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“DOC Receives DOI Funding to Provide IT Training and Support.”

Coursera launches first ever ASG CARES Act Workforce Development Program.

Under the leadership of Director Petti Matila, the Department of Commerce has partnered with Coursera in launching its first-ever ASG CARES Act Workforce Development IT Program to aid and support professional development in American Samoa.

“Coursera is a world-class online learning platform that provides a transformative learning experience that will empower learners to drive positive change in their respective professional development,” explained Director Petti. Coursera offers more than 4,500 advanced courses and over 1,300 Guided Projects led by a team of elite educators from prestigious institutions and companies such as Yale University and Google.

The Google IT Support Professional Certificate Course offered through Coursera will guarantee university-accredited and professional certifications. These courses will allow the public to excel in various IT areas to provide the proper skills, resources, and experiences for American Samoa to navigate an era of evolving technology.

The Acting Governor Talauega Ale commends Director Petti Matila for her leadership and for providing this service. “The future of the American Samoa Government workforce will depend on how well our employees will be able to adapt

to new technologies. The services provided by Director Petti and the Department of Commerce is a step forward for preparing the ASG workforce for this transition,” stated Lt. Governor Talauega. He continued, “Allowing our people to participate in these opportunities will help improve the quality of IT professionals, which in turn will improve the quality of service. The COVID-19 pandemic has proven that a strong IT backbone is needed government-wide. We need more professionals in this field.”

Director Petti hosted a Live Webinar with the Coursera team on Wednesday, August 4th, at 10:00 am that discussed the program and the process of enrolling.

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