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## Trump approves hiring of 4,000 foreign workers a year on Guam

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Road construction continues on the Route 1 and 3 intersection, the primary entry to the proposed Marine Corps Base on Route 3 near the former NCS McDonald's location. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

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President Donald Trump has signed into law the defense spending bill, which authorizes \$354 million for military construction projects on Guam next year, and up to 4,000 foreign construction workers a year over the next several years.

The new law addresses a shortage of skilled construction workers on Guam, primarily for the construction of a Marine Corps Base on existing military land in Finegayan, Dededo near Andersen Air Force Base.

“Notably, the law now provides USCIS with flexibility in applying of the H-2B visa program on Guam, and it permits up to 4,000 visas per year to be approved for military and civilian projects directly related to, or associated with, the Marine relocation,” Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo said.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and the Trump Administration have up to 120 days to implement this law, she added.

The law authorizes the following expenses for Guam projects on military bases this coming year:

- Aircraft maintenance hangar phase 2: \$75 million
- Corrosion control hangar: \$66.7 million
- MALS facilities: \$49.4 million
- Water well field: \$56 million
- Replace Andersen housing, phase 2: \$40.8 million
- Defense Logistic Agency truck load/unload facility: \$23.9 million
- Reserve medical training facility: \$5.2 million

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