

## GAO Questions for Guam Community Officials (351100)

**Background:** The Senate report accompanying the 2007 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill requires the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review DOD's master planning effort for the military buildup on Guam. Accordingly, GAO is reviewing the status of DOD's master planning effort for the buildup of forces and infrastructure on Guam, and the extent that DOD has identified and addressed infrastructure and funding requirements, base operation and support services, training and mobility capabilities, joint basing opportunities, and other challenges associated with the buildup in this planning effort.

**Purpose:** As part of our review, we are seeking to gain information on the challenges that the territory of Guam and its communities face in accommodating thousands of military personnel and dependents as a result of overseas rebasing actions.

### Community concerns/issues

1. What has been your experience in dealing with the military installations?
  - a. Free and open contact?
  - b. Cooperation/reach out by installation officials?
  - c. Regular meetings?
  - d. Extent of information—personnel movements, timing, financial assistance?
2. How are the U.S. military and the community coordinating infrastructure needs (schools, utilities, roads, medical care, etc.) off the installations? To what extent are the military's infrastructure plans integrated with those of Guam?
3. What are your concerns regarding the effect of the buildup?
4. What are your plans to provide for support infrastructure in following areas?
  - a. Schools/education
  - b. Housing
  - c. Transportation and roads
  - d. Medical care

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- e. Other support structure (utilities, water, sewage treatment, etc.)
  - f. Which are the “hot” buttons? Discuss.
5. What concerns/frustrations do you have?
    - a. Are there any environmental issues?
    - b. Are there work force training issues?
    - c. Are you/have you been proactive in dealing with such issues?
  6. Funding challenges? Where are you getting money?
    - a. Has Guam identified the amount of funding needed?
    - b. What plans have been or are being developed and what is their status?
    - c. How much financial assistance is needed?
  7. Has the community been provided the latest estimated stationing (number of troops and when they will arrive) information?
  8. What issues do you have with the amount and source of skilled construction workers to build facilities?