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TO: FSM National Focal Points
RMI National Focal Points
Palau National Focal Points

SUBJECT: Support for Trainee to Attend the Guam Sustainable Materials Management Workshop and Conference, 4th-9th May 2014

As you may be aware, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to host a Sustainable Materials Management Workshop and Conference from 4th-9th May 2014. The workshop component of this event is envisioned to provide attendees with training and certification in one of three courses (Integrated Solid Waste Management, Composting, or Recycling). The conference component will showcase subject matter experts and their work in practical topics specific to island environments.

The Secretariat has worked closely with the GUAM EPA to submit a funding proposal to the New Zealand Aid Programme to support participants to the Guam workshop. We are pleased to advise that funding has been granted to the Secretariat to support 1 trainee each from FSM, RMI and Palau. This support will cover return airfares to Guam, accommodation, daily allowances, and training fees.

Accordingly, you are hereby invited to nominate one (1) National trainee to participate in solid waste management training and certification to be provided by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) during the Guam Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Workshop and Conference from 4th-9th May 2014.

It is a requirement that funded participants be able to communicate well in English and be closely involved with some aspect of solid waste management. Furthermore, funded participants will be required to submit a report of the workshop and conference to the Secretariat within 1 week of the end of the Guam SMM, and to deliver a presentation on some aspect of the workshop and conference to an audience of their peers within 2 weeks of the completion of the Guam SMM. Fifty (50) percent of each participant's daily allowance will be withheld until the completion of these required activities.

With the above criteria in mind, kindly complete and submit the attached nomination form by 7th February 2014**. Please note that late nominations will be rejected.** Should you have any further questions, please contact our Solid Waste Management Adviser, Ms Esther Richards (estherr@sprep.org).

Yours truly,



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Att: Nomination Form