DESCRIPTION: A problem for the health organizations in the Pacific Islands region is access to information and the ability to transfer electronic mail and files. The purpose of this project is to lessen the problems created by the lack of access to information and ability to communicate electronically by designing a cost-effective means for electronic communications. This project lessens the barriers of lack of information access, electronic mail, and transferring of data files through the planning, design, and implementation of an "Electronic Post Office" for health and other government and educational institutions and providing links to the Internet and other data services through PEACESAT.

The concept of an "Electronic Post Office" is articulated in a paper entitled "Internet Services via PEACESAT." (See Library, Papers & Documents under Resources).

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