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Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR) Expands Presence with New Regional Office in American Samoa

January 22, 2025 — The Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR) is pleased to announce the establishment of a new regional subsidiary in American Samoa. This strategic expansion underscores PICHTR's commitment to fostering innovation and advancing sustainable development across the Oceania region through its PICHTR Oceania programs. Mr. Paul Young will serve as the Executive Director for PICHTR Oceania and responsible for in-country and in-region operations.

The new office will serve as a regional hub, enabling PICHTR to deepen its engagement with local communities, governments, and stakeholders throughout the Pacific. The office will focus on initiatives that align with PICHTR's mission to promote technological innovation, environmental sustainability, and economic growth in Pacific Island nations.

"The establishment of a regional office in American Samoa marks an exciting milestone for PICHTR," said Ian Kitajima, President. "This new presence allows us to better support the unique needs and opportunities within the Oceania region, strengthen partnerships, and deliver impactful programs tailored to the challenges and aspirations of Pacific communities."

PICHTR Oceania programs emphasize a range of critical areas, including renewable energy, climate resilience, sustainable fisheries, and technology-driven economic development. The American Samoa office will enable enhanced collaboration with local leaders and organizations to implement projects that address pressing regional challenges and foster long-term sustainability.

The office is expected to open early-2025 after the receipt of government approvals, with a dedicated team of experts and staff working closely with partners to deliver meaningful outcomes. PICHTR looks forward to building on its legacy of innovation and collaboration as it expands its reach to support the Pacific Islands.

For more information about PICHTR and its initiatives, please visit: www.pichtr.org

About PICHTR

The Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing technological innovation, sustainability, and economic development in the Pacific region. Since its inception in 1983, PICHTR has been a leader in fostering solutions that address the unique challenges of Pacific Island communities while promoting collaboration and knowledge-sharing across sectors. PICHTR established what is now Elemental Excelsior, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, and one of the earliest U.S. Defense Technology Accelerator in 2004.

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