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## US PACIFIC POLICY FORGES AHEAD WITH SUCCESSFUL 2ND SUMMIT

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*Despite domestic political headwinds, Bidens engagement at the second U.S.-Pacific Islands summit was welcomed, as were newly announced funds, initiatives and an expanding diplomatic footprint.*

As with the inaugural summit last year, the second U.S.-Pacific Islands summit in Washington, D.C., featured a raft of initiatives with attached dollar signs and U.S. government involvement from President Joe Biden down. The message of this summit, in line with Secretary of State Antony Blinkens message to the Pacific Islands Forum leaders in May, is that the U.S. is delivering □ and fast. There was a stronger showing of Pacific leadership than in 2022, a sign of how receptive the region is to what the U.S. is offering.

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