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September 30, 2013

**MEMORANDUM** 

To:

Hon. Judith T. Won Pat

Speaker, 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature

From:

Chief Procurement Officer

Subject:

**Emergency Procurement – Certificate of Emergency** 

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Pursuant to the 5GCA §5215: Emergency Procurement attached is a copy of the Certificate of Emergency enabling the government of Guam agencies and departments, and autonomous agencies to procure continuing Telecommunication Services until the resolution of the court action, to ensure a reliable and official means of communications.

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

**CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE** 

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September 27, 2013

Memorandum

To:

Governor of Guam

From:

Chief Procurement Officer

Subject:

Certification of Emergency for Telecommunication Services

Attached is a memorandum from the Acting Chief Technology Officer requesting for a certificate of emergency for telecommunication services for the government of Guam until the resolution of the court cases.

A bid invitation for comprehensive telecommunications was issued by the General Services Agency. A protest was raised and a subsequent appeal was raised. After the appeal to the Office of Public Accountability was decided, three (3) separate appeals were filed in the Superior Court of Guam. As of this date, no decision has been made by the courts.

Telecommunications services are essential to the daily operations of the Government of Guam. Such essential services provide contact by the public for fire, police and other services. Any interruption will have a direct adverse impact in the Government's ability to operate and coordinate the delivery of services to the citizens of Guam.

Based upon the facts provided by the Bureau, I, CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE, Chief Procurement Officer for the General Services Agency do certify under penalty of perjury, that a certificate of emergency is not being used solely for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 5, the Guam Procurement law.

Request for certification for BITS for Telecommunication Services for the government of Guam.

APPROVED:

EDDIE BAZA CALVO DATE 3 0 2013

**GOVERNOR OF GUAM** 

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September 28, 2013

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Claudia Acfalle, Chief Procurement Officer

FROM:

Joseph C. Manibusan, Acting Chief Technology Officer

SUBJECT:

Request for Emergency Procurement for Telecommunications Services

This is a request for approval of an emergency procurement pursuant to 5 G.C.A. Section 5215 and 2 G.A.R. Section 3113 for the continuation of telecommunication services for the Government of Guam, including Adelup, Government House, and all executive line agencies and the Port Authority of Guam.

The reason for utilizing an emergency source selection procurement method is that a bid invitation (GSA-064-11) for new comprehensive telecommunication services was timely issued on June 22, 2011. However, in response to the solicitation, two protests were filed at the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) by two prospective bidders. In March 2012 the OPA rendered a final decision on the merits of the protests. In March 2013 both parties filed actions in the Superior Court of Guam seeking judicial review of the OPA decision. Said appeals are docketed under case numbers CV0334-13 and CV 0335-13. Guam law requires that the Territory not proceed further with the solicitation, thus preventing normal procurement for these services (5G.C.A. 5425g).

On May 3, 2013, Judge Anita A. Sukola issued a Temporary Restraining Order directing GSA and PDS to comply or refrain from specific acts in connection with IFB 064-11.

Since May 3, 2013 several departments with the Government of Guam have been disconnected pursuant to the Temporary Restraining Order issued by Judge Sukola.

Telecommunication services are a critical and necessary component to the daily operations of the Government of Guam. The failure to have even basic telephone and internet services creates an emergency situation that imminently threatens Guam's public health, safety, and welfare. Any disruption of such services will have a direct adverse impact on the Government's ability to operate and coordinate the delivery of services the citizens of this territory.

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Telecommunications services are most especially vital with respect to agencies such as Guam Fire Department, Guam Police Department, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, and the Guam Homeland Security Agency. Unless there is in place at all times a reliable and official means of communication, many lives could be in danger.

For reasons stated herein, it is respectfully requested that an emergency certification for the procurement of telecommunication services be authorized. In addition, it is requested that this Emergency Certification be in effect until the disposition of this procurement appeal in the Superior Court be resolved.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct and that this Certificate of Emergency is not being used for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of 5 G.C.A, Chapter 5 (the Guam Procurement Law).

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,

Joseph C. Manibusan (Joey) Acting Chief Technology Officer

Office of Technology