



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-11

**RELATIVE TO CREATING A JOINT SRF TASK FORCE
ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
AND THE SRF.**

WHEREAS, the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC '95) recommended the closure of Naval Ship Repair Facility, Guam (SRF); and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the BRAC '95 recommendations by the President and transmittal to Congress in accordance with pertinent federal statutes, the SRF closed as an active military installation on September 30, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pending disposition of SRF in accordance with BRAC '95, the Department of the Navy ("Navy") entered into an Interim Lease Agreement on October 1, 1997 with the Guam Economic Development Authority ("GEDA"), created by Guam law as the federally recognized Local Redevelopment Authority ("LRA"), for the lease of the SRF property as a ship repair facility; and

WHEREAS, GEDA has subleased the SRF property to a Guam company and upwards to 200 employees are employed at the SRF; and

WHEREAS, the government of Guam has invested over \$11 Million towards the title transfer of the SRF from the Navy to GEDA, in reliance upon the representations of the Navy; and

WHEREAS, title transfer of SRF to GEDA was mutually scheduled to be executed on May 21, 2000; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2000, nine days before the scheduled execution date, the Navy's Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, announced the Navy's intentions to cancel the transfer of the SRF to the government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Navy explained that, recognizing the strategic value of Guam to our nation's security, it desires to retain certain vital capabilities, including the SRF; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's changed position on SRF may require Congressional action; and

WHEREAS, the Navy has expressed a desire to support a commercially viable SRF under the control of the government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, has expressed to the Governor of Guam a genuine desire to arrive at a mutually beneficial relationship on SRF, balancing the military's needs and the economic interests of the community of Guam; and



WHEREAS, the Governor of Guam, wishing in the first instance to avoid confrontation on the Navy change of position, and desiring to promote dialogue in arriving at a suitable partnership relationship on SRF; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging that Guam needs more wharf space and joint use of harbor facilities to proceed with its goals of enlarging shipping and related activities, as well as more use of land to grow Guam's economy; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that the Navy's change of position will result in more employment opportunities for our people; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Guam is hopeful that the Navy's change of position will eventually reap many benefits for our people while at the same time best serve the security interests of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam are proud, patriotic members of the United States political family who have served their country in times of peace and conflict and wish to continue the long lasting good working relationship with the Navy; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of preliminary discussions with the Navy and the spirit of sincere cooperation generated from those discussions, it is our sincere hope that an agreeable solution, satisfactory to both sides, can be reached in regards to the national security interests and local economic needs of the SRF property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1. **Creation of Task Force.** A joint public-private task force entitled "Joint SRF Task Force" is hereby created to discuss with the Navy the future role of the government of Guam in the operation of the former Naval Ship Repair Facility, Guam.
2. **Members of Task Force.** The members appointed to the Joint SRF Task Force shall be the following:
 - a) Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero;
 - b) Senator Eulogio C. Bermudes;
 - c) Senator Alberto A. C. Lamorena V;
 - d) Mr. Jim Adkins;
 - e) Mr. Joe T. San Agustin;
 - f) Dr. Peter Melnyk, Ph. D.;
 - g) Mr. Gerald Yingling;
 - h) Mr. Francisco Camacho;
 - i) Mr. Jerry Filush; and
 - j) Mr. Chris Murphy.
3. **Filling of task force vacancies.** Should any member of the task force be unable to serve as a member or as chairperson for any reason, the Governor may appoint a replacement.



4. Task force chairman and support for task force. The Chairman of the Task Force shall be Mr. Chris Murphy. The Task Force shall be assisted by the staff of the BRAC '95 GovGuam Steering Committee; and
5. Recommendations. The Task Force shall report its recommendation to the Governor of Guam and the Board of Directors of the Guam Economic Development Authority with Ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Executive Order; and

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 22nd day of May, 2000.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl T. C. Gutierrez".

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madeleine Z. Bordallo".

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Segunda na Maga'Lahen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

