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Defense and Federated States of Micronesia
Understanding on Shared Force Posture and
Infrastructure Priorities

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Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and President Wesley Simina of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) announced today that they reached a mutual understanding to enable the U.S. Department of Defense to begin planning and construction on key infrastructure projects in the State of Yap.

This effort is the product of several years of close collaboration, and its conclusion reflects the close and enduring partnership between the United States and FSM, underpinned by the Compact of Free Association.

Future investments in FSM and Yap State by the U.S. Department of Defense are estimated to exceed two billion dollars. These projects are designed to provide strategic operational and exercise capabilities for U.S. forces.

These projects will strengthen our deterrence and regional posture and ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The principals committed to continuing to work closely together as projects advance.

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