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The American Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) Board of Directors has selected Mr. Chuck Leota as the new acting CEO, beginning March 24, 2021.

Mr. Leota is a well-known and seasoned Telecom Executive with experience in network development, capacity building, Administration, and business development.

“Mr. Leota is recognized for his outstanding performance record and strong reputation within the South Pacific islands as a cross-functional team leader with a reputation for cultivating and stewarding relationships in technology, community, and government. He brings with him the proven ability to design and implement successful solutions across sales, operations, technology, and customer service that will bring ASTCA forward in serving the telecom requirements for the people and Territory of American Samoa.”

Governor Lemanu states, “ASTCA is helping to usher American Samoa into a new digital era, and they will serve as a major contributor in standing up the digital e-commerce industry. And it will not be easy. I am confident that the ASTCA Board members have exercised their due diligence in selecting a candidate for CEO that will be able to keep up with the new challenges. I also challenge Mr. Leota to keep investing in the upskilling and developing of a workforce that will continue to give our people the necessary technical knowledge to maintain our robust systems.”

Improvements in information technology and telecommunications remain a priority of the Administration, and these initiatives leaders will promote innovation while investing in viable emerging technologies and markets. “I do not doubt that Mr. Leota is a great fit for the interim position. His institutional knowledge and background make him a sound candidate for the job, and I commend the great work that has brought him to this point of his career.”

“ASTCA also wishes to acknowledge and thank Ms. Fala Sualevai for her years of service and her contributions as CFO, COO, and CEO. Many important achievements occurred during this period, and we are grateful for her service.”