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## **Proposal to Install Telecommunication Tower for Sapwuafik Outer Island**

### **Issued in respect to s342 Telecommunications Act**

#### **BACKGROUND**

In September, 2022 the FSM Congress approved Public Law 22-80 Sect 5 (11)(n) which appropriated \$120K for Telecommunication Tower for Sapwuafik Outer Island. The funding involves erecting a cellular tower and installing cellular radio antennas on the tower.

FSMTC is a communications provider in the Federated States of Micronesia who is governed by a Board of Directors whom are appointed by each Governor of the 4 states. The 5<sup>th</sup> Director is appointed directly by the National Government while the President/CEO of FSMTC is an ex-officio member of the Board. FSMTC's service include Traditional POTS and voice services, GSM/UMTS/LTE Cellular, Television (DVB-T and Cable), Pacifica TV and Internet. FSMTC has prepared layout plans and detailed design on implementing Cellular Upgrade. Implementation will commence as soon as funding is available.

#### **DETAILED PLANNING IS UNDERWAY**

The service will be built to the ITU telecommunications standard. The project will operate in two main phases. The first of hauling materials and erecting the site. Second is building the backhaul network that will allow for connectivity with existing cellular network. FSMTC is yet to confirm the exact date project will start as they are still waiting for FSM National government to release funding.

#### **INVITATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SHARE THE PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY**

All enquires or expressions of interest per S. 342 of the Telecommunications Act 2014 should be directed to the Telecommunication Regulation Authority (TRA) at [info@tra.fm](mailto:info@tra.fm)

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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