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# New GSWA head: Guam job a 'dream come true'

By Kevin Kerrigan  
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The new general manager of the Guam Solid Waste Authority is scheduled to arrive on Guam as the chief judge of the District Court of Guam prepares to bring the 11-year receivership over the island's solid waste disposal services to an end.

Larry Gast has accepted the offer from the GSWA board. He is expected to start work on March 3.

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has scheduled a final site visit to the various GSWA facilities for March 6, followed by a court hearing the next day "to discuss the various status reports and the anticipated date for the termination of the receivership."

The governor, lawmakers, mayors and other administration officials, and GSWA's new general manager all have been "ordered to attend both

the site visit and the court hearing."

In a telephone interview from his Florida office, Gast told The Guam Daily Post he intends to follow the court's orders to a T.

## Gast: 'You can't cut corners'

"If there is a federal regulation or even a local regulation that says this is how you have to do things, that's the way they have to be done," Gast said. "You can't cut corners; things have got to be done according to the regulations," he said.

Gast is currently the director of Solid Waste and Mosquito Control for Putnam County in Florida, where he has worked for a little more than five years. He'll earn an annual salary of \$150,000 as the general manager of GSWA.

In announcing the selection of Gast as the new general manager, GSWA



Larry Gast

board Chairman Andrew Gayle noted that Gast has "opened up three landfills (and) closed three landfills, and he's had to deal with a consent decree."

The problem in Putnam County, said Gast, was with the county commission, which had ignored state's landfill requirements thinking they could do what they wanted.

"When I came on board, we had groundwater contamination," Gast said. A consent decree was in place, and he was under orders to comply with all state regulations and clean up the contamination.

Consent decrees "are there to make sure the regulations are followed," Gast said. "That's the biggest key to getting out of a receivership." And when he gets to Guam, that's what he said he would do.

"I will make sure that everything is

followed to the letter."

Gast and his wife have already visited Guam. He came in December 2018 to be interviewed for the job and to get a firsthand look at the challenges he might face.

He met with Chase Anderson, operations manager at receiver Gershman, Brickner & Bratton Inc., who showed him around the island.

## A look at Ordot and Layon

Gast said the now closed and capped former Ordot dump "looked good" but "the only thing I don't like about it is there's not a lot of vegetative cover on top of it." He also took a look at the Layon landfill and said he agreed with the receiver's plans to "change the filling sequence" there because it will "gain more space."

Gast said he and his family enjoy the outdoors. He is a certified diver and enjoys fishing. Coming to work on Guam, he said, "is a dream come true."

## Japan firm wants to clear orbiting swarm of space junk

By Hiromi Horie  
Bloomberg

As the satellite industry booms, a Japan-based venture is working to prevent space-debris collisions that could paralyze transportation, defense and telecommunications systems.

Astroscale Holdings Inc. is preparing to rendezvous with, capture and



**ASTROSCALE:** A prototype of the Astroscale Holdings ELISA in-orbit debris capture and removal craft displayed at the company's Japan unit office in Tokyo on Dec. 26, 2018.

Shoko Takayasu/Bloomberg

dock a test satellite early next year to show how its technology can help clear orbiting junk, said Miki Ito, general manager of Astroscale's Japan unit, in an interview.

The company is competing in a niche that has drawn urgent attention and funding from companies and governments including those in the U.S., Japan, Singapore and the U.K. The venture has raised about \$103 million, including money from Japan's state-backed INCJ Ltd., as it vies with rivals to invent an affordable way to prevent a chain-reaction of collisions known as the Kessler effect.

Astroscale said its mission will be the world's first in-orbit debris capture and removal demonstration using its rendezvous and magnetic capture mechanisms. In the test run, "chaser" and "target" modules will rocket into orbit, then separate. The chaser will then attempt to capture the target once in a steady state and again when

it is tumbling. Once safely docked, the chaser and target will power back toward Earth, burning up on re-entry into the atmosphere.

Given the difficulty of fixing satellites in orbit, there is usually no choice but to bring malfunctioning craft down, said Ito, who worked on microsatellite projects at the Next Generation Space System Technology Research Association before becoming president of Astroscale Japan, then general manager this month.

Astroscale is also planning to raise its workforce to 100 from 60 as it expands to the U.S. and other global markets.

With an estimated 750,000 bits of old satellites and rockets circling the Earth at about 18,000 miles per hour, a collision could instantly shatter a multi-million dollar satellite, as portrayed in the Academy Award-winning 2013 movie "Gravity." Worse, a chain reaction of destruction could render entire bands of low-earth orbit un-navigable for satellites.

# HAFADAIBINGO

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<b>EARLY BIRD \$500</b>	<b>HALFTIME \$500</b>	<b>INDIAN STAR</b>	<b>7 PACKAGE GAMES</b>
		<b>\$1,199 GIVEAWAY</b>	<b>\$1,199</b>

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<b>1 PACKAGE (6-ON-1)</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>PAPER PACK \$10</b>	<b>BONANZA \$4</b>
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		<b>JR. BLACKOUT \$3</b>	<b>HALFTIME \$2</b>
		<b>INDIAN STAR \$3</b>	

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**GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**On Thursday,**

**February 21, 2019 at 7:30 AM**

at the Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room at the Terkaje Professional Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Suite 209 Hagåtña.

For more information please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call Jimmy Sian at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

### Australian Parliament begins dismantling offshore policy for asylum-seekers

(The Washington Post) - The conservative Australian government of Prime Minister Scott Morrison faced a historic defeat in the lower house of parliament on Tuesday after the opposition Labor Party forced through amendments that would allow doctors far more sway in bringing over asylum-seekers stranded in offshore camps.

Thousands of asylum-seekers have been held offshore on Nauru and Papua New Guinea's Manus Island since 2013, under conditions harshly criticized by human rights groups. About 1,000 remain on both islands, according to government estimates, as resettlement efforts and medical evacuations have dragged on.

# US Senate proposal would block Saudi path to atomic weapons

By Timothy Gardner  
Reuters

WASHINGTON - U.S. senators from both parties introduced a resolution Tuesday requiring that any deal to share U.S. nuclear power technology with Saudi Arabia block the kingdom from making a nuclear weapon.

Under the measure, any U.S. civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, or 123 agreement, with Saudi Arabia would prevent enrichment of uranium or reprocessing of plutonium made in reactors - two routes to making nuclear weapons.

It is unclear whether a majority of the 100-member Senate would support the resolution of Democrats Jeff Merkley and Ed Markey and Republican Rand

Paul. The resolution also is nonbinding on the U.S. government.

But with significant support, it would signal concern in Congress over Saudi-led bombing campaigns in Yemen and over the killing of U.S.-based Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October 2018.

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry has been holding quiet talks with officials from Saudi Arabia on sharing U.S. nuclear technology. President Donald Trump hosted nuclear power executives on Tuesday for talks on keeping the industry competitive on exports with France, China, and Russia.

The Trump administration is trying to advance nuclear energy technology domestically and abroad as the industry suffers from plentiful supplies of

cheap natural gas and high safety costs at home. A resolution could pressure the administration to push for a deal with tougher standards.

"If Saudi Arabia is going to get its hands on nuclear technology, it's absolutely critical that we hold it to the gold standard for nonproliferation," Merkley said in a release. "The last thing America should do is inadvertently help develop nuclear weapons for a bad actor on the world stage."

Riyadh has said it wants to be self-sufficient in producing nuclear fuel and that it is not interested in diverting nuclear technology to military use. But Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told CBS last year the kingdom will develop nuclear weapons if archival Iran does.

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### INVITATION TO BID

This notice is paid for by the GUAM POWER AUTHORITY REVENUE FUNDS  
Public Law 26-12

BID NO.:	(NON-MANDATORY) PRE-BID/SITE VISIT:	TIME:	QVE DATE:	TIME:	DESCRIPTION:
GPA-029-19	03/13/2019	9:30 A.M.	04/09/2019	2:00 P.M.	GPAPAG Access Road Rehabilitation Lot 261, Piti, Guam (Fuel Tank Farm Access Road) (\$100.00 non-refundable fee)

Bid package may be picked up at the GPWA Room 101, Procurement Office, 1st Floor, Gloria B. Nelson Public Services Building, 688 Route 15, Mangilao, Guam 96913. Non-refundable payment must be made at our GPA Customer Service Department prior to issuance of documents. All interested firms should register with our GPA's Procurement Division to be able to participate in the bid. Please call our office at (671) 648-3054 / 3055 to register. Registration is required to ensure that all "Amendments and Special Reminders" are communicated to all bidders throughout the bid process. Procurement instructions are posted on the Authority's website at [http://guampowerauthority.com/gpa\\_authority/procurement/gpa\\_current\\_rfps.php#](http://guampowerauthority.com/gpa_authority/procurement/gpa_current_rfps.php#).



RATE  
REVENUE AND TAXATION  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Statement of Financial Position  
As of December 31, 2018

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,297.39
Total Assets	\$ 1,297.39
<b>Liabilities</b>	
	\$ -
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,297.39
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 1,297.39

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

<b>Revenues</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 4,040.00
Donations	\$ 1,196.00
Fundraising Activities	\$ 51,397.05
Interest	\$ 30.58
Total Revenues	\$ 56,663.63
<b>Expenses</b>	
Donations	\$ 1,196.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 26,517.47
Member Events and Benefits	\$ 27,192.56
Bank Charges	\$ 70.56
Taxes and Licenses	\$ 903.92
Newspaper Publication	\$ 216.00
Total Expenses	\$ 56,091.51
Change in Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 572.12
Beginning Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 725.27
Ending Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 1,297.39



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Public Law 26-12

RFP NO.:	CLOSING DATE:	TIME:	DESCRIPTION:
RE-SOLICITATION GPA-RFP-19-002	03/14/2019	4:00 P.M.	Consulting Services for Smart Grid Analytics Enabled Distribution System Planning, Technical, and Economic Feasibility Studies (O&M)
GPA-RFP-19-004	04/04/2019	4:00 P.M.	Planning & Optimization Software (Revenue)
GPA-RFP-19-005	03/14/2019	4:00 P.M.	GPA Data Center Co-Location Services (O&M)

Copies of the general scope of work may be picked up at the GPWA Procurement Office, 1st Floor, Room 101, Gloria B. Nelson Public Services Building, 688 Route 15, Mangilao, Guam 96913. All interested firms should register with GPA's Procurement Division to be able to participate in the RFP. Please call our office at 1 (671) 648-3054 / 3055 to register. Registration is required to ensure that all "Amendments and Special Reminders" are communicated to all bidders throughout the RFP process. Procurement instructions are posted on the Authority's website at [http://guampowerauthority.com/gpa\\_authority/procurement/gpa\\_current\\_rfps.php#](http://guampowerauthority.com/gpa_authority/procurement/gpa_current_rfps.php#).