



Public Notice

Pacific Aviation Investment Program (PAIP)

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Tonga Airports Limited is pleased to announce that it is currently implementing the Tonga Aviation Investment Project (TAIP) as part of the regional Pacific Aviation Investment Program (PAIP).

PAIP is a regional aviation program funded by grant funds from The World Bank. It is a 5-10 year program with 4 phases, with Phase 1 commencing in February 2012. Phase 1 involves Kiribati, Tonga and Tuvalu; future phases anticipate the inclusion of Samoa, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands.

TAL has been given the unique privilege of leading the regional Program implementation through the provision of the Technical and Fiduciary Services Unit (TFSU) housed in TAL offices. The TFSU provides leadership, project management and planning, fiduciary and procurement support to all participating countries. TFSU is supported in other countries by small in-country project teams.

The Program is comprised of individual country projects based on PAIP's common goals, and tailored to meet country-specific needs.

Tonga's project, TAIP, is funded entirely by a grant supported by The World Bank of USD\$27.21M. This represents significant investment in Tonga's transport sector and is The World Bank's single largest project investment in Tonga.

This Grant is provided through the Government of Tonga to TAL, and will invest in airport infrastructure in Fua'amotu International Airport in Tongatapu, and Lupepau'u Airport in Vava'u.

Investments will focus on improvements to existing infrastructure to ensure that safety and security compliance remains high, and that Tonga's airports can continue to service international airport operations both now and in the future.

These types of investments will include runway overlays, terminal building improvements, new navigational aids, and security improvements. Equipment that will be provided under the programme will include the following:

Fua'amotu	Vava'u
1. Non-directional beacon (NDB)	1. Automatic weather stations (AWS)
2. Automatic weather stations (AWS)	2. Automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) system
3. Automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) system	3. Terminal building improvement
4. Terminal building improvements	4. Security screening equipment
5. Airfield lighting & cabling upgrade	5. Airfield lighting and cabling
6. Emergency infrastructure repairs	6. Fire safety equipment for fire crews
	7. Portable fuelling equipment

In keeping with the Program's objective to improve safety and security compliance, investments will also involve support to other parts of the aviation sector, in particular the Civil Aviation Division of the Ministry of Transport, to support their objectives of professional development of technical staff through ongoing capacity-building and technical training.

A number of regional studies will also be undertaken to provide support to TAL and the Government on aviation issues in the region which impact on the provision of safety oversight, and aviation policy.

TAL is excited and humbled to be taking the lead role in this landmark regional Program, in providing leadership in this sector to our neighbours, and in our role in the development of Tonga.

TAL had advertised and undertook consultations with the public at Tongatapu, Ha'apai and Vava'u as part of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the projects and will endeavour to keep the public informed of progress in due course.

Further information can be obtained from the official World Bank website, www.worldbank.org, or through the CEO for TAL, Mr Viliami Ma'ake, Telephone +676 21 888 or Email: vmaake@tongaairports.com.

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