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Governor Lemanu leads the American Samoa Delegation to the 2022 SelectUSA Investment Summit



Left to Right: US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, Hon. Governor Lemanu Mauga, AS Commerce Director Petti Matila

Pago Pago, American Samoa, June 27, 2022 – US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo expressed in a roundtable meeting with Governor Lemanu Mauga earlier today that he is the first Governor of American Samoa to attend a SelectUSA Investment Summit since its inception.

The US Department of Commerce event is held every year, but it has been three years since they have hosted an in-person convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although American Samoa initially participated in the SelectUSA virtual summit last year, this is the first time an American Samoa delegation has attended the annual convention.

More than 1,500 foreign companies, investors, state and territorial economic development organizations are attending this year. The summit is organized by the US Department of Commerce – International Trade Administration’s SelectUSA program.

Governor Lemanu will speak at the Governor’s Panel about infrastructure investments in rural and urban communities. He will be joined by Governor Eric Holcomb of Indiana, Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey, and Governor Pedro Pierluisi of Puerto Rico to discuss steps they are taking to develop infrastructure in their states or territories including electric vehicle adoption, and improvements of our nation’s ports (air and sea), bridges, roads, etc.,

American Samoa Director of Commerce Petti Matila will also participate in a roundtable discussion with US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves, and Director of Investment Research Liz Schaefer about investing in underserved communities. The SelectUSA summit has proven to attract more businesses into the US market for job creation opportunities across the nation. More information about investing in American Samoa can be found on the American Samoa Department of Commerce website at www.doc.as.gov

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