use needs. Please include as much information as it relates to your current public land use and anticipated future public land use needs. Although we cannot assure that all needs will be met, the consultant will weigh each need against the needs of all stakeholders and develop recommendations that maximize the use of the CNMI's limited public lands.

Due to the contract time limitations for this project, please submit your comments, feedback and information to SSFM CNMI via email to rreyes@ssfmcnmillc.com, gcastro@ssfmcnmillc.com, jarizala@ssfmcnmillc.com, and jhart@chpmaui.com within seven (7) business days. Priority consideration will be given to comments received within this period. All comments submitted after the deadline risk the chance of not being incorporated; therefore, we respectfully request timely submission.

Additionally, please note that our project team is tentatively scheduled to conduct the initial public meetings on the islands of Rota, Tinian and Saipan during the week of September 18 – 22, 2017. Additional comments can also be made at the public meetings. The dates will be finalized within the next few days and publicly advertised next week.

Thank you for your participation in the review process. If you have any questions, please contact SSFM CNMI at the aforementioned email addresses.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: CNMI Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update – Stakeholder Survey

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS – CNMI COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LAND
USE PLAN UPDATE STAKEHOLDER SURVEY**

A. Stakeholder: _____

B. Representative: _____

C. Stakeholder's goals, objectives, or mission: _____

D. Affected Island(s): _____

E. Current Property Inventory:

F. Property Inventory Goals/Needs:

G. Preferred Location/Size to Satisfy Goals (if any):

H. Desired Property Criteria:

I. Comments on the Existing Use of Public Lands:

J. Comments on General Public Land Use: