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February 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker, 32nd Guam Legislature

From: Chief Procurement Officer

Subject: **Emergency Procurement – Certificate of Emergency**

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Pursuant to the 5GCA §5215: Emergency Procurement attached is a copy of the Certificate of Emergency enabling the Guam Fire Department to procure a Public Safety Communications System, not to exceed 30 days, to ensure an operational Public Safety Communications System, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven days a week for the benefit of the community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 475-1710/20.

CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE

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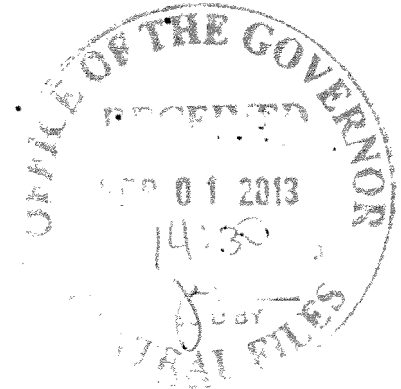
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Memorandum

To: Governor of Guam
From: Chief Procurement Officer
Subject: Request for Certificate of Emergency for
The Guam Fire Department for the Guam's Public Safety
Communications System

Attached is a memorandum from the Guam Fire Department requesting for a Certificate of Emergency for the Guam's Public Safety Communications System. Recent natural activities have caused the twenty three (23) year old system to become more venerable for breakdowns and an inability to come back on line in a timely manner.

The Guam Fire Department has had the ability of the current vendor to have enough equipment and supplies available on the island to ensure that should an incident occur, that it would be able to respond quickly to maintain coverage. Since the system is over twenty three (23) years old, it has become more difficult to find parts and ensure that the system is operational quickly.

The memorandum from the Guam Fire Department indicates that it is imperative for the Public Safety Communications System to be operational twenty four (24) hours a day, seven days a week for the benefit of the community. A failure to have a backup available may cause many lives to be at endangered, thereby seriously affecting the public health, and safety of the island community.

Based upon the memorandum submitted by the Guam Fire Department I, CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE, Chief Procurement Officer for the General Services Agency do here declare under penalty of perjury that an emergency procurement is necessary and not being used to solely for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 5, the Guam Procurement Code.

CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE

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February 1, 2013

MEMORANDUM:

To: Governor Eddie Baza Calvo

Via: Chief Procurement Officer, GSA

From: Joey San Nicholas, Fire Chief

Subject: Request for Emergency Procurement

It is an undisputed fact that the Government of Guam's Public Safety Communication System is over 23 years old. The system was originally manufactured by Motorola and employs what is now obsolete, inadequate technology. The system is operating far beyond its useful life expectancy, its physical condition is extremely fragile, and it can barely tolerate even the slightest adverse weather condition. Moreover, because Motorola no longer manufactures nor supports the system, any needed components must be either taken from another component or else creatively repaired.

As such, it is a constant struggle to keep the system functioning on a 24-hour basis. Just in the last few months, several instances of failure have occurred. On November 16, 2012, the Mount Barrigada site and the Pigua repeater site were rendered inoperable by a severe thunderstorm. The Mount Barrigada site is the "brain" of the system and functions as the master control site for the operations of the entire system islandwide. The Mount Barrigada site also serves as the primary communication component for the northern part of the island. In order to repair the damage caused by the thunderstorm, Motorola had to scavenge through its inventory for spare parts, and ultimately even had to obtain outside parts from Saipan.

Similarly, on December 13, 2012, the Malojloj repeater site was rendered inoperable due to a burned-out circuit board. The site was repaired by using a circuit board taken from the Pigua repeater site, thus making the Pigua site itself inoperable. The affected a section of southern Guam. Pigua was recently repaired using the last of the parts available in the Motorola inventory.

It is absolutely essential that communication between the Guam Fire Department (GFD) and EMS personnel assigned throughout the island be maintained at all times. Given the precarious condition of the aging Public Safety Communication System and until such time as a new system can be procured, it is critical that a backup system be put in place immediately. Due to the unreliability of the system, at their own cost, GFD and EMS personnel have been using their personal mobile devices to communicate. Although the dedication of these men and women is gratefully recognized, it is nevertheless

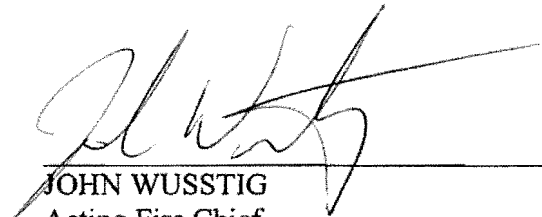
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acknowledged that it is the Government's responsibility to care for its citizens. The financial and logistical burden caused by the present state of the communication system must not be borne on the backs of GFD and EMS personnel.

The failure to have a backup system in place creates an emergency situation that imminently threatens Guam's public health, safety and welfare. *Because of the precariously fragile state of the main Public Safety Communication System, even the slightest interruption could cause a permanent shutdown of the entire system. If the main system fails and a backup is not in place, emergency responders will have no official means of communication, and this could cause many lives to be endangered.*

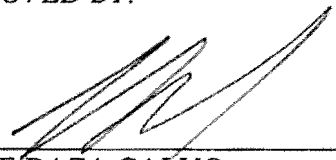
For these reasons, it is respectfully requested that an emergency purchase of Push-to-Talk (PTT) devices with a commercial carrier be authorized. PTT devices provide instant communication to those first responders who service the public, and are a reliable, alternative solution to facilitate communication between GFD and EMS personnel in the field.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing facts stated herein are true and correct and that this Certificate of Emergency is not being used solely for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 5, of the Procurement Law of Guam.



JOHN WUSSTIG
Acting Fire Chief

APPROVED BY:



EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Governor of Guam

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