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Guam Showcases Historic Fiscal Resilience and Strategic Growth at InvestGuam Symposium 2026 in New York

Tamuning, Guam — The Government of Guam and the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) recently concluded the InvestGuam Symposium 2026 (IGS2026) in New York City, an event that brought together a significant concentration of the island's municipal credit market. The symposium hosted senior analysts and institutional investors to witness the culmination of seven years of historic fiscal reform under the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration. The investors in attendance hold approximately \$978 million in bonds issued by the Government of Guam, Guam Power Authority (GPA), Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA), Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) and the Port Authority of Guam (PAG).

Addressing an audience of global financial leaders, Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero detailed Guam's transformation from a period of recovery to a state of "permanent readiness." Highlighting the island's strategic role as a transpacific investment hub, the Governor noted that Guam's General Obligation bonds were recently upgraded to investment grade for the first time in 22 years. "My mission in 2026 is to ensure that the progress we have achieved, the fiscal discipline, the upgrades, and the transparency is institutionalized," said Governor Leon Guerrero. "Whether it is through our new Financial Management Information System or our funded Rainy Day Fund, we are providing investors with enhanced data integrity and a reliable partnership."

The symposium was structured to provide investors with a comprehensive look at Guam's credit profile and future growth. On day one, IGS2026 opened with a series of presentations from the Department of Administration, Bureau of Budget Management and Research, Community Defense Liaison Office, Port Authority of Guam, Guam Power Authority, and Guam Waterworks Authority, which focused on Guam's primary credits and a robust economic outlook, headlined by the unveiling of a \$1.3 billion bond pipeline over the next 5 years. Legislative approved issuances include \$500 million for a state-of-the-art medical campus, \$166.4 million for Simon Sanchez High School, \$365 million for the Guam Waterworks Authority and \$60 million for a new Correctional Facilities. Proposed capital project financing includes \$375 million for the Guam Power Authority and \$100 million for the Port Authority of Guam. Beyond infrastructure, leaders detailed aggressive diversification efforts into high-tech manufacturing, including a 3D printing facility and telecommunications, while reporting that tourism is projected to surge in the coming months.

A central theme of the symposium was the "One Guam" partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense. With the U.S. military buildup expected to continue for the next 15 years, federal officials have committed to supporting civilian infrastructure through the Economic Adjustment Committee. This ensures that Guam's roads, power, and water systems keep pace with the mission of national defense. "The military is not merely a tenant, but a long-term strategic partner," Governor Leon Guerrero added. "When the winds stop blowing, we don't recover in silos; we respond as One Guam."

GEDA Chairwoman Siska Hutapea emphasized the symposium's commitment to transparency, offering investors an "unfiltered, ground-level view" of the island's assets. Chairwoman Hutapea said, "We are providing investors a comprehensive view of Guam's capabilities. While tourism remains a pillar, we are aggressively welcoming high-tech sectors. From the new 3D printing factory for defense logistics to aerospace opportunities with NASA, Guam is no longer just a destination; it is an industrial and communications hub for the Indo-Pacific."

Investors were briefed on Guam's proven resilience following Typhoon Sinlaku, where critical infrastructure sustained only minimal damage and utility restoration occurred in record time. This physical readiness, combined with a 10-to-15-year military build-up and federal support through the Economic Adjustment Committee, underscores Guam's long-term value. "Guam's resilience is our strongest sell. Our infrastructure recently withstood Typhoon Sinlaku with minimal damage, and we restored utilities in record time," said GEDA CEO/Administrator Christina Garcia. Garcia added, "This physical hardening, combined with a \$1.3 billion capital improvement plan, demonstrates that Guam is prepared for both economic growth and environmental challenges."

The second day shifted toward high-level engagement and transparency, offering investors direct access to Guam's top fiscal managers and agency heads through one-on-one meetings. These private sessions allowed for technical deep-dives and direct dialogue between investors and Guam's top fiscal managers and agency heads.

The InvestGuam Symposium 2026 plays a role in Guam's future, showcasing a united front of government agencies and autonomous authorities working in total alignment to secure Guam's long-term prosperity. This collaboration between fiscal managers and infrastructure leaders provides a clear roadmap for institutionalizing the discipline and transparency that earned Guam its investment-grade status. By presenting this shared vision to the capital market participants, the administration has successfully established Guam as a sophisticated, reliable, and permanently ready partner for global investment.

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