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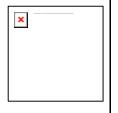
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Our audit objective was to determine if GSA complied with Guam procurement laws and regulations for the acquisition of expert consultant services for the GBHWC-Criminal Justice Program. Our period covered is from June 2020 to June 2021. Appendix 1 and 2 details our audit objective, scope, methodology, and prior audit coverage.

Background

In June 2020, the Governor of Guam (Governor) signed E.O. No. 2020-21 for mental health, alcohol, and drug abuse rehabilitation program for inmates and detainees housed at the Department of Corrections (DOC). The Governor assigned GBHWC and DOC to work together to create this program known as GBHWC Annex (hereinafter referred to as the "GBHWC-Criminal Justice Program").

Accordingly, GBHWC will be guided by applicable Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) standards for criminal justice programs and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care Standards for Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities.

GBHWC provides mental health and substance abuse treatment to adults & children and develops privately funded community-based programs. GBHWC's role as a single state entity is to provide mental health services to the population of Guam either as a direct provider of services or contract services out and have a regulatory role.

To establish the GBHWC-Criminal Justice Program, GBHWC needed an expert consultant in developing mental health services within the correctional system. GBHWC sought the assistance of GSA by submitting requisitions to procure the consultant services first through sole-source procurement and then through the small purchase procurement methods. GSA is the central procuring arm of the Government of Guam (GovGuam) departments and agencies for supplies and services.

Guam Procurement Law and Regulation

The fundamental objective of government procurement is to provide departments and agencies with the goods and services they need to carry out their duties to the public efficiently and effectively. Procurement laws enshrined in the Guam Code Annotated (GCA) Title 5, Chapter 5, fulfill this in ways that:

- provide for increased public confidence in the procedures followed in public procurement;
- fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system;
- foster effective broad-based competition within the free enterprise system; and
- safeguards the maintenance of a procurement system of quality and integrity.

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on its own behalf for the services of accountants, physicians, lawyers, dentists, and other
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§3114. Competitive Selection Procedures for Services Specified in §2112

• Competitive selection procedures shall be used for all procurement of the services identified in §2112 in excess of \$5K.

See Appendix 3 for details of the sections related 2 GAR Division 4.

¹ 5 GCA §5213 shows the small purchase procurement amount is \$25,000 for supplies and services. It was increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000 by Public Law 34-35.

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- 2. experience with criminal justice program; and
- 3. provided consultation services in other jurisdictions/states to develop behavioral health services within a correctional setting.

For the RFQ#21000785

On March 2, 2021, GSA issued the RFQ to five vendors. Only three out of the five responded, two of which responded with "no quote". Vendor A, who GBHWC was initially requesting sole source procurement for, was still the only one to provide a positive quote. Up until this point, GSA had documentation to indicate they attempted to get more quotes, but still, only Vendor A could provide one.

A bid abstract and draft purchase order (P.O.) for Vendor A to provide the services was prepared to be awarded on March 15, 2021. However, it was rejected by the CPO with the instruction to specifically get a quote from Vendor B, who was never part of the initial five vendors GSA solicited quotes from.

On March 18, 2021, GSA solicited a quote from Vendor B and received a quote the same day indicating that Vendor B can provide the service at \$350. On March 23, 2021, Vendor B was then awarded the purchase order for services because they provided a lower quote than Vendor A, which was signed by the CPO on March 29, 2021. The timing and inclusion of Vendor B appear to show preferential treatment given to them to be a part of the procurement, with the award ultimately also being given to Vendor B.

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GBHWC Did Not Find Vendor B Met the Requirements and Consultant Service Was Never Utilized

On March 30, 2021, GBHWC emailed GSA saying the award to Vendor B was in error because Vendor B did not meet two of the three requirements, but did not specify which requirements.

On April 6, 2021, Vendor B emailed a memo to GSA confirming that they have met the three requirements and provided business and medical licenses, a license to practice psychology on Guam, and a Curriculum Vitae.

On April 7, 2021, GSA sent Vendor B's additional documentation to GBHWC to address their concerns regarding Vendor B not meeting the three requirements. GBHWC reviewed the additional documents and determined Vendor B only met two of the three, but still did not explain which of the two.

Also on April 7, 2021, GSA Buyer I emailed the CPO saying that GBHWC still wants to reject the P.O. for Vendor B and instead do sole source or ask for three additional qualified vendors through an RFQ. There was no additional correspondence in the procurement record beyond this date and Vendor B was never utilized by GBHWC to provide the service.

On April 16, 2021, the P.O. for Vendor B was canceled with the indication to combine two similar projects and do an IFB procurement method.

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For the RFQ#21001031

On March 2, 2021, GSA issued the RFQ to four vendors, however, on March 4, 2021, a revision was made to the RFQ relative to the quantity and unit of measure and a new RFQ was issued on March 19, 2021, to five vendors. Two new vendors who weren't included in the initial RFQ were added. Vendor A was also the only one to provide a positive quote.

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No further action was indicated in the Procurement Record. See Appendix 3 for the complete Timeline of Events.

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Management Response and OPA Reply

In February 2022, we provided a draft report to the management and staff of the GSA and GBHWC and held two separate audit exit conferences with them for their official response.

GSA generally agreed with the finding related to sole source procurement but disagreed with the finding that there was preferential treatment given to Vendor B. GSA stated that Vendor B has always been on the list of potential vendors to solicit quotes from and that it was GBHWC who attempted to place stringent specifications to eliminate competition. However, there was nothing in the procurement record to support these statements, and therefore the finding related to preferential treatment remains.

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GBHWC generally agreed with the findings and recommendations and has noted they have already begun the process of issuing an RFP for the professional consulting services. GBHWC was reminded that it should ensure its staff is knowledgeable in Guam Procurement by taking the mandated procurement training and certification to properly execute this and future procurements.

See Appendix 6 and 7 for the management's response.

The legislation creating the Office of Public Accountability requires agencies to prepare a corrective action plan to implement audit recommendations, to document the progress of implementing the recommendations, and to endeavor to complete implementation of the recommendations no later than the beginning of the next fiscal year. As such, we will be contacting GBHWC to provide target dates for the implementation of our recommendation.

We appreciate the cooperation given to us by the management and staff of GBHWC and GSA.

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Appendix 1:

Objective, Scope & Methodology

Our objective was to determine if the General Services Agency complied with Guam procurement laws and regulations for the acquisition of expert consultant services for the GBHWC-Criminal Justice Program.

Our scope procurement of expert consultant services in accordance with E.O. No. 2020-21. The period covered is from June 1, 2020 to June 1, 2021.

Audit Methodology:

To answer our objective, we interviewed GBHWC and GSA staff and management privy to the procurement of the expert consultant services and reviewed procurement records and Guam rules and regulations in relation to this.

We conducted this audit in accordance with the standards for performance audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan our audit objectives and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our objectives.

Appendix 2:

Prior Audit Coverage

OPA Report No. 17-05, General Services Agency Procurement Practices (Issued November 2017)

This audit found the following:

- Procurement Planning
 - o GSA's efforts to consolidated similar purchases were not effective.
- Procurement of Goods and Services
 - o In the test of 40 purchase orders, the audit found that:
 - Competitive sealed bids -- no exceptions found on GSA's procurement practices for the 11 purchase orders related to nine competitive sealed bid tested.
 - All methods other than competitive sealed bids -- GSA did not verify the validity of vendors' business licenses for all 29 purchase orders tested.
 - Small purchases -- procurement of office furniture was rushed and awarded based on telephonic quotes instead of written quotes.
 - Sole source -- no solicitation made for a vendor named on a federally funded project.
 - Emergency -- inconsistent application of emergency procurement regulations for telecommunication services and elderly meals.
- GSA does not have updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

Relevant sections:

§2112. Authority to Contract for Certain Services and Approval of Contracts (Guam Procurement Act §5121 of Title 5).

- (a) General Authority. For the purpose of procuring the services of accountants, physicians, lawyers, dentists and other professionals, any governmental body of this territory may act as a purchasing agency and contract on its own behalf for such services, subject to the provisions of the Guam Procurement Act, and these Regulations, but this subsection shall not authorize the procuring of such services where any given governmental body is otherwise prohibited from procuring such services.
- (c) Approval of Contracts Generally. The Chief Procurement Officer, or his designee, or a procurement officer of an agency authorized to procure the services or supplies in question, as established in these Regulations, shall execute all contracts for the Government of Guam. The Chief Procurement Officer may approve standard form contracts or purchase orders and once such approval of the standard form is given, contracts or purchase orders made on such form may be executed without the further approval of the Chief Procurement Officer unless he has reserved such power of approval pursuant to the applicable Section of these Regulations.

§3111. Small Purchases.

(a) **Application.** In accordance with 5 GCA §5213 (Small Purchases) of the Guam Procurement Act, this Section is established for procurement of less than \$15,000 for supplies or services and less than \$50,000 for construction.

(b) Authority to Make Small Purchases.

- (1) **Amount.** The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of a Purchasing Agency may use this Section if the procurement is to be less than \$15,000 for supplies or services and less than \$50,000 for construction. If these methods are not used, the other methods of source selection provided in 5 GCA \$5210 (Methods of Source Selection) of the Guam Procurement Act and these Regulations shall apply.
- (2) **Delegation.** Delegation of authority to make small purchases is provided for under §2105 (Delegation of Procurement Authority) of these Regulations.
- (4) Available From One Business Only. If the supply, service, or construction item is available from only one business, the sole source procurement method set forth in §3112 (Sole Source Procurement) of these regulations shall be used even if the procurement is a small purchase as specified in Subsection 3111(b) of this Section.

- (5) **Division of Requirements.** Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided to avoid using the other source selection methods set forth in 5 GCA §5210 (Methods of Source Selection) of the Guam Procurement Act and these Regulations.
- (c) Competition for Small Purchases of Supplies or Services between \$500 and \$15,000.
 - (1) **Procedure.** Insofar as it is practical for small purchases of supplies or services between \$500 and \$15,000, no less than three positive written quotations from businesses shall be solicited, recorded and placed in the procurement file. Awards shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
 - (2) **Records.** The names of the business and authorized personnel submitting quotations to include the date and amount of each quotations shall be recorded and maintained as a public record.
- (f) Small Purchases of Services Specified in §2112 (Authority to Contract and Certain Services and Approval of contracts) and §5108 (Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services) of these Regulations.
 - (1) Conditions for Use. If it is expected that the services of accountants, physicians, lawyers, dentists, architects, engineers, or land surveyors can be procured for less than \$15,000 and more than \$500, the methods specified in this Section may be used in lieu of the procedures specified in §3114 (Competitive Selection Procedures for Services Specified in §2112) and §5108 (Architect-Engineer and Land Surveying Services of these Regulations).
 - (2) Examination for Qualifications and Negotiations. Before contacting any person to perform the required services, the Procurement Officer shall examine any current statements of qualifications on file with the territory. Based on this examination, the Procurement Officer shall contact the most qualified firm and attempt to negotiate a contract for the required services at a fair and reasonable price. If no current statements of qualifications are on file or the statements on file are inadequate to determine the most qualified firm, technical proposals or statements of qualifications shall be solicited. A minimum of three firms shall be considered unless there are only one or two qualified firms; in the latter case, the Procurement Officer shall make a written determination justifying the consideration of only one or two firms. A price or fee shall not be solicited until the most qualified firm is chosen and only the most qualified firm will be requested to submit a price. If after negotiations, a fair and reasonable price cannot be agreed to, negotiations will be terminated with such firm and negotiations begun with the next most qualified firm. The process shall continue until a contract can be negotiated at a fair and reasonable price to the territory.

- **§3112. Sole Source Procurement.** A contract may be awarded for a supply, service, or construction item without competition when the provisions of this Section are met, provided that the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a Purchasing Agency, or their designee above the level of Procurement Officer determines in writing that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or construction item.
- (a) **Application.** The provisions of this Section apply to all sole source procurement unless emergency conditions exist as defined in §3113 (Emergency Procurement) of these Regulations.
- **(b)** Conditions for use of Sole source Procurement. Sole source procurement is not permissible unless a requirement is available from only a single supplier. A requirement for a particular proprietary item does not justify a sole source procurement if there is more than one potential bidder or offeror for that item. The following are examples of circumstances which could necessitate sole source procurement:
 - (1) where the compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts is the paramount consideration;
 - (2) where a sole supplier's item is needed for trial use or testing;
 - (3) where a sole supplier's item is to be procured for resale;
 - (4) where public utility services are to be procure;
 - (5) where supplies are offered through bankruptcy or receivership sales, or other disposition at lower than prevailing market prices.

The determination as to whether a procurement shall be made as a sole source shall be made by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a Purchasing Agency, or designee of such officer. Such determination and the basis therefor shall be in writing. Such officer may specify the application of such determination and the duration of its effectiveness. In cases of reasonable doubt, competition should be solicited. Any request by a using agency that a procurement be restricted to one potential contractor shall be accompanied by an explanation as to why no other will be suitable or acceptable to meet the need.

- **(c) Negotiation in Sole Source Procurement.** The procurement officer shall conduct negotiations, as appropriate, as to price, delivery, and terms.
- (d) Record of Sole Source Procurement. For the purpose of complying with 5 GCA §5248 (Record of Procurement Actions Taken Under 5 GCA §5214 (Sole Source Procurement) and 5 GCA §5215 (Emergency Procurement)) of the Guam Procurement Act, a record listing all contracts made under sole source procurement shall be maintained for a period of five years. The record shall contain:
 - (1) each contractor's name;
 - (2) the amount and type of each contract;
 - (3) a listing of the supplies, services, or construction procured under each contract; and

- (4) the identification number of each contract file. A copy of such record shall be submitted to the Legislature on an annual basis. The record shall be available for public inspection.
- §3114. Competitive Selection Procedures for Services Specified in §2112 (Authority to Contract for Certain Services and Approval of Contracts) of these Regulations.
- (a) **Application.** The provisions of this Section apply to every procurement of the services of accountants, physicians, lawyers, dentists, and other professionals as specified in §2112 (Authority to Contract for Certain Services and Approval of Contracts) of these Regulations.
- **(b) Conditions for use of Competitive Selection Procedures.** Except as authorized under 5 GCA §5214 (Sole Source Procurement) or 5 GCA §5215 (Emergency Procurement) of the Guam Procurement Act, competitive selection procedures shall be used for all procurement of the services listed in §3114(a) (Application) in excess of \$5,000. Any procurement of such services not in excess of this amount may be procured in accordance with Section 3111 (Small Purchases) of this Chapter.
- (c) Determination Required Prior to Use of Competitive Selection Procedures. For the purposes of procuring the services specified in §3114(a) (Application), any using agency of the territory may act as a Purchasing Agency except as otherwise provided by law. (The Purchasing Agency shall consult with the Chief Procurement Officer or a designee of such office when procuring such services). However, the Chief Procurement Officer may, in his or her discretion, procure services for a using agency when requested. In either case, the head of the using agency or a designee of such officer shall determine in writing, prior to announcing the need for any such services:
 - (1) that the services to be acquired are services specified in §3114(a);
 - (2) that a reasonable inquiry has been conducted, which shall include requesting the appropriate Personnel Services Department to report on the availability of such personnel, and the territory does not have the personnel nor resources to perform the services required under the proposed contract;
 - (3) the nature of the relationship to be established between the using agency and the contractor by the proposed contract; and
 - (4) that the using agency has developed, and fully intends to implement, a written plan for utilizing such services which will be included in the contractual statement of work.

Date	Event
June 17, 2020	Governor signs E.O. 2020-21, Relative to Addressing the Mental
	Health Drug, Alcohol, and Rehabilitation Needs of the Department of
	Corrections through the Establishment of the Guam Behavioral and
	Wellness Center Annex.
July 15, 2020	GBHWC inquired with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
	Administration (SAMHSA) representatives for recommended
	consultant and trainer. Vendor A was recommended.
August 12, 2020	GBHWC addressed a letter to CPO requesting to award purchase order
	to Vendor A via sole source procurement method for Requisition
	Q202310181 from August 15, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
August 15, 2020	GSA rejected P.O. P206A04833 related to GBHWC's request to award
	Vendor A. The rejection was based on insufficient justification to meet
	sole source procurement. GSA advised to issue RFQ to at least three
	vendors.
October 6, 2020	GBHWC addressed a letter to CPO requesting to award purchase order
	to Vendor A via sole source procurement method for Requisitions
	Q212310008 and Q212300021 from October 6, 2020 to December 31,
	2020.
October 15, 2020	GBHWC issued an RFQ to two vendors; both could not meet the RFQ
	specifications.
October 30, 2020	GSA rejected P.O. P216A00308 and P216A00307 related to
	GBHWC's request for sole source and advised to solicit three quotes.
February 24, 2021	GBHWC addressed a letter to Department of Administration Director
	requesting to award purchase order to Vendor A via sole source
	procurement method for Requisitions Q212310068 and Q212300106
	from March 1, 2021 to September 31, 2021.
March 2, 2021	GSA issued RFQs RFQ21000783 and RFQ21000785 relative to
	Requisitions Q212310068 and Q212300106, respectively, to Vendor A
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March 15, 2021	GSA rejected P.O. P216A02672 for Vendor A. CPO instructed to issue RFQ RFQ21000785 to Vendor B.
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March 18, 2021	Vendor B responded to RFQ21000785 with a price quote.
March 23, 2021	Vendor B provided a price quote for RFQ21001031. Two other
March 20, 2021	vendors responded with "No Quote." GSA awarded P.O. P216A02672 relative to Population 0212300106
March 29, 2021	GSA awarded P.O. P216A02672 relative to Requisition Q212300106 to Vendor B.
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Appendix 4: Timeline of Events, continued

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March 30, 2021	GBHWC claimed P.O. P216A02672 was awarded to Vendor B in
	error. Accordingly, Vendor B did not meet three qualifications of the
	RFQ.
April 6, 2021	GSA received Vendor B's qualification, business license, license to
	practice psychology on Guam, and medical license for Vendor B's co-
	doctor.
April 13, 2021	GSA returned Requisition Q212310068 due to artificial division.
April 16, 2021	GSA canceled P.O. P216A02672 in entirety.
May 10, 2021	GBHWC addressed a letter to CPO requesting to award purchase order
	to Vendor A via sole source procurement method for Requisition
	Q212310068. GBHWC noted in the letter that only Vendor A is the
	only source for the required services.
May 12, 2021	CPO instructed to issue RFQ RFQ21001031 to Vendor B.
	Vendor B responded with a price quote lower than Vendor A's.
May 13, 2021	GSA drafted P.O. P216A03598 for Vendor B, but rejected due to
	period and probable change to quantity.
March 4, 2021	Vendor A responded a price quote with the attached curriculum vitae.
	Other vendors responded with "No Quote."
	GSA issued RFQ RFQ21001031 with the revisions made to
	RFQ21000783. RFQ21001031 was issued to Vendor A and four other
	vendors with response date no later than March 24, 2021.

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February 18, 2022

Memorandum

Mr. Benjamin J.F. Cruz Public Auditor Office of Public Accountability Suite 401, PDN Building 238 Archbishop FC Flores Street Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: GSA Response to Draft Report on Procurement of Consultation Services for GBHWC—Criminal Justice Program

This is GSA's response to the following statements raised by the OPA in the draft report:

- We agree that the Chief Procurement Officer had discretionary authority to reject the requested sole source procurement. In this case, Agency's requirement did not justify the use to "sole source procurement"
- Obtaining at least 3 quotes was done by GSA, does not prevent the acceptation of more quotes. In this case, GBHWC received one positive quotation and 2 no quotes. It is a standard practice of GSA to send out request 5 or more requests for quotes. In this case, GBHWC submitted one positive quotation and 2 "no-bids" and suggested that it met the requirements of law. However at GSA we attempt to get more that on a regular basis and as such, send out more quotations to those that we are aware do the same or similar service. Here, the buyer initial do know of other possible respondents to send out the request for quotation to and as such was willing to issue a purchase order to what he received. The CPO, when reviewing the procurement record, discovered that the buyer had not submitted the request for quotation to at lest one further person who met the requirements and required that it be done so. That bidder submitted, met the qualifications and was awarded. GBHWC did not agree and attempted to say with out justifications that the bidder did not meet specification that they draft that were not open for competition.

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Appendix 6:

General Services Agency Response

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We agree that GWHWC could do a "Request for Proposal", however, we caution that if they chose to go this route, that its specifications should not be tailored to one individual as this may lead to a protest, for not being too restrictive and not open for competition. Further, they seem to forget that "Local preference law" is still required in Requests for Proposals

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Appendix 7:

Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Response



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Subject: Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center Consultant Procurement Audit

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

The Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center finds the draft audit report on the Procurement Consultation Services for GBHWC-Criminal Justice Program satisfactory and accepts it for final print.

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Director

Appendix 8: Status of Audit Recommendations

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No.	Addressee	Recommendation	Status	Actions Required
1	GBHWC	If GBHWC still needs	OPEN	Submit a corrective
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		for Proposal for the		
		professional consultant		
		services.		

GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTATION FOR GBHWC – CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM Report No. 22-02, March 2022

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