

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163

Establishing the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System Committee

WHEREAS, this Administration has identified managed development as a high priority for the Republic of Palau;

WHEREAS, this Administration has undertaken to strengthen the Republic of Palau's economy, by improving the land registration system which is intended to serve as a central mechanism to record the title and location of real property and would serve as a vehicle to facilitate the sale, transfer, lease, or sale of land by Palauan citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has recognized the importance of developing a centralized land registration system and has assisted the Republic of Palau Bureau of Lands and Surveys with funds for surveying instruments and equipment, computer hardware and software, and grants to develop an Integrated Geographic Information System (GIS)/Land Information System (LIS), also known as the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS);

WHEREAS, the PALARIS system, when complete, will be a unified and integrated network system using the existing telephone system that will enhance the land registration process and support land use management planning by providing accurate geographical information to be used in decision making and formulation of policies for the development of the Republic of Palau;

WHEREAS, the PALARIS system will provide coordination between projects and provide a common view of data in a geographic context;

WHEREAS, the Administration recognizes that the PALARIS system provides an important tool to conduct an inventory of land and land titles; assist in the regulation, conservation, and management of geographic resources, provide an economical means to manage and display administrative records, property ownership, and census records;

WHEREAS, the Palau 2020: National Master Development Plan strategy, 7.6.7.4 recognizes that the Bureau of Land and Surveys possess the technology to form the basis of this GIS;

WHEREAS, this Administration has committed a sum of \$60,000, in RPPL 4-36, to further develop the capability of the PALARIS system;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has pledged to commit \$200,000 this fiscal year to upgrade the PALARIS project;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau

and pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System Committee (the "Committee") is hereby created.

1. The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of coordinating the development of the action plan to implement the GIS/LIS PALARIS program.
2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following offices, agencies, and the community and shall be assisted as necessary by additional employees and staff as assigned by the President:
 - (a) Bureau of Land and Surveys (2).
 - (b) Association of Governors (2).
 - (c) National Planning Office (1).
 - (d) Palau Public Lands Authority (1).
 - (e) Land Court (1).
 - (f) Environmental Quality Protection Board (1).
 - (g) Bureau of Natural Resources and Development (2).
 - (h) Division of Conservation and Entomology (1).
 - (i) Division of Agriculture (1).
 - (j) Division of Marine Resources (1).
 - (k) Natural Resources Conservation Service (1).
 - (l) Office of the Attorney General (1).
 - (m) Palau Maritime Agency (1).
 - (m) National Emergency Planning Office (1).
 - (n) CIP Design and Engineering Office (1).
 - (o) Bureau of Public Safety (1).
 - (p) Bureau of Human Resources Development (1).
 - (q) Palau Public Utility Corporation (2).
 - (r) Bureau of Public Works (2).
 - (s) Division of Cultural Affairs (1).
 - (t) Palau Visitors Authority (1).
 - (u) Palau Community College (1).
 - (v) Palau National Communications Corporation (2).
3. The Director of the Bureau of Lands and Surveys and the Chairman of the Association of Governors shall co-chair the Committee.
4. The Committee shall identify valid monetary resources and designate a committee member to pursue these areas of funding.
5. The Committee shall identify the development areas within the existing infrastructure or central utilities of the Republic of Palau, such as sewer, water, and electricity, that shall have priority on the PALARIS system.
6. The Committee shall identify the government ministries, bureaus, divisions, agencies,

boards, or non-governmental organizations' existing and planned potential associations and applications with the GIS to determine which shall have priority on the PALARIS system.

7. The Committee shall identify a member of each PALARIS system user group to work with the GIS consultant to provide any information necessary for the compilation of data.
8. The Committee will submit quarterly reports on the implementation progress of all tasks to the President of the Republic of Palau, and the Presiding Officers of the Olbiil Era Kelulau.
9. The Committee members shall be entitled to use government offices, vehicles, and mailing services for the purposes of carrying out the tasks assigned herein.

WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 4th day of December, 1998, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau