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Guam contractor wins \$78M military work

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The entrance to Black Construction in Harmon. Norman M. Taruc | The Guam Daily Post

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After the award of recent major military construction contracts to stateside contractors, a Guam-based employer has landed a major contract.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific awarded today a \$78 million contract to Black Construction Corp., of Harmon, Guam, for the design and construction of a live-fire training range complex at Northwest Field, on Andersen Air Force Base.

This project directly supports the plan to relocate Marines to Guam, which has been 12 years in the making, according to NAVFAC. This is the second contract awarded since the Department of the Navy completed final regulatory requirements this past July.

The top defense officials of the United States and Japan last week met in Washington, D.C., to discuss hastening the move of about 4,700 U.S. Marines from Okinawa, to a Guam base that will be developed on 400 acres of military controlled land in Finegayan, Dededo, near Andersen. The Japan government is sharing the estimated \$8.7 billion cost of the relocation.

The project has met some local opposition because part of the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at Ritidian will be restricted as part of a safety buffer zone during live-fire training exercises on the adjacent military property.

"Following extensive work to meet the Department of Defense mission, while focusing on responsible use of natural resources and protection of cultural resources, the Marine Corps is pleased to see this contract awarded," said Col. Brent Bien, officer in charge, Marine Corps Activity Guam. "We are committed to Guam, and our forward presence here will play an essential role in strengthening the military's ability to maintain regional security and protect the nation's interests in the Pacific."

This project will provide training facilities and live fire ranges, according to NAVFAC.

The work to be performed provides for the design and construction of a complex of four live-fire training ranges and supporting structures.

The supporting structures include a range maintenance building, administration building, area distribution node with radio frequency communication tower, two surface radar/camera sites, and a new entry gate facility into the complex.

This project also provides for the rehabilitation and widening of Route 3A, from Potts Junction to the Entry Control Point of the range complex.

Work is expected to be completed by November 2020. This contract was competitively procured via the Navy Electronic Commerce Online website, with 11 proposals received.

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