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Tutor Perini-Nan JV Wins \$331M Job to Repair Guam Breakwater

The U.S. Navy selected a joint venture of Tutor Perini Corp. and Nan Inc. to repair a breakwater at Naval Base Guam damaged last year when Typhoon Mawar hit the U.S. territory, the contractors and Navy announced in October. The contract has a base price of \$330.6 million, but contract options could raise its value to about \$560 million if exercised.

The 3-mile-long Glass Breakwater bounds the northern side of Apra Harbor, which is used both by the military and the Port of Guam. It helps protect against tides, currents and storm surge. But it “suffered major damage” during the typhoon and is now classified as failed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Marianas. The breakwater is at risk of breach during another strong storm, Navy officials say.

“If that [breakwater] breaches, the inbound and outbound traffic going to Arpa Harbor will not be allowed to go in,” Vice Admiral Jeffrey Jablon said during a Senate subcommittee hearing in May.

The Category 4 typhoon struck Guam in May 2023 with sustained winds of 130-140 mph, 72 in. of rain and storm surge of up to 12-14 ft, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

At the Senate hearing in May, Jablon said the typhoon “did a lot of damage to our critical infrastructure.” At the time, he estimated the cost of the breakwater repairs at \$600 million, and repairs to a helicopter squadron hangar at \$580 million. U.S. Air Force officials also testified about facing high costs for repairs after the storm.

The five-year contract’s scope is focused on three of the most critically failed portions of the breakwater, according to NAVFAC Marianas, which awarded the contract Oct. 12. Given future funding for the other contract options, it could include repairing the structure’s full length.



VITAL STRUCTURE The three-mile-long breakwater protects a critical deep-water port for the U.S. military.

Design is underway now, with the aim of starting in-water work next August with completion by July 2029.

“This project will provide critical infrastructure improvements that will strengthen our resilience against natural disasters and support the livelihoods of our residents,” said Capt. Troy Brown, NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer, in a statement.

The Sylmar, Calif.-based joint venture of Tutor Perini and Nan, named TPC-NAN, is one of five Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program multiple award construction contract holders, according to NAVFAC Marianas. Tutor Perini said in a statement that its Guam-based subsidiary, Black Construction Corp., will manage work on the project. Black previously completed a smaller repair project on a portion of the Glass Breakwater in 2013.

The typhoon and subsequent repairs come amid a push to build up the U.S. military’s presence on Guam. On Oct. 30, Granite announced that NAVFAC had selected it for a \$42-million design-build contract for sitework and infrastructure for missile warning and defense systems at Naval base Guam. That work is scheduled for completion in August 2026. ■

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COMPANIES

Turner Realigns to Drive Growth

Contracting giant Turner Construction has announced a company restructuring that will see the firm focus its services into two main business lines that it says will expand its footprint in emerging biopharma, energy transition, data center and semiconductor markets.

The company said longtime executives Abrar Sheriff and Tom Reilly have been named presidents of its new construction and enterprise service lines, respectively. It said the latter is a bifurcation of Turner’s integrated solutions offerings, including its supply chain subsidiary unit, SourceBlue. Sheriff and Reilly had been in executive vice president roles.

“As our projects grow in size and complexity, we are constantly advancing our capabilities,” said Sheriff, who also is president and CEO of Turner International. Having two senior leaders driving the business lines forward will make the company more “nimble,” he added.

“It creates opportunity for leaders across our organization to help grow the next generation,” said Sheriff.

At the helm of the enterprise unit, Reilly said he will focus on growing the business in new markets. “We will expand SourceBlue, the Turner Engineering Group, our Self-Perform Operations and other innovative services,” he said. The firm’s purchase of Ireland-based advanced technology firm Dornan Engineering Group supports this growth, Reilly added. It is active across Europe.

In addition to Abrar and Reilly’s promotions, the company also added seven senior employees to its executive management group, with Aaron Wiebelhaus promoted to managing director and Lisa Ballantyne elevated to chief administrative officer.

Turner CEO Peter Davoren, who also serves as chairman of Flatiron-Dracados in North America, said the restructuring with Sheriff and Reilly’s leadership “enhances our capacity to deliver seamless, integrated solutions on our projects and to our clients.”

Turner Construction ranks No. 1 on ENR’s 2024 Top 400 Contractors list. It reports close to \$33 billion in project backlog. ■

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