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TO: MICHAEL KEYSER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AMERICAN SAMOA POWER AUTHORITY

FROM: Attorney General

DATE: July 11, 2009

RE: PACIFIC POWER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN AMERICAN SAMOA -
AUGUST 2009

This is in response to your request for information and assistance for the upcoming Pacific Power Association conference sponsored by ASPA in American Samoa next month, August 2009.

An individual entering American Samoa is required to have an official passport issued by his/her country of citizenship, valid for at least 6 months upon entry, and an onward or return-trip ticket. Additionally, for non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. nationals, an entry permit and a local sponsor is required.

Given that ASPA is sponsoring the conference, Immigration can accommodate the conference attendees. Instead of an entry permit, my office can issue a letter authorizing an individual or a group of attendees to enter American Samoa for the duration of the conference. We will need a copy of the photo page of the passport, which provides the traveler's information, and his/her travel itinerary. Scanned copies of the passport sent by email attachment usually provide a clearer image than facsimile copies.

As a further accommodation, Immigration permit entry fees are hereby waived for conference attendees.

It may be better for persons traveling to attend the conference to send their travel information to a point of contact at ASPA who will then co-ordinate with my staff, namely, Carmencita Pene, to accommodate the issuance of the letters authorizing enter. Otherwise, our email address is: legalaffairs@americansamoa.gov. Our office fax number is (684) 633-1838 and office telephone is (684) 633-4163.


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