

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.R. NO. 39-02
IN THE SENATE**

27 JANUARY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION—DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

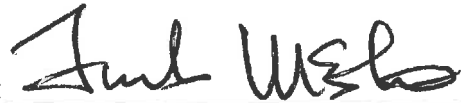
SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor's appointment of Mr. Taeaotui P. Tilei as Director of the Department of Public Works.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S
5 NOMINATION OF MR. TAEAOTUI P. TILEI AS DIRECTOR OF THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.”

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8 WHEREAS, by letter dated January 16, 2025, to the Honorable Tualo Manaia
9 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula
10 submitted the name of Mr. Taeaotui P. Tilei to the Legislature,
11 pursuant to A.S.C.A. 4.0112, for confirmation as Director of the
12 Department of Public Works; and

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14 WHEREAS, in his letter the Governor stated in part:

15 “...I hereby submit my appointment of Mr. Taeaotui P. Tilei as
16 Director of the Department of Public Works.

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18 I respectfully request that you and your colleagues review his
19 nomination and confirm him as Director of Department of Public
20 Works”

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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26 THAT, the nomination of Mr. Taeaotui P. Tilei as Director of the Department of
27 Public Works is hereby confirmed; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
30 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Governor of
31 American Samoa; and a copy to Mr. Taeaotui P. Tilei.

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NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE MUAMUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

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I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA

27 IANUARI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Tualo M. Fruean, Itumalo - 6

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA— FAATONU, MATAGALUEGA O GALUEGA LAUTELE

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le Kovana o le Susuga ia Taeaotui P. Tilei e avea ma Faatonu o le Matagaluega o Galuega Lautele.

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2 FAAULUFALEINA E: 

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4 “O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE
5 TOFIGA A LE KOVANA O LE SUSUGA IA TAEAOTUI P. TILEI, E AVEA MA
6 FAATONU O LE MATAGALUEGA O GALUEGA LAUTELE.”

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8 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Ianuari 16, 2025, i le afioga ia Tualo Manaia Fruean,
9 Peresetene o le Maota Mauualuga, na faaoo atu ai e le afioga i le Kovana,
10 Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, le suafa o le Susuga ia Taeaotui P. Tilei i le
11 Fonofaitulafono, e tusa ma le TTAS 4.0112, mo le faamaoniga e avea
12 ma Faatonu o le Matagaluega o Galuega Lautele; ma

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14 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na faapea mai ai le afioga i le Kovana:

15 “...ua ou faaoo atu lau tofiga le Susuga ia Taeaotui P. Tilei e avea ma
16 Faatonu mo le Matagaluega o Galuega Lautele.

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18 Ou te fautuaina ma le fa'aaloalo lau afioga ma le maota ina ia iloilo ma
19 faamaonia le tofiga o le Susuga ia Taeaotui P. Tilei e avea ma Faatonu o
20 Galuega Lautele.”

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22 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA
23 MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

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25 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o le Susuga ia Taeaotui P. Tilei e avea ma
26 Faatonu o le Matagaluega o Galuega Lautele; ma

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28 IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea e talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota
29 Mauualuga e faaoo atu lenei iugafono i le Afioga ia Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Kovana o
30 Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi i le Susuga ia Taeaotui P. Tilei.

31 ----- IUGA -----

"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those
who gain understanding" - Proverbs 3:13

Application

For the position of
Director of the
Department of Public
Works

Taeootui P. Tilei

Dear Honorable Governor Elect & Honorable Lt. Governor Elect,

I am writing to express my interest in the Director position at the Department of Public Works as advertised. With over 33 years of experience in public works management, a strong commitment to community service, and a proven track record of successful project implementation, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the infrastructure and sustainability initiatives of our community.

As the former Director of the Department of Public Works, I successfully managed a diverse range of public works projects, including the VA Monument and Building, the DHSS Facilities in Utulei and the many 2-story standardized school buildings to name a few. My leadership in this capacity resulted in improved efficiency, reduced costs, enhanced service delivery to the Government and the public. I am adept at navigating the complexities of public sector regulations and have consistently ensured that projects comply with federal and local standards.

My approach to public works management emphasizes collaboration and communication. I believe that engaging with community stakeholders is essential to understanding their needs and priorities. During my tenure as the Director, I initiated community engagement programs that increased transparency called "Fia Iloa" on KVZK-TV, a monthly program updating the community on Public Works projects, which fostered trust between the department and residents. These efforts led to a significant increase in public satisfaction and support for ongoing infrastructure projects.

Aside from my commitment to the community is my commitment to the Department of Public Works staff. I am grounded in my belief that their dedication and hard work are crucial to the added success of our community. I pledge to foster an environment where each staff member feels valued and respected, ensuring that their voices are heard and their contributions recognized. I will prioritize their professional development through training and resources that empower them to grow in their roles. By maintaining open lines of communication and encouraging collaboration, I aim to build a strong team dynamic where everyone feels supported. Ultimately, I am dedicated to creating a workplace culture that inspires excellence and reflects our shared mission to serve the community effectively. I am eager to bring a forward-thinking approach to the Department of Public Works, ensuring that our infrastructure not only meets current demands but is also resilient for future generations.

I am excited about the opportunity to lead the Department of Public Works and contribute to the development of high-quality infrastructure that enhances the quality of life for our residents. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my skills and experiences can assist in reaching your goals.

Warm regards,

Taeofoi P. Tilei



TAEAOTUI P. TILEI

Director of Public Works

PROFILE

Dedicated and results-driven Public Works professional with over 33 years of experience in managing infrastructure projects, optimizing departmental operations, and fostering community engagement. Proven expertise in overseeing the planning, design, and maintenance of essential public services, including transportation systems, public facilities and protective infrastructure. Strong leadership skills with a track record of guiding multidisciplinary teams to achieve project goals on time and within budget. Adept at developing strategic initiatives that promote sustainability and compliance with regulatory standards. Exceptional communicator with the ability to collaborate effectively with government agencies, stakeholders, and the public to enhance community quality of life.

CONTACT

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684-256-2311

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EDUCATION

Samoana High School
1962 - 1966

Los Angeles Trade Technical College
1975 - 1979

- AA Degree in Architectural Drafting 1979
- Two-year Certificate of Construction Drafting 1978
- Certificate of Welding 1976
- Building Code Inspector
- Structural Steel Design
- 3rd Place Model Home Design Competition

WORK EXPERIENCE

Kowalski & Barding Associates – Architectural, Planning & Interior
1978–1979

- Creating technical drawings and blueprints from preliminary sketches
- Ensuring that drawings meet required specifications
- Creating technical documents and reports
- Collaborating with architects, engineers, and construction managers to ensure accuracy and feasibility
- Developing floor plans, elevation drawings, and cross-sections
- Calculating dimensions and material requirements

ASCC – Part-time Instructor for Blueprint Reading
1979–1981

- Create and design course materials and lesson plans that cover the fundamentals of blueprint reading, including symbols, dimensions, scales, and various types of drawings.
- Deliver engaging and informative lectures or hands-on training sessions to help students grasp blueprint reading concepts.
- Stay updated on current industry standards, practices, and technologies related to blueprint reading and incorporate this information into teaching materials.
- Educate students on safety practices that are pertinent to the interpretation and application of blueprints in real-world scenarios.

**ASG Department of Public Works – Assistant General Manager
1979–1989**

- Make detailed plans for the development designs
- Assist in staff, training, and equipment needs
- Assist manager to hire and supervise staff
- Check the technical accuracy of staff 's work
- Coordinate work with other staff and managers

**ASG Department of Public Works – General Manager
1989–2001**

- Reviewing all final A&E detailed plans for ASG construction projects.
- Propose budgets for projects and ASGDPW programs.
- Lead research and development projects to produce new designs.
- Coordinate work with other managers and departments.
- Manage all ongoing construction projects.
- Administrator for License Contractor Board

**ASG Department of Public Works – Director
2001–2012**

- Oversaw the planning, development, and maintenance of public infrastructure, including roads, bridges, sea walls and other revetment projects.
- Lead a team of engineers, project managers, and administrative staff to ensure efficient operation and delivery of public works services.
- Lead all Building Maintenance Division construction projects to ensure timely and fiscally responsible completion of projects.
- Developed and implement policies, procedures, and strategic plans to improve service delivery and enhance services to the community.
- Manage departmental budget, ensuring effective allocation of resources and adherence to financial regulations.
- Collaborate with other government departments, community stakeholders, and contractors to coordinate public works projects and initiatives.
- Ensure compliance with federal and local regulations regarding environmental standards and construction practices.
- Speak with federal counterparts on further assistance to projects or technical assistance for improved capacity of the department.
- Monitor project progress and performance metrics, addressing any issues that arise in a timely manner.
- Advise the Honorable Governor and Lt. Governor on all infrastructure projects.