



# CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY, GUAM

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## **Customs Acting Director Hopes to Host Senator Nelson for Agency Visit**

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency's (CQA) Acting Director, Eric M. Palacios, has extended an invitation to Senator Telena Nelson to meet the women and men of the Agency and discuss its plans moving forward.

Senator Nelson would benefit by accepting Mr. Palacios' invite to meet the women and men of the agency and management to discuss funding for its ongoing projects which include:

- The introduction of Senator Nelson's bill 307-34 which seeks to conduct an annual customs training cycle in fiscal years 2019 – 2022;
- The agency moving forward to construct the Maritime Interdiction Task Force's (MITF) float dock at the commercial port's sea plane ramp;
- Recently receiving four acres of land adjacent to the commercial port with PL 34-112 and working to identify funding to construct Guam's Customs Inspection, Holding, and Secured Sterile Facility at its only commercial port; and
- Seeking a supplemental budget and working with Chair of the Committee on Public Safety to ensure all these projects are properly funded.

Acting Director Eric M. Palacios states, "I welcome Senator Nelson's visit and would be glad to take her to any and all of our ports of entry to meet our officers and gain a better understanding of the work we do for the island. I would be glad to accommodate her visit whenever the good Senator's schedule permits." He adds, "I would also welcome her taking the opportunity to determine first hand whether the workforce supports or opposes my appointment and leadership."

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