

# Pohnpei State Government Survey Training and Capacity Building

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## SUMMARY

Pohnpei state Government survey training and capacity Building □ □ In accordance to the division of survey, difficulties are known to be major in this area of work. Which is why we are looking forward to obtain any insight which regards to the interests in this field of work. Trainings for this area rarely comes around. We are always looking for such opportunity to be involved to further our skills and understandings to ensure our works can be done accurate and exact. The insufficiency of or lack of training results from lack of budget that Pohnpei state Government is facing. □ Surveying is a work that is basically needed here in Pohnpei. There is only two certified surveyors here in Pohnpei. One of them has his own private survey company, the other one as of now is currently working for another firm. The only training this department been a part of was a 4-week training in July of 2024. □ Due to the reason of not going into trainings needed to perform our work, we are bound to encounter challenges. Lacking skills to perform the duties somehow leads to disagreements between landowners and surveyors. □ In this presentation, we will discuss the challenges we face in our daily duties in the surveying division. The challenges we usually come across are due to lack of skills and knowledge. Also due to lack of advanced technology. The CAD were working with here in Pohnpei was the 2004 version software. Total stations we are currently working with, is also believed to be the same. In order to improve in this matter, we believe to obtain ideas from abroad or overseas may play a major role in the advancement of equipment and technology. Which will give us advantage to perform or carry out our surveying duties. □ In the short-term training we had months back, gave us glimpse of what can be done to improve our work. Much have been learnt and obtained from the training. From setting the survey instruments to usings tools in the manual. Transferring and uploading data's from and into the top gun we are working with. □ □ The skills that were acquired through the training surely improve our understanding and skills for our surveying duties. This is why we believe that additional training is a "MUST" for us to get our hands on, to further our skills . To ensure and be confident in doing our

work, we are and will always have our heads up looking around to be filled with details having to do with survey or near this field of work. □ □ Pohnpei represents the FSM in the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council, for this we seek every support that can be given from other Pacific regions. We look forward to exchanging and sharing of data's, capacity buildings, and trainings as well. To furthermore, understands the rules and regulations in regard to survey. For this we believe that the island of Pohnpei can better comply to surveying work and keeping us up to date. □

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