

SECOND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT (SIAM-2)
PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

1. Name of Project: C5.01: Land Administration and Survey Services (LAS)

2. Executing Agency:

The World Bank (IDA) and the Ministry of Finance for the Government of Samoa.

3. Implementing Agency: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

4. Background: The Land Administration and Survey Services component focuses on improving the reliability and accuracy of location-referenced information, including the administration and registration of land titles.

Consultants engaged by the ministry for this component are Land Equity International Consultants Pty Ltd from Australia.

A Project Management Unit (PMU) was established to manage the project activities in close collaboration with a selected Project Steering Committee that is made up of representatives from the respective ministries involved in the second phase of the IAMP project

5. Funding Source:

World Bank (IDA) – responsible for 67% of payments

Government of Samoa (GoS) – responsible for 33% of payments

Payments for services are in United States Dollars.

<u>Original Contract</u>	USD\$1,269,987.00 (inclusive of VAGST and any other applicable-taxes)
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<u>Addendum</u>	USD\$14,493.00 (inclusive of VAGST and any other applicable-taxes)
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Revised Contract Ceiling Amount

USD\$1,284,480.00 (inclusive of VAGST and any other applicable-taxes)

All contract payments have been completed.

6. Project Duration: February 2005 – February 2006

7. Implementation Status:

At the completion of the Land Administration and Survey component, a total of 33 technical reports that includes regulations and legislations have been finalised by the consultants and the implementing agency.

Component	Sub-component	Output Reports
1. Survey and Geographic Information	1.1 Geodetic Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Technical Specifications for GPS & Ancillary Equipment ii) Geodetic Network Initial Review & Options for Upgrade iii) Geodetic Network Upgrade Action Plan iv) Draft Survey Act (final) v) Survey Regulations vi) GPS Guidelines and Receiver Operation Manual vii) GPS Adjustment Manual viii) Samoan Geodetic Network Information Brochure ix) Upgrade of the Samoan Geodetic Network x) Survey Guidelines Manual
	1.2 Land Information Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Interim Land Information Integration Strategy ii) Land Information Integration Procurement iii) Proposed Geospatial Metadata Standards Parts 1 & 2 iv) Land Information Integration Software Documentation
	1.3 National Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Spatial Information Agency Position Paper ii) Spatial Information Policy Paper iii) Spatial Information Act (draft) iv) Geographic Names Operational Guidelines
2. Land Administration Reforms	2.1 Land Registration Conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Land Registration System – Review, Analysis & Future Strategy ii) Land Registration User Manual iii) LRS Training Plan & Industry Awareness Program iv) LRS Records Conversion Project v) Installation of Land Administration Equipment
	2.2 Land Registration Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Land Registration System – Review, Analysis & Future Strategy

		ii) Land Registration Legislation (draft) iii) Review of Customary Land Tenure
	2.3 Land Valuation	i) Valuation System – Initial Review & Analysis ii) Valuation Standards & Code of Ethics iii) Valuation Legislation (Alternative Draft) iv) Valuation Adviser Exit Report & Formula Valuation System

8. Outstanding Activities:

Survey and Geographic Information:

1. The Vertical Control of the Geodetic Survey sub component was not included in the C5.01: Land Administration and Survey Services. It is hope that this work should be done at another time with funds available.
2. Second Order GPS survey of Apia City and surrounding environ is not completed. There is a need for this work to be completed.
3. Survey and Geographic Information under the sub-component of Land Information Integration. The Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB) has not been completed and there is an urgent need by the ministry to re-engage the consultants for their services to complete this work stream.

Land Administration Reforms:

1. The Land Registration Legislation has not been passed yet by Parliament, therefore the conversion of land titles registration to the new Torrens System of Title Registration has not started. However, some limited work in registering new deeds in a computerized database has been on going and is continuing.
2. There is a need to re-engage the consultants for this work stream for further staff training in the new Torrens System of title registration due to the long lapse in waiting for the legislation to be passed by Parliament.

Legislations & Regulations

Strong support for the passage of these new legislation to be passed by Parliament to enable the ministry to carry out its core functions in land administration on behalf of government.

- Land Title Registration Act
- Land Titles Registration Regulations
- Survey Act
- Survey Regulations
- Valuation Act
- Valuation Standards & Code of Ethics
- Spatial Information Agency Act

9. Project Implications for Samoa:

- New office equipment that includes desktop computers, printers, scanners, cameras and softwares related to land administration and survey services have been successfully procured to assist with the expected work from the project.
- New state of the art GPS survey equipment and associated survey softwares have been purchased for the survey services in upgrading the primary geodetic network and for future use by the ministry surveyors when the project winds up.
- Enhanced capacity building for ministry staff involved with regards to skills and technical knowledge.
- Upgraded and accurate horizontal geodetic network.
- Simplified land registration system with the conversion to the Torrens System of Land Titles Registration.
- New legislations will be passed to regulate and simplify dealings on matters relating to land issues.

11. Signature of Executing Agency



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12. Date: **04 May 2007**