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### **President Remengesau Approves Grant Proposal to Upgrade Ministry of Justice's Data Management System**

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. approved a grant proposal valued at \$364,174 to the U.S. Department of Interior's Fiscal Year 2019 Technical Assistance Program for Phase III of the project entitled "To Upgrade Data System for Improved Network Integration within the Ministry of Justice" with the objective of upgrading the Ministry's data system for improved network integration within all of its departments.

Through the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), the Ministry of Justice in the Phase II stage of the Data Management System Project made significant internal improvements to their computing and data system. The installation of a new advanced software system greatly enhanced service delivery and operation in all departments, including the Bureau of Public Safety, the Attorney General's Office and the Bureau of Immigration and Labor.

Phase II also enabled the procurement of much needed computers, printers and other electronic devices improving data collection and information processing.

In Phase III, the Ministry of Justice is seeking to develop and install software that would make information sharing between all agencies and departments possible, install firewall devices for application delivery controllers and added security levels, and to install a separate server as a back-up for the new software to protect information and data generated. With Phase III of the project, the Bureau of Immigration and Labor, Bureau of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office will be able to share and access information including facial and fingerprint images, visa information, work permits, citations, driver's license information, incident reports and other critical information for the protection and security of the Republic.

The project is estimated to complete within two years following approval from DOI.