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Understanding Economic Structure & Performance in the Territories

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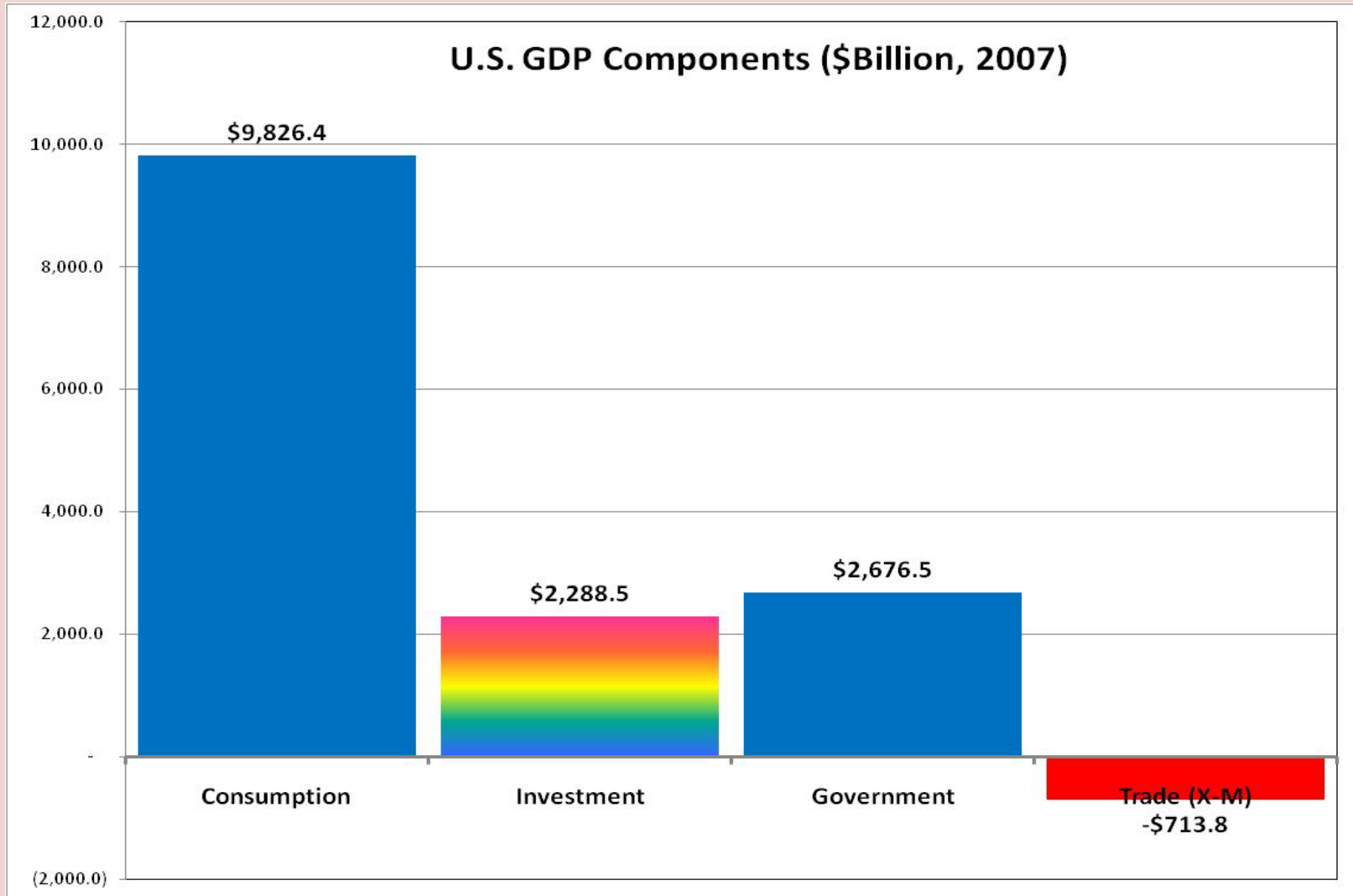
The Need to Know



- Some territories have been affiliated with the United States for over a century;
- They got first GDP estimates in 2010;
- We're late by a century in understanding territorial economies, but there is hope;
- **The Main Point: For econ/demo policy purposes, the territories need to be treated as if they were states.**

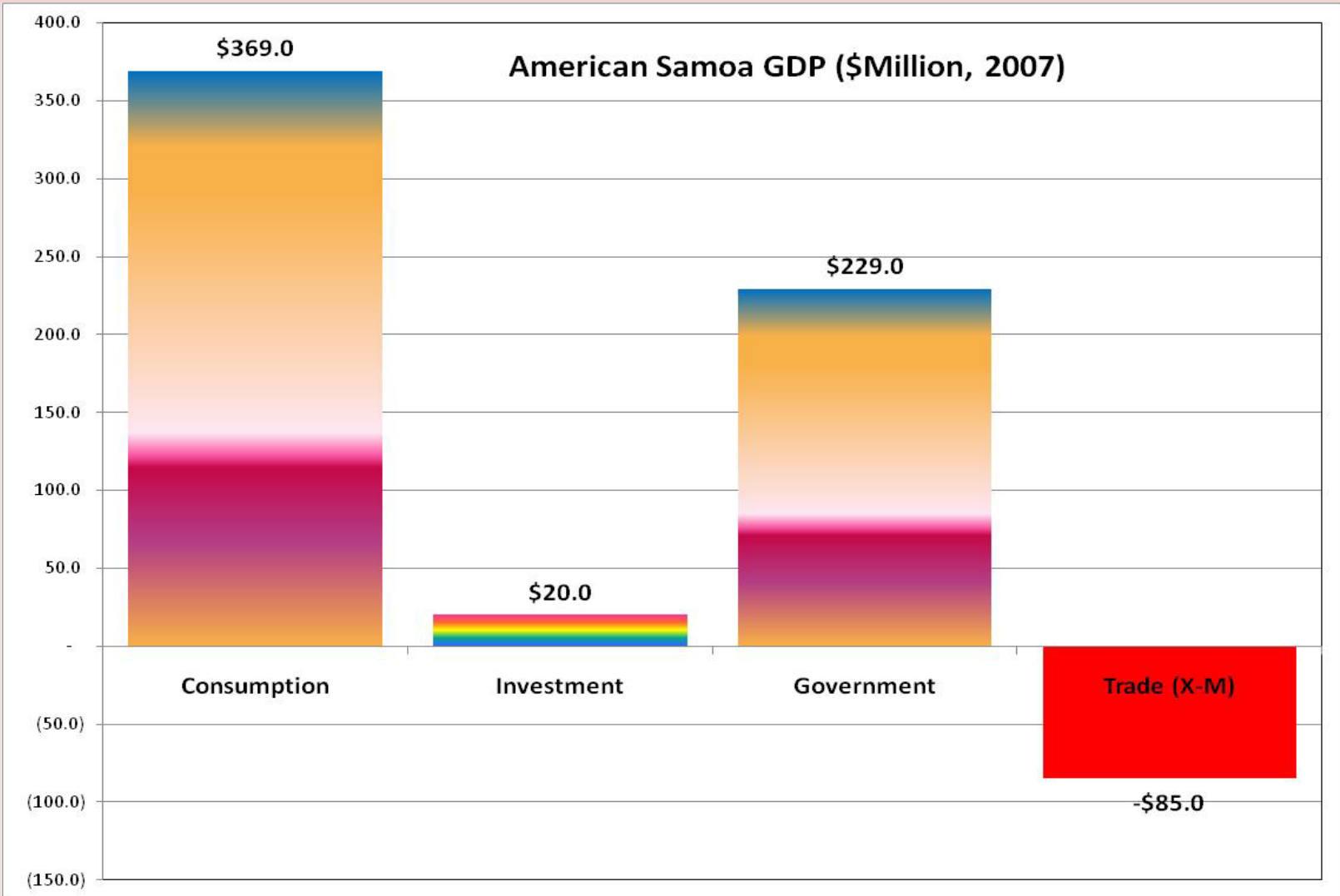


U.S. GDP (2007)





Am. Samoa GDP ('07)



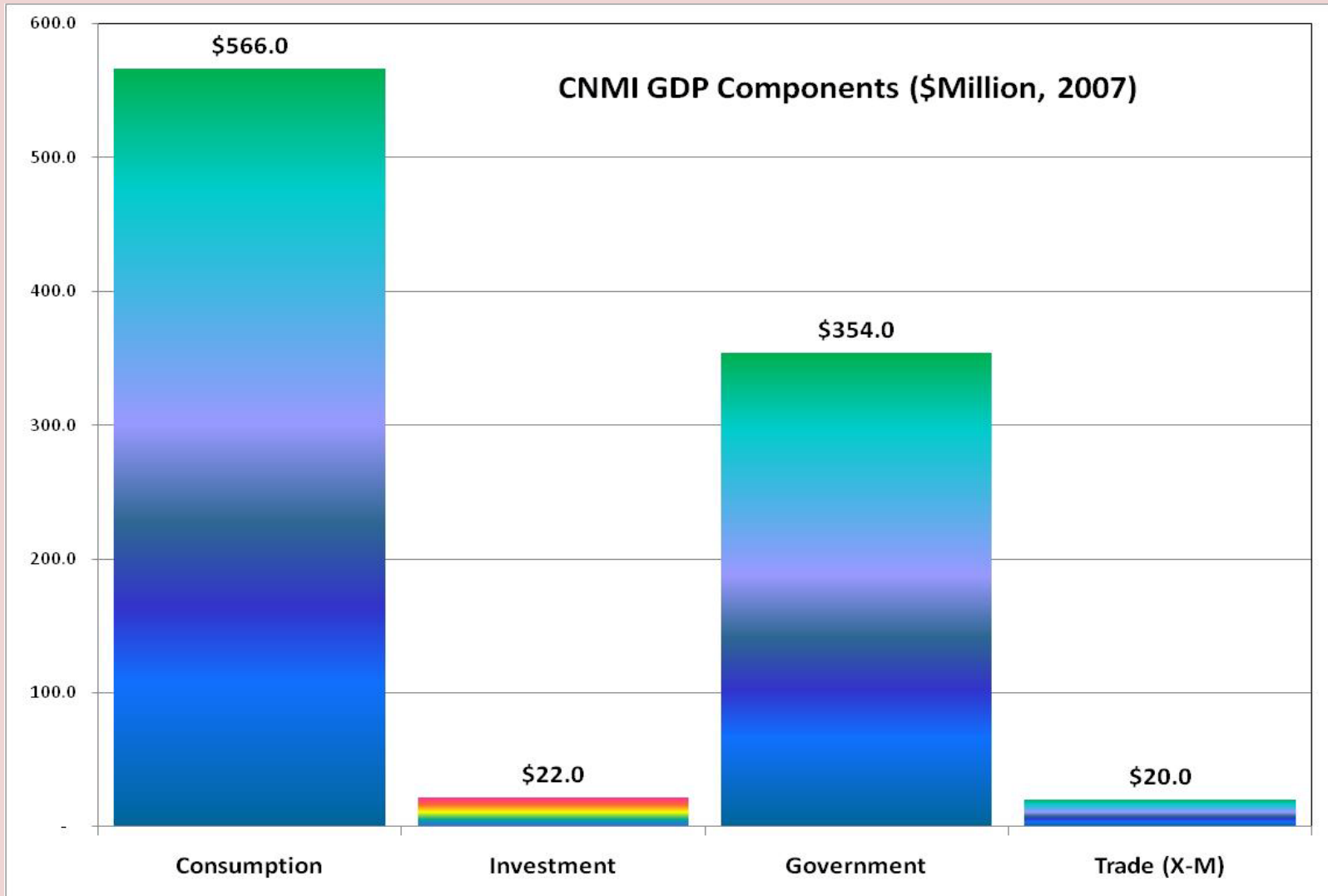


A. Sam.'s Awesome!





CNMI GDP (2007)



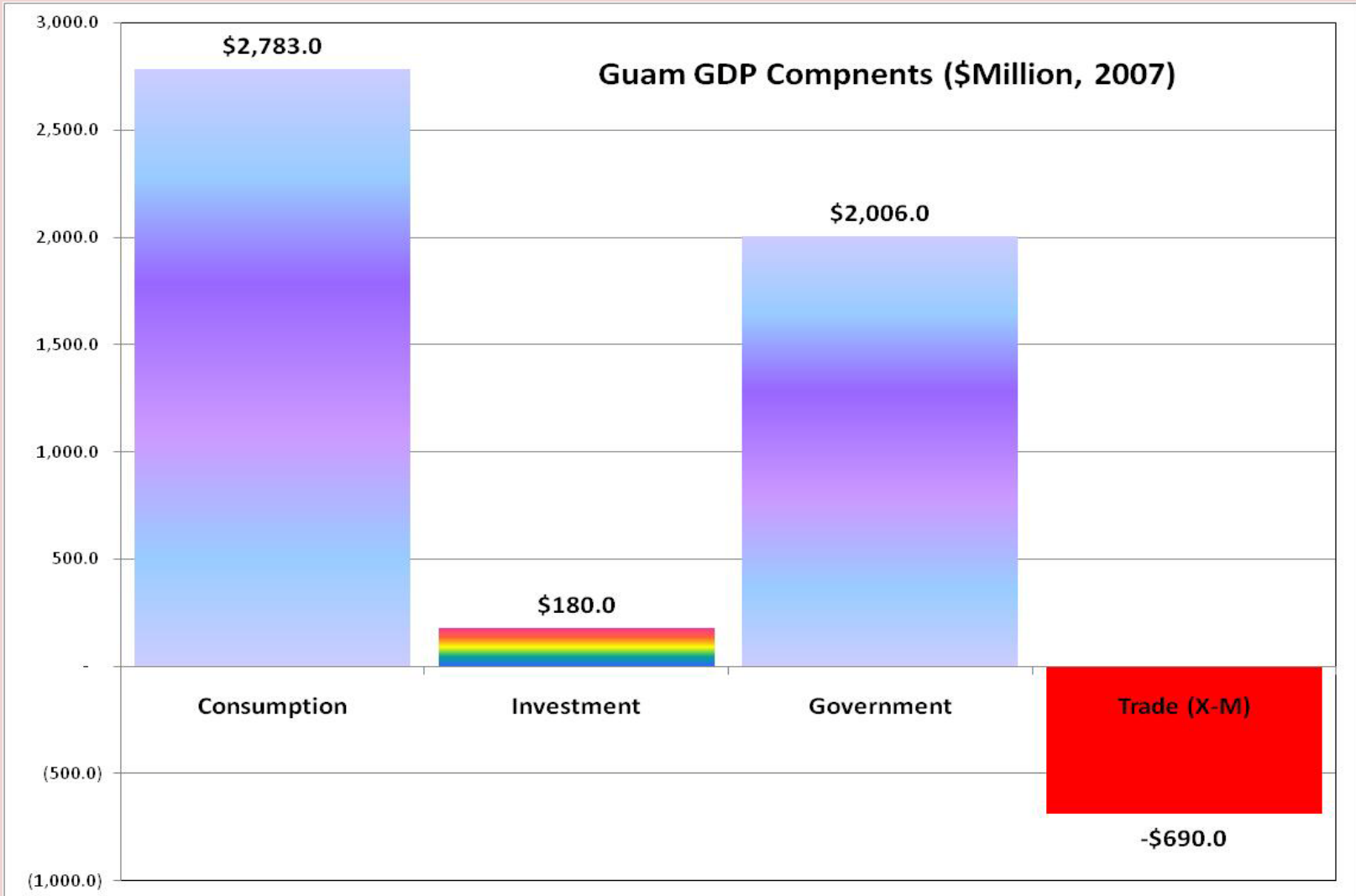


CNMI is Scenic!





Guam GDP (2007)



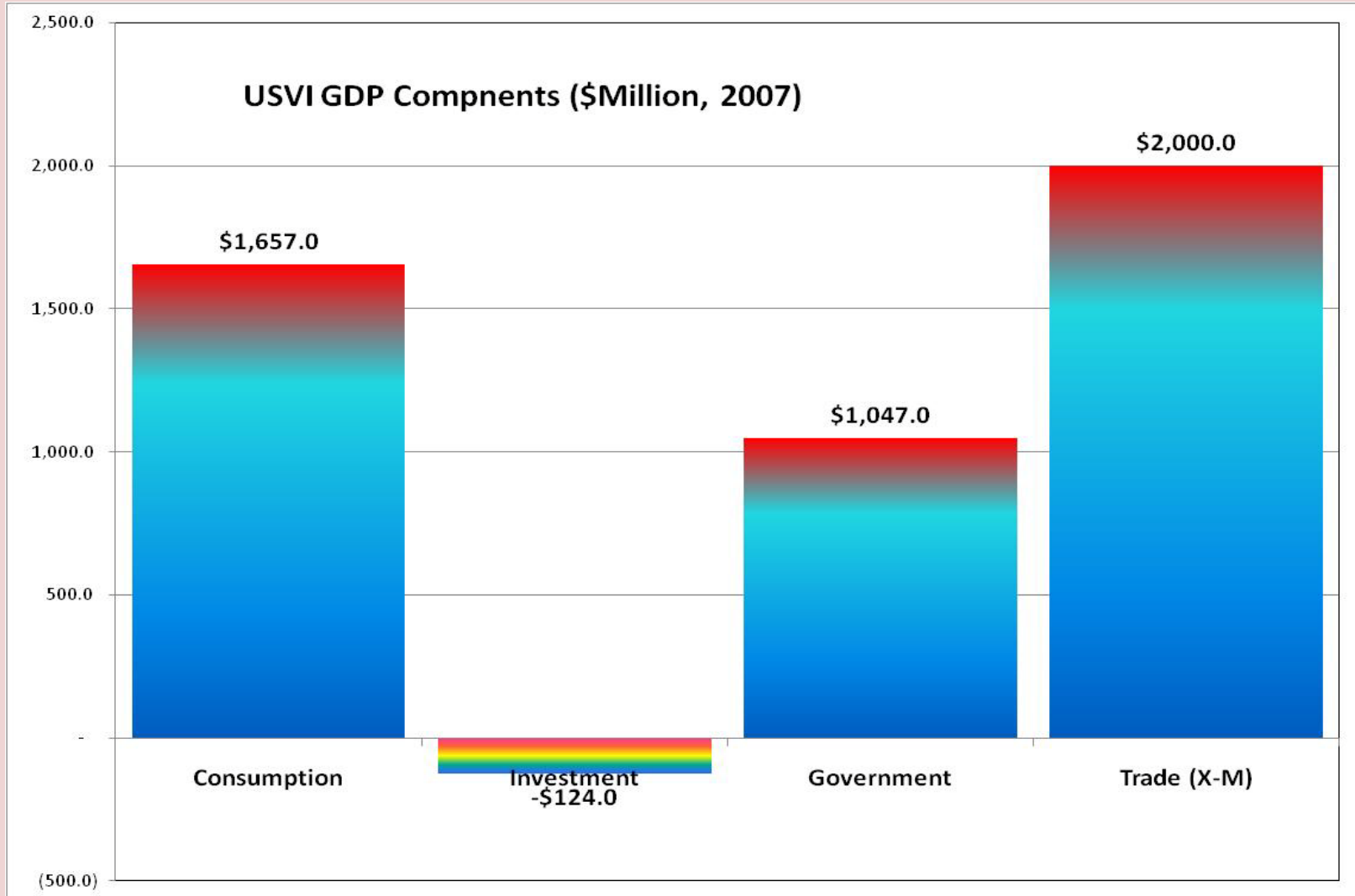


Guam is Gorgeous!





U.S. VI GDP (2007)





VI's Vibrant (Vocal)!





The Best Part



- Thank you and have a terrific day, IGIA!