# EIGHTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1986 (SECOND) Regular Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 743 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 12 AND TO AMEND CERTAIN CODE SECTIONS CONTAINED VII-A OF THEGOVERNMENT CODE, RELATIVE ESTABLISHING A PROCUREMENT APPEALS BOARD AND TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT LAWS OF GUAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was on the 6th day of November, 1986, duly and regularly passed. Acting Speaker Attested: Senator and Legislative Secretary This Act was received by the Governor this \_\_/c\_\_ day of November, 1986, at \_\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_/.m. Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office APPROVED: RICARDO J. BORDALLO Governor of Guam Date: November 14, 1986 (10:00 AM)

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 12 AND TO AMEND CERTAIN CODE SECTIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE VII-A OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PROCUREMENT APPEALS BOARD AND TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT LAWS OF GUAM, AND

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:
Section 1. A new Chapter 12 is added to Title VII-A of the
Government Code to read:

### "CHAPTER 12

### Procurement Appeals Board

### Article A

\$6983. Creation of the Procurement Appeals Board. There is established an independent entity to be known as the Procurement Appeals Board to be composed of a chairperson and at least six (6) other members. The chairperson and members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed with the advice and consent of the Legislature and shall serve part-time as necessary.

\$6983.1. Terms and Qualifications of Members of the Procurement Appeals Board. (a) Term. The term of office of the chairperson and each member of the Procurement Appeals Board shall be six (6) years except that in making the initial appointments, the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of four (4) years, and the chairperson for a term of six (6) years, so that a term of office shall expire every two (2) years. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for

terms of six (6) years, or for the balance of any unexpired term, but members may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors take office. Members may be reappointed for succeeding terms. If there is no chairperson, or if such officer is absent or unable to serve, the senior member in length of service shall be temporary chairperson.

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- (b) Authority of the Chairperson. The chairperson may adopt operational procedures and issue such orders, not inconsistent with this Title, as may be necessary in the execution of the Board's functions. The chairperson's authority may be delegated to the Board's members and employees, but only members of the Board may issue decisions on appeals.
- (c) Support. The Civil Service Commission is authorized to provide for the Board such services as the chairperson requests, on such basis, reimbursable or otherwise, as may be agreed upon between the Civil Service Commission and the chairperson. The Board is empowered to hire legal counsel, accountants, staff and other personnel, and to provide for training of its staff and members.
- (d) Qualifications for Board Membership. (1) One (1) member shall be a member in good standing of the Guam Bar Association who has been admitted to practice before the highest court of a state, territory or the District of Columbia for at least five (5) years prior to his appointment, one (1) member shall be a certified public accountant and the other members shall have demonstrated experience of at least five (5) years in procurement.
  - (2) No member shall be an employee of the government, a recipient of any annuity from the government, a member of any board or commission of the government, nor a member of the immediate family of an employee of the government. As used in this Section, 'immediate family' means a collective body of persons living together in one house under one head.
  - (3) The appointment of any person to the Commission shall become void if at any time during his term of office he shall

become an employee of the government or accept an annuity from the government.

- (4) When a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall appoint a new member within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy.
- (e) Removal of Members. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Governor or the Procurement Appeals Board by three (3) positive votes of its members may recuse a member of the Procurement Appeals Board from participation in a matter before the board due to
  - (i) disability,

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- (ii) conflict of interest with respect to service on the Board and engagement in any private business,
  - (iii) for other good cause.

Any removal pursuant to items (ii) and (iii) of this Subsection shall be effective no sooner than ten (10) calendar days subsequent to the delivery of written notice of such removal by the Governor or the Board to the Legislative Secretary of the Legislature. Removal pursuant to item (i) of this Section shall be effective pursuant to the notice of the action taken.

A member of the Procurement Appeals Board may recuse himself. For purposes of this Section, recuse means to disqualify from hearing the matter and taking any action on it.

- (f) Appointment, Qualifications and Function of Alternates. At the same time as members of the Procurement Appeals Board are appointed by the Governor, the Governor shall appoint three (3) alternate members to the Board, all of whom shall serve for a term of six (6) years.
  - (1) Each alternate shall, at the time of his appointment, be designated either First Alternate, Second Alternate or Third Alternate. For the first year of his appointment each alternate shall serve in the order designated, and each year thereafter they shall rotate the order, so that during the second year, the First Alternate shall serve second, the Second Alternate third,

and the Third first, and so on for each successive year until their terms expire.

- (2) Each alternate shall fulfill the same requirements for membership on the Board as any of the regular board members fulfill and shall be subject to the same removal procedures as regular board members.
- (3) The alternates shall fill in on matters before the Procurement Appeals Board when a member is absent or recused pursuant to Subsection (e) of this Section and each alternate shall fill in for an absent or recused member in the order they are designated to serve, so that the alternate serving first fills in for the first absence or recusal, the alternate serving second fills in for the second absence or recusal, and so forth.

\$6983.2. Rules of Procedure. The Procurement Appeals Board shall adopt rules of procedure which, to the fullest extent possible, will provide for the expeditious resolution of controversies in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter.

The Board shall have the authority to appoint a hearing officer, who shall take written, oral or otherwise presented testimony, evaluate such testimony and make recommendations to the Board.

The Board may adopt Small Claims Procedures for the resolution of controversies involving claims of less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

\$6983.3. Decisions of the Procurement Appeals Board. Four (4) affirmative votes shall be required to decide any matter before the Procurement Appeals Board. Four (4) affirmative votes are required to overturn a decision that is appealed to the Procurement Appeals Board. The Procurement Appeals Board shall issue a decision in writing or take other appropriate action on each appeal submitted. A copy of any decision shall be provided to all parties, and, as appropriate, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works and the head of a purchasing agency.

\$6983.4. Jurisdiction of the Procurement Appeals Board. The Board shall have the power to review and determine de novo any

matter properly submitted to it. The Board shall not have jurisdiction over disputes having to do with money owed to or by the government of Guam. Notwithstanding \$6964 of this Title, no prior determination shall be final or conclusive on the Board or upon any appeal from the Board. The Board shall have the power to compel attendance and testimony of, and production of documents by, any employee of the territory. The Board may consider testimony and evidence submitted by any competing bidder, offerer or contractor of the protestant. The Board's jurisdiction shall be utilized to promote the integrity of the procurement process and the purposes of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

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\$6983.5. Standard of Review. Any determination of an issue or a finding of fact by the Board shall be final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent, clearly erroneous, or contrary to law. Any decision of the Board, including any determination regarding the application or interpretation of the procurement law or regulations, shall be entitled to great weight and the benefit of reasonable doubt, although it shall not be conclusive on any court having competent jurisdiction.

- \$6983.6. Suspension or Debarment Proceedings. (a) Scope. This \$6983.6 applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under \$6975.1 of this Title.
- (b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved person shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of a decision under Subsection (c) of \$6975.1 of this Title.
- (c) Decision. The Board shall decide whether, or the extent to which, the debarment or suspension was in accordance with the statutes, regulations and the best interest of the territory, and was fair. The Board shall issue its decision within thirty (30) days of the completion of the hearing on the issue.
  - \$6983.7. Contract and Breach of Contract Controversies.
- (a) Scope. This \$6983.7 applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under \$6975.2 of this Title.

(b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved contractor shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the decision or within sixty (60) days following the failure to render a timely decision as provided in \$6975.2 of this Title.

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- (c) Decision. The Board shall decide the contract or breach of contract controversy and shall issue its decision within thirty (30) days of the completion of the hearing on the issue.
- \$6983.8. Appeals and Review of Procurement Appeals Board Decisions. (a) Appeal. Any person receiving an adverse decision, the territory, or both may appeal from a decision by the Procurement Appeals Board to the Superior Court of Guam as provided in Article D of Chapter 9 of this Title.
- (b) Authorization of appeal by the government. No such appeal shall be made by the territory unless recommended by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of the Purchasing Agent involved and approved by the Attorney General.
- \$6983.9. Discontinuance of Contractor's Appeal. After notice of an appeal to the Procurement Appeals Board has been filed by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a Purchasing Agency, a contractor may not discontinue such appeal without prejudice, except as authorized by the Board."
- Section 2. Section 6975 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:
  - "\$6975. (a) Right to Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who may be aggrieved in connection with the method of source selection, solicitation or award of a contract, may protest to the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of a Purchasing Agency. The protest shall be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) days after such an aggrieved person knows or should know of the facts giving rise thereto.
  - (b) Authority to Resolve Protests. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall have the authority, prior to the commencement of an action in court concerning

the controversy, to settle and resolve a protest of an aggrieved bidder, offerer, or contractor, actual or prospective, concerning the solicitation or award of a contract. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Policy Office.

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- (c) Decision. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision shall:
  - (1) state the reasons for the action taken; and
  - (2) inform the protestant of its right to administrative and judicial review.
- (d) Notice of Decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestant and any other party intervening.
- (e) Appeal. A decision under Subsection (c) of this Section including a decision thereunder regarding entitlement to costs as provided by Subsection (h) of this Section, may be appealed by the protestant, to the Procurement Appeals Board within fifteen (15) days after receipt by the protestant of the notice of decision.
- (f) Finality. A decision of the Procurement Appeals Board is final unless a person adversely affected by the decision commences an action in the Superior Court in accordance with Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title.
- (g) In the event of a timely protest under Subsection (a) of this Section or under Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title, the territory shall not proceed further with the solicitation or with the award of the contract prior to final resolution of such protest, and any such further action is void, unless:
  - (1) The Chief Procurement Officer or the Director of Public Works after consultation with and written concurrence of the head of the using or Purchasing Agency and the Attorney General or designated Deputy Attorney General, makes a written determination that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the territory; and

- (2) Absent a declaration of emergency by the Governor, the protestant has been given at least two (2) days notice (exclusive of territorial holidays); and
- (3) If the protest is pending before the Board or the Court, the Board or Court has confirmed such determination, or if no such protest is pending, no protest to the Board of such determination is filed prior to expiration of the two (2) day period specified in Item (2) of Subsection (g) of this Section.
- (h) Entitlement to Costs. In addition to any other relief or remedy granted under Subsection (c) or (e) of this Section or under Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title, including the remedies provided by Article B of Chapter 9 of this Title, when a protest is sustained, the protestant shall be entitled to the reasonable costs incurred in connection with the solicitation and protest, including bid preparation costs, excluding attorney fees, if:
  - (1) the protestant should have been awarded the contract under the solicitation but was not; or
  - (2) there is a reasonable likelihood that the protestant may have been awarded the contract but for the breach of any ethical obligation imposed by Article B of Chapter II of this Title or the willful or reckless violation of any applicable procurement law or regulation. The Procurement Appeals Board shall have the power to assess reasonable costs other than attorney fees incurred by the territory against a protestant upon its finding that the protest was made fraudulently, frivolously or solely to disrupt the procurement process."
- Section 3. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Decision. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency shall issue a written decision to debar or suspend. The decision shall:
    - (1) state the reasons for the action taken; and

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1	(2) inform the debarred or suspended person involved of
2	its rights to judicial or administrative review as provided in this
3	Title."
4	Section 4. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.1 is amended to read:
5	"(e) Finality of Decision. A decision under Subsections (c) or
6	(f) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or
7	an appeal is taken to the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance
8	with Section 6983.6 of this Title."
9	Section 5. A new Subsection (f) is added to Section 6975.1 of the
10	Government Code to read:
11	"(f) Any member of the public may petition the Chief
12	Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a
13	purchasing agency to take action to debar or suspend pursuant to
14	Subsection (a) of this Section. An investigation of each petition shall
15	be conducted promptly and a written report should be made of findings
16	of fact and action taken."
17	Section 6. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is
18	amended to read:
19	"(c) Decision. If such a controversy is not resolved by mutual
20	agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public
21	Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or the designee of one of
22	these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision
23	shall:
24	(1) state the reasons for the action taken; and
<b>25</b>	(2) inform the contractor of its rights to judicial or
26	administrative review as provided in this Title."
27	Section 7. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is
28	amended to read:
29	"(e) Finality of Decision. The decision reached pursuant to
30	Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless
31	fraudulent, or the contractor appeals administratively to the
32	Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with Section 6983.7 of this
33	Title."

Section 8. Subsection (d) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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- "(d) Limited Finality for Administrative Determinations. In any judicial action under this Section, factual or legal determinations by employees, agents or other persons appointed by the Territory shall have no finality and shall not be conclusive, notwithstanding any contract provision, or regulation, except to the extent provided in \$\$6964, 6983.4 and 6983.5 of this Title."
- Section 9. Subsection (c) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:
  - "(c) In addition to other relief and remedies, the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction to grant injunctive relief in any action brought under Subsections (a), (b) or (c) of this Section."
- Section 10. Subsection (a) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:
  - "(a) Protested Solicitations and Awards. Any action under Section 6978(a) of this Chapter shall be initiated within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a final administrative decision."
- Section 11. Subsection (b) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(b) Debarments and Suspensions for Cause. Any action under Section 6978(b) of this Chapter shall be commenced within six (6) months after receipt of the decision of the Policy Office under Section 6981.1 of this Title, or the decision of the Procurement Appeals Board under Section 6983.6 of this Title, whichever is applicable."
- Section 12. Subsection (c) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Actions Under Contracts or for Breach of Contract. Any action commenced under Section 6978(c) of this Chapter shall be commenced within twelve (12) months after the date of the Procurement Appeals Board decision."
- Section 13. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 6978.1 of the Government Code to read:

"(d) The limitations on actions provided by this Section are tolled during the pendency of any proceeding brought pursuant to Section 6978.2 of this Title."

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31 32 Section 14. Section 6976 of the Government Code is amended to read:
"Section 6976. Applicability of this Article. The provisions of
this Article apply where it is determined administratively, or upon

administrative or judicial review, that a solicitation or award of a contract is in violation of law."

Section 15. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 6980.6 of the Government Code:

Favors to the Territory. For purposes of this Section, a favor is anything, including raffle tickets, of more than de minimus value and whether intended for the personal enjoyment of the receiver or for the department or organization in which they are employed or for any person, association, club or organization associated therewith or sponsored thereby. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person who is or may become a contractor, a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier contractor, or any person associated therewith, to offer, give or agree to give any employee or agent of the territory or for any employee or agent of the territory to solicit or accept from any such person or entity or agent thereof, a favor or gratuity on behalf of the territory whether or not such favor or gratuity may be considered a reimbursable expense of the pendency of any matter related to the territory, during procurement, including contract performance and warranty periods." Subsection (c) of Section 6980.6 of the Government Code Section 16. is amended to read:

"(c) Contract Clause. The prohibition against gratuities, kickbacks and favors to the territory prescribed in this Section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor." Section 17. A new Section 6964.4 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.4. Record of Procurement Actions. Each procurement officer shall maintain a complete record of each procurement. The record shall include the following:

- (1) the date, time, subject matter and names of participants at any meeting including government employees that is in any way related to a particular procurement;
- (2) a log of all communications between government employees and any member of the public, potential bidder, vendor or manufacturer which is in any way related to the procurement;
- (3) sound recordings of all pre-bid conferences, negotiations arising from a request for proposals and discussions with vendors concerning small purchase procurement;
- (4) brochures and submittals of potential vendors, manufacturers or contractors, and all drafts, signed and dated by the draftsman, and other papers or materials used in the development of specifications; and
- (5) the requesting agency's determination of need."

  Section 18. A new Section 6964.5 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.5. Certification of Record. No procurement award shall be made unless the responsible procurement officer certifies in writing under penalty of perjury that he has maintained the record required by Section 6964.4 of this Chapter and that it is complete and available for public inspection. The certificate is itself a part of the record."

Section 19. A new Section 6964.6 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.6. The record required by Section 6964.4 of this Chapter is a public record and, subject to rules promulgated by the Procurement Appeals Board, any person may inspect and copy any portion of the record."

Section 20. A new Section 6964.7 is added to the Government Code to read:

1 "Section 6964.7 The rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6964.6 2 of this Chapter shall: (1) protect the integrity of the bidding process; 3 protect the confidentiality of trade secrets; establish reasonable charges for copying papers; 5 6 (4) provide for transcription of sound recordings; 7 (5)require public access to the record at the earliest possible time; and 8 9 not require that the record be complete or that the procurement award be made before inspection and copying are 10 11 permitted." Section 21. A new Section 6965.7 is added to the Government Code to 12 13 read: "Section 6965.7. Publication of Source of Specifications. 14 The specifications contained in any invitation for bids or request for 15 proposals, and any amendment thereto, for the procurement of supplies 16 17 shall identify the person responsible for drafting the specifications and 18 any persons, technical literature or manufacturer's brochures relied upon by the responsible person in drafting the specifications." 19 Section 22. A new Section 6965.8 is added to the Government Code to 20 21 read:

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"Section 6965.8. Salient Features. (a) Specifications shall not include requirements, such as but not limited to restrictive dimensions, weights or materials, which unnecessarily restrict competition, and shall include only the essential physical characteristics and functions required to meet the territory's minimum needs.

(b) Purchase descriptions shall not specify a product having features which are peculiar to the products of one manufacturer, producer or distributor unless it has been determined in writing by the Director of the using agency that those particular features are essential to its requirements and specifying the reason that similar products lacking those features would not meet minimum requirements for the item.

(c) Purchase descriptions shall describe the salient technical requirements or desired performance characteristics of supplies or services to be procured without including restrictions which do not significantly affect the technical requirements or performance characteristics."

Section 23. Section 6959.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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"\$6959.5. Emergency Procurements. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of either officer may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions as defined in regulations promulgated by the Policy Office; provided that such emergency procurements shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances, and further provided that the procurement agent must solicit at least three (3) informal price quotations, if time allows must give notice to all contractors from the qualified bid list who have provided the needed supplies and services to the government within the preceding twelve (12) months, and must award the procurement to the firm with the best offer, as determined by evaluating No emergency procurement or combination of cost and delivery time. emergency procurements may be made for an amount of goods or supplies greater than the amount of such goods and supplies which is necessary to meet an emergency for the thirty (30) day period immediately following the procurement. A written determination of the basis for the emergency and for the selection of the particular contractor shall be included in the contract file. The requirements for a written determination for the emergency shall be met if the procurements are being made on the basis of the Governor's declaration of an emergency situation by Executive Order if such Order states that emergency procurement may be resorted to for purposes of the Order. Unless authorized by an Executive Order declaring an emergency, no emergency procurement may be made except on a certificate made under penalty of perjury by the Chief Procurement Officer, Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency, as the case

1	may be. Certified copies of the certificate shall be sent, prior to award
2	and as a condition thereof, to the Governor and Speaker of the Legislature.
3	The certificate shall contain the following:
4	(1) a statement of the facts giving rise to the emergency;
5	(2) the factual basis of the determination that an emergency
6	procurement is necessary; and
7	(3) a statement that emergency procurement is not being used solely
8	for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of this Title.
9	In addition to any other requirement, the Governor must approve in
10	writing all authorizations for emergency procurement."
11	Section 24. 6 GCA \$4102 is amended to read:
12	"\$4102. Public Writings Defined. 'Public Writings' are:
13	(1) The written acts of records of the acts of the sovereign
14	authority, of official bodies and tribunals, and of public officers,
15	legislative, judicial and executive, whether of the territory of
16	Guam, of any state, of the United States or insular possessions
17	thereof, of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or of a
18	foreign country;
19	(2) Public records, kept in Guam, of private writings; and
20	(3) All data produced, generated or stored by a
21	government body, as defined in Subsection (h) of Section 6952 of
22	Title VII-A of the Government Code, in any way related to
23	procurement, as defined in Subsection (c) of Section 6952 of Title
24	VII-A of the Government Code."
25	Section 25. Subsection (b) of Section 6950 of the Government Code is
26	amended to read:
27	"(b) Purposes and Policies. The underlying purposes and
28	policies of this Title are:
29	(1) to simplify, clarify, and modernize the law governing
30	procurement by this Territory;
31	(2) to permit the continued development of procurement
32	policies and practices;
33	(3) to provide for increased public confidence in the

procedures followed in public procurement;

(4) to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system of this Territory; (5) to provide increased economy in territorial activities and to maximize to the fullest extent practicable the purchasing value of public funds of the Territory; to foster effective broad-based competition within the free enterprise system; (7)to provide safeguards for the maintenance of a procurement system of quality and integrity; and 

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- (8) to require public access to all aspects of procurement consistent with the 'sealed bid' procedure and the integrity of the procurement process."
- Section 26. A new Subsection (x) is added to Section 6952 of the Government Code to read:
  - "(x) 'Emergency' means a condition posing an imminent threat to public health, welfare, or safety which could not have been foreseen through the use of reasonable and prudent management procedures, and which cannot be addressed by other procurement methods of source selection."
- Section 27. A new Article E is added to Chapter 9 of Title VII-A of the Government Code to read:

### "Article E

"Section 6978.2. (a) On complaint by any member of the public, the Superior Court has jurisdiction to enjoin a governmental body from withholding procurement data and to order the production of any government data improperly withheld from the complainant. In such a case the court shall determine the matter de novo, and may examine the contents of such procurement data in camera to determine whether such records or any part thereof shall be withheld under any of the exceptions set forth in 6 GCA \$4202 and the burden is on the agency to sustain its action.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the government or a governmental body shall serve an answer or otherwise plead to any complaint made under this Section within thirty (30) days after

service of the pleading in which such complaint is made, unless the court otherwise directs, for good cause shown.

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- (c) Except as to cases the court considers of greater importance, proceedings as authorized by this Section, and appeals therefrom, take precedence on the docket over all cases and shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.
- (d) The court may assess against the government or governmental body reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred in any case under this Section in which the complainant has substantially prevailed.
- (e) Whenever the court orders the production any procurement data improperly withheld from the complainant assesses against the government or governmental body reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs, and the court additionally issues a written finding that the circumstances surrounding the withholding raise questions whether government personnel acted arbitrarily or capriciously with respect to the withholding, apart from such other actions as the Court may take, the Civil Service Commission shall promptly initiate a proceeding to determine whether disciplinary action is warranted against the officer or employee who was primarily responsible for the withholding. The Commission, after investigation and consideration of the evidence submitted, shall submit its findings to the administrative authority of the agency concerned and shall send copies of the findings and recommendations to the officer of employee or his representative. The administrative authority shall take the corrective action that the Commission recommends. No right or power granted to the Civil Service Commission shall bar or preclude the Court from issuing such orders, imposing such sanctions or providing such remedy or relief as it deems proper.
- (f) In the event of noncompliance with the order of the Court, the Superior Court may punish for contempt, the responsible employees or officer."

Section 28. A new Section 6954.11 is added to the Government Code to read:

"\$6954.11. Every governmental body which is in the purview of the Executive Branch and including Guam Community College, the University of Guam, the Department of Education, the Guam Memorial Hospital and Guam Visitor's Bureau shall be governed by Chapters 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, ll and 12 of this Title, except to the extent that any such governmental body or other above-named body may be exempted from the centralized procurement regime of Chapter 2 of this Title, in which event the Director of each such governmental body or other above-named body shall be substituted wherever there is reference to the Public Policy Office or Chief Procurement Officer or Director of Public Works in Chapters 4, 5, 8 and 9 of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

It is the intent of the Legislature to require all Executive Branch governmental bodies, including autonomous agencies, and other above-named bodies, to be governed to the maximum extent practicable by Title VII-A. This provision requires any governmental body and each above-named body to conduct their procurement activities pursuant to Title VII-A, except insofar as said Title establishes and effects a system of centralized procurement."

Section 29. A new Section 6955.1 is added to the Government Code to read:

"\$6955.1. Each governmental body and each named body in Section 6954.11 of this Title shall adopt the procurement regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 6955(a) of this Title to the extent such agency is subject to such regulations according to the terms of Section 6954.11 of this Title"

Section 30. A new Section 6950.9 is added to the Government Code to read:

\$6950.9. Policy in Favor of Planned Procurement. All procurements of supplies and services shall, where possible, be made sufficiently in advance of need for delivery or performance to promote maximum competition and good management of resources. Publication of

bids and requests for proposals shall not be manipulated so as to place potential bidders at unnecessary competitive disadvantage. Except in emergency situations, lower price bids are generally preferable to shorten delivery or performance bids. Delivery time may be considered as a factor in making an award to a responsive bidder only if his average delivery time bid is at least ten percent (10%) shorter than the average delivery time of a lower price responsive bidder and if the price offered by the bidder offering the faster delivery or performance does not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the lower price bidder."

- Section 31. Subsection (b) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(b) Causes for Debarment or Suspension. The causes for debarment or suspension include the following:
    - (1) conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;
    - (2) conviction under territorial or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a territorial contractor;
    - (3) conviction under federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals;
    - (4) violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency to be so serious as to justify debarment action:
      - (i) deliberate failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or

- (ii) a recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts, provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for debarment;
- (5) any other cause the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a territorial contractor, including debarment by another governmental entity for any cause listed in regulations of the Policy Office;
- (6) for violation of the ethical standards set forth in Chapter 11 of this Title; and
- (7) filing a frivolous or fraudulent petition, protest or appeal under Section 6975(e), of Section 6975.1(f) or of Section 6975.2(e) of this Title."
- Section 32. Subsection (a) of Section 6359.6 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(a) Conditions for Use. The services specified in \$6954.7(a) of this Title shall be procured in accordance with this Section, except as authorized under \$6959.4 or \$6959.5 of this Title. Services for architecture, engineering, construction, land surveying, environmental assessment and other such services shall be procured in accordance with Chapter 5 of this Title."
- Section 33. The provisions of Sections 1 through 32, inclusive, of this Act shall become effective on Jaunary 4, 1987.
  - Section 34. A new 4 GCA \$6218 is added to read:

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"\$6218. Cause of Action for Overtime. It is the intent of the Legislature that all overtime which has been approved be promptly paid. Therefore: any employee who is entitled to overtime may bring action in the Superior Court against the government of Guam for payment of all back pay due as a result of overtime, in addition to all other remedies allowed at law or equity. In any such case, the Court

may order pendente lite and permanently that the appropriate officer or officers of the Government pay such sums to the employee as may become due in the future on such terms as the Court deems just.

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In any such case, ten (10) or more employees similarly situated may initiate and bring a class action on behalf of all employees similarly situated. In such case, the Court shall set reasonable attorney's fees upon conclusion of the case in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the recovery, to be paid by the government of Guam if the employees prevail."

Section 35. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor is authorized to expend from the operational budget available to the Executive Branch of the government in FY 1987 such sums as are necessary to fund all the pay reclassifications authorized to be implemented in PL 18-32 and PL 18-33 for FY 1987. The Governor shall submit a request for supplemental funding for such pay reclassifications to the Legislature by December 1, 1986.

Section 36. (a) O'Hara Street situated in Agana, Guam, shall hereinafter be known as the "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street".

- (b) Any provisions in the statutes referencing O'Hara Street are amended to read: "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street".
- (c) The Governor of Guam with the Agana Commissioner and the Municipal Planning Council, shall cause to be erected appropriate nameplates or signs designating O'Hara Street as the "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street". Further, at such ceremony as the Governor, along with the Agana Commissioner and the Municipal Planning Council deem appropriate, said "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street" shall be officially named and a plaque bearing the name, picture and brief history of the contributions of the late Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores shall be affixed at a suitable spot with or near the street name.

Section 37. Subsection (a) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:

"(a) Whenever there are two (2) or less current licenses in effect, the Board shall conduct a public meeting at which it shall review cockpit operations and authorize the letting of bids for licenses

which will be new or which will replace the expired or non-renewed licenses."

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12 13 Section 38. Subsection (b) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"(b) Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of an existing license the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory its invitation for bids."

Section 39. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the balance remaining of any sums appropriated in Section 13 of P.L. 18-6, Sections 4 and 8 of P.L. 18-1, Section 8 of P.L. 17-18, and Section 5 of P.L. 17-2 are reprogrammed and reappropriated from their original sources to the Legislative Operations Fund for the operation of the Eighteenth Guam Legislature until January 4, 1987.

Section 40. Section C of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15 is amended to read:

	C	eneral	Other		Federal	
		Fund	Fund	_	Fund	 Total
"C. For Federal - State Marketing						
Improvement Program						
1. Operating Expenses	\$	12,500		\$	19,500	\$ 32,000
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Section 41. Section K of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15 is amended to read:

		General	Other	Federal		
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Total	
"K. For	Soil and Water Conserv	ation				
1.	Personnel Services	\$ 13,102			\$ 13,102	
		(1.0 FTE)			(1.0 FTE)	
2.	Operating Expenses	3,950			3,950	
3.	Stipends Water Conserv	ation				
	District Officers	7,000			7,000	
		\$ 24,052			\$ 24,052"	

Section 42. The sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$536,000) of the funds available for use for the Medically Indigent Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services for Fiscal Year 1987 are appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the payment of patient charges incurred in Fiscal Year 1986 for the Medically Indigent Program.

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Section 43. No later than forty-five (45) days subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature an equitable plan for the salaries of all unclassified employees in all departments and agencies of the government, both autonomous and non-autonomous. Such plan shall include proposed salaries for all unclassified employees and identify sources of funding sufficient to implement the plan.

Section 44. A new Section 6961.3 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6961.3. Disclosure of major shareholders. As a condition of bidding, any partnership, sole proprietorship corporation doing business with the government of Guam shall submit an affidavit executed under oath that lists the name and address of any person who has held more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding interest or shares in said partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation at any time during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding submission of a bid. The affidavit shall contain the number of shares or the percentage of all assets of such partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation which have been held by each such person during the twelve (12) month period. addition, the affidavit shall contain the name and address of any person who has received or is entitled to receive a commission, gratuity or other compensation for procuring or assisting in obtaining business related to the bid for the bidder and shall also contain the amounts of any such commission, gratuity or other compensation. affidavit shall be open and available to the public for inspection and copying."

Section 45. A new 10 GCA \$41107 is added to read:

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"\$41107. Executive Officer: Special Duties. (a) In addition to any other powers and duties of the Executive Officer, the Executive Officer shall, by whatever means deemed appropriate, certify that a person is disabled after receipt of a signed statement from a licensed physician supporting the claim of the disabled person. The Executive Officer shall also certify those vehicles which transport disabled persons regularly.

A disabled Parking Advisory Committee is hereby created. (b) Four (4) members of the Commission shall be selected by the Executive Officer and shall consist of one (1) paraplegic, one (1) quadriplegic, one (1) blind person, and one (1) disabled person who must rely on crutches for mobility. The Director of Public Works shall choose one (1) member who shall be a representative of the Department of Public The Director of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Works. shall be an ex-officio member. The Disabled Parking Advisory Committee shall submit to the Department of Public Works their recommendations regarding location of parking spaces which, pursuant to Subsection (b) of Section 10001.9 of the Covernment Code, are to be assigned to the disabled."

Section 46. A new Section 350 is added to the Code of Civil Procedure to read:

"Section 350. Exposure to Asbestos, Actions for Injury, Illness or Wrongful Death. (a) In any civil action for injury or illness based upon exposure to asbestos, chemicals, or other toxic agents, the time for the commencement of the action shall be the later of the following:

(1) Within two (2) years after the date the plaintiff first suffered disability and either before or after suffering the disability the plaintiff was informed by a licensed physician, clearly and comprehensively, to the degree that the plaintiff is capable of understanding, that he was diagnosed as having any one or more of the following several and distinct injuries, pleural disease, or pulmonary asbestosis, or

- malignant mesothelioma, or other carcinoma or other specific asbestos-related injury, causing the disability; or
- (2) Within two (2) years after the date the plaintiff either knew, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, (i) that such disability was caused or contributed to by such exposure and (ii) that the disability or injury was caused by a violation of a duty towards the plaintiff; or
- (3) Two (2) years from the effective date of this Act.

- (b) 'Disability' as used in Subsection (a) of this Section means the loss of time from work as a result of exposure to asbestos, which precludes the performance of the employee's regular occupation.
- (c) In an action for the wrongful death of any plaintiff's decedent, based upon exposure to asbestos, the time for commencement of an action shall be the later of the following:
  - (1) Within two (2) years from the date of death of the plaintiff's decedent, or the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later; or
  - (2) Within two (2) years from the date the plaintiff first knew, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that the death was caused or contributed to by such exposure.
- (d) The provisions of this Section shall apply retroactively to all unfiled claims and to all pending litigation in the courts of Guam, or which are on appeal. Pending litigation as used in this Subsection shall include any action that has been filed in the courts of Guam.
- (e) The burden of proving that this Section is a bar to any cause of action for illness, injury, property damage or wrongful death is upon the party asserting this section as a defense.
- (f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as waiving the sovereign immunity of the government of Guam.
- (g) This Section shall not change the statute of limitations for any claim against the Government of Guam."
- Section 47. The Governor shall appoint seven (7) members to a task force as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Section of this

Act and charge the task force with preparing a comprehensive plan, including recommended legislation, for the territory to identify the presence, in government buildings and areas under the control of the government, of asbestos and other environmental substances capable of causing latent harm to the people of Guam, and to identify necessary steps to remove this harm. This task force shall make its report and forward the report to the Governor and the Legislature within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Section of this Act.

Section 48. The sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$978,365.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund for the purpose of funding a Four Hundred Nineteen Dollar (\$419.00) lump sum Cost of Living Allowance for government of Guam retirees or their survivors for Fiscal Year 1987 only.

Section 49. The sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislature Operations Fund for expenses of the state funerals for former Commissioners Pedro Rosario and Jose Tyquiengco and former Senator Cecilia Bamba.

Section 50. (a) Any agreement for termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy shall provide that the United States Government or the United States Navy shall not purchase electrical power from the Guam Power Authority at a preferential rate. In any event, any electrical rate for the United States Navy or the United States Government shall be not less than the average amount per kilowatt hour paid by all classes of electrical power consumers on Guam, and shall, as a minimum, incorporate all social and economic considerations pertinent to the community of Guam.

(b) Any agreement between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy for the purchase of electrical power shall provide that the United States Government or the United States Navy shall not purchase electrical power from the Guam Power Authority at a preferential rate. In any event, any electrical rate for the United States Navy or the United States Government shall be not less than the average

amount per kilowatt hour paid by all classes of electrical power consumers on Guam, and shall, as a minimum, incorporate all social and economic considerations pertinent to the community of Guam.

(c) Any agreement for termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy, and any agreement between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy for the purchase of electrical power from the Guam Power Authority must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Guam Power Authority, Public Utilities Commission and Guam law prior to implementation, and shall have no force and effect until such approval has been granted.

Section 51. The sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research for the purpose of providing staff, rental, utilities, supplies and equipment for the transition for the Office of Governor-elect and the Office of Lieutenant Governor-elect. The Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall serve as the certifying officer for expenditure of this appropriation. The executive branch shall provide such equipment, supplies and staff assistance as requested by the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant Governor-elect for the transition office without cost to the transition office.

Section 52. The sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) is appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation for repair of the stair railings at the Two Lovers' Point for FY 1987.

Section 53. The sum of Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$23,566.87) is appropriated from the General Fund for the operation of the Twelfth Guam Youth Congress. The unused balance of the Tenth and Eleventh Guam Youth Congress is further reappropriated to the Twelfth Guam Youth Congress.

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 12 AND TO AMEND CERTAIN CODE SECTIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE VII-A OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PROCUREMENT APPEALS BOARD AND TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT LAWS OF GUAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Chapter 12 is added to Title VII-A of the

Government Code to read:

### "CHAPTER 12

### Procurement Appeals Board

### Article A

\$6983. Creation of the Procurement Appeals Board. There is established an independent entity to be known as the Procurement Appeals Board to be composed of a chairperson and at least six (6) other members. The chairperson and members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed with the advice and consent of the Legislature and shall serve part-time as necessary.

\$6983.1. Terms and Qualifications of Members of the Procurement Appeals Board. (a) Term. The term of office of the chairperson and each member of the Procurement Appeals Board shall be six (6) years except that in making the initial appointments, the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of four (4) years, and the chairperson for a term of six (6) years, so that a term of office shall expire every two (2) years. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for

terms of six (6) years, or for the balance of any unexpired term, but members may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors take office. Members may be reappointed for succeeding terms. If there is no chairperson, or if such officer is absent or unable to serve, the senior member in length of service shall be temporary chairperson.

- (b) Authority of the Chairperson. The chairperson may adopt operational procedures and issue such orders, not inconsistent with this Title, as may be necessary in the execution of the Board's functions. The chairperson's authority may be delegated to the Board's members and employees, but only members of the Board may issue decisions on appeals.
- (c) Support. The Civil Service Commission is authorized to provide for the Board such services as the chairperson requests, on such basis, reimbursable or otherwise, as may be agreed upon between the Civil Service Commission and the chairperson. The Board is empowered to hire legal counsel, accountants, staff and other personnel, and to provide for training of its staff and members.
- (d) Qualifications for Board Membership. (1) One (1) member shall be a member in good standing of the Guam Bar Association who has been admitted to practice before the highest court of a state, territory or the District of Columbia for at least five (5) years prior to his appointment, one (1) member shall be a certified public accountant and the other members shall have demonstrated experience of at least five (5) years in procurement.
  - (2) No member shall be an employee of the government, a recipient of any annuity from the government, a member of any board or commission of the government, nor a member of the immediate family of an employee of the government. As used in this Section, 'immediate family' means a collective body of persons living together in one house under one head.
  - (3) The appointment of any person to the Commission shall become void if at any time during his term of office he shall

become an employee of the government or accept an annuity from the government.

- (4) When a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall appoint a new member within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy.
- (e) Removal of Members. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Governor or the Procurement Appeals Board by three (3) positive votes of its members may recuse a member of the Procurement Appeals Board from participation in a matter before the board due to
  - (i) disability,

- (ii) conflict of interest with respect to service on the Board and engagement in any private business,
  - (iii) for other good cause.

Any removal pursuant to items (ii) and (iii) of this Subsection shall be effective no sooner than ten (10) calendar days subsequent to the delivery of written notice of such removal by the Governor or the Board to the Legislative Secretary of the Legislature. Removal pursuant to item (i) of this Section shall be effective pursuant to the notice of the action taken.

A member of the Procurement Appeals Board may recuse himself. For purposes of this Section, recuse means to disqualify from hearing the matter and taking any action on it.

- (f) Appointment, Qualifications and Function of Alternates. At the same time as members of the Procurement Appeals Board are appointed by the Governor, the Governor shall appoint three (3) alternate members to the Board, all of whom shall serve for a term of six (6) years.
  - (1) Each alternate shall, at the time of his appointment, be designated either First Alternate, Second Alternate or Third Alternate. For the first year of his appointment each alternate shall serve in the order designated, and each year thereafter they shall rotate the order, so that during the second year, the First Alternate shall serve second, the Second Alternate third,

and the Third first, and so on for each successive year until their terms expire.

- (2) Each alternate shall fulfill the same requirements for membership on the Board as any of the regular board members fulfill and shall be subject to the same removal procedures as regular board members.
- (3) The alternates shall fill in on matters before the Procurement Appeals Board when a member is absent or recused pursuant to Subsection (e) of this Section and each alternate shall fill in for an absent or recused member in the order they are designated to serve, so that the alternate serving first fills in for the first absence or recusal, the alternate serving second fills in for the second absence or recusal, and so forth.
- §6983.2. Rules of Procedure. The Procurement Appeals Board shall adopt rules of procedure which, to the fullest extent possible, will provide for the expeditious resolution of controversies in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter.

The Board shall have the authority to appoint a hearing officer, who shall take written, oral or otherwise presented testimony, evaluate such testimony and make recommendations to the Board.

The Board may adopt Small Claims Procedures for the resolution of controversies involving claims of less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

\$6983.3. Decisions of the Procurement Appeals Board. Four (4) affirmative votes shall be required to decide any matter before the Procurement Appeals Board. Four (4) affirmative votes are required to overturn a decision that is appealed to the Procurement Appeals Board. The Procurement Appeals Board shall issue a decision in writing or take other appropriate action on each appeal submitted. A copy of any decision shall be provided to all parties, and, as appropriate, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works and the head of a purchasing agency.

\$6983.4. Jurisdiction of the Procurement Appeals Board. The Board shall have the power to review and determine de novo any

matter properly submitted to it. The Board shall not have jurisdiction over disputes having to do with money owed to or by the government of Guam. Notwithstanding \$6964 of this Title, no prior determination shall be final or conclusive on the Board or upon any appeal from the Board. The Board shall have the power to compel attendance and testimony of, and production of documents by, any employee of the territory. The Board may consider testimony and evidence submitted by any competing bidder, offerer or contractor of the protestant. The Board's jurisdiction shall be utilized to promote the integrity of the procurement process and the purposes of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

§6983.5. Standard of Review. Any determination of an issue or a finding of fact by the Board shall be final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent, clearly erroneous, or contrary to law. Any decision of the Board, including any determination regarding the application or interpretation of the procurement law or regulations, shall be entitled to great weight and the benefit of reasonable doubt, although it shall not be conclusive on any court having competent jurisdiction.

- \$6983.6. Suspension or Debarment Proceedings. (a) Scope. This \$6983.6 applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under \$6975.1 of this Title.
- (b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved person shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of a decision under Subsection (c) of \$6975.1 of this Title.
- (c) Decision. The Board shall decide whether, or the extent to which, the debarment or suspension was in accordance with the statutes, regulations and the best interest of the territory, and was fair. The Board shall issue its decision within thirty (30) days of the completion of the hearing on the issue.

§6983.7. Contract and Breach of Contract Controversies.

(a) Scope. This \$6983.7 applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under \$6975.2 of this Title.

(b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved contractor shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the decision or within sixty (60) days following the failure to render a timely decision as provided in \$6975.2 of this Title.

- (c) Decision. The Board shall decide the contract or breach of contract controversy and shall issue its decision within thirty (30) days of the completion of the hearing on the issue.
- §6983.8. Appeals and Review of Procurement Appeals Board Decisions. (a) Appeal. Any person receiving an adverse decision, the territory, or both may appeal from a decision by the Procurement Appeals Board to the Superior Court of Guam as provided in Article D of Chapter 9 of this Title.
- (b) Authorization of appeal by the government. No such appeal shall be made by the territory unless recommended by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of the Purchasing Agent involved and approved by the Attorney General.
- \$6983.9. Discontinuance of Contractor's Appeal. After notice of an appeal to the Procurement Appeals Board has been filed by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a Purchasing Agency, a contractor may not discontinue such appeal without prejudice, except as authorized by the Board."
- Section 2. Section 6975 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:
  - "\$6975. (a) Right to Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who may be aggrieved in connection with the method of source selection, solicitation or award of a contract, may protest to the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of a Purchasing Agency. The protest shall be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) days after such an aggrieved person knows or should know of the facts giving rise thereto.
  - (b) Authority to Resolve Protests. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall have the authority, prior to the commencement of an action in court concerning

the controversy, to settle and resolve a protest of an aggrieved bidder, offerer, or contractor, actual or prospective, concerning the solicitation or award of a contract. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Policy Office.

- (c) Decision. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision shall:
  - (1) state the reasons for the action taken; and
  - (2) inform the protestant of its right to administrative and judicial review.
- (d) Notice of Decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection(c) of this Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestant and any other party intervening.
- (e) Appeal. A decision under Subsection (c) of this Section including a decision thereunder regarding entitlement to costs as provided by Subsection (h) of this Section, may be appealed by the protestant, to the Procurement Appeals Board within fifteen (15) days after receipt by the protestant of the notice of decision.
- (f) Finality. A decision of the Procurement Appeals Board is final unless a person adversely affected by the decision commences an action in the Superior Court in accordance with Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title.
- (g) In the event of a timely protest under Subsection (a) of this Section or under Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title, the territory shall not proceed further with the solicitation or with the award of the contract prior to final resolution of such protest, and any such further action is void, unless:
  - (1) The Chief Procurement Officer or the Director of Public Works after consultation with and written concurrence of the head of the using or Purchasing Agency and the Attorney General or designated Deputy Attorney General, makes a written determination that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the territory; and

(2) Absent a declaration of emergency by the Governor, the protestant has been given at least two (2) days notice (exclusive of territorial holidays); and

- (3) If the protest is pending before the Board or the Court, the Board or Court has confirmed such determination, or if no such protest is pending, no protest to the Board of such determination is filed prior to expiration of the two (2) day period specified in Item (2) of Subsection (g) of this Section.
- (h) Entitlement to Costs. In addition to any other relief or remedy granted under Subsection (c) or (e) of this Section or under Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title, including the remedies provided by Article B of Chapter 9 of this Title, when a protest is sustained, the protestant shall be entitled to the reasonable costs incurred in connection with the solicitation and protest, including bid preparation costs, excluding attorney fees, if:
  - (1) the protestant should have been awarded the contract under the solicitation but was not; or
  - (2) there is a reasonable likelihood that the protestant may have been awarded the contract but for the breach of any ethical obligation imposed by Article B of Chapter II of this Title or the willful or reckless violation of any applicable procurement law or regulation. The Procurement Appeals Board shall have the power to assess reasonable costs other than attorney fees incurred by the territory against a protestant upon its finding that the protest was made fraudulently, frivolously or solely to disrupt the procurement process."
- Section 3. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Decision. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency shall issue a written decision to debar or suspend. The decision shall:
    - (1) state the reasons for the action taken; and

inform the debarred or suspended person involved of 1 2 its rights to judicial or administrative review as provided in this [Chapter] Title." 3 Section 4. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.1 is amended to read: 4 "(e) Finality of Decision. A decision under Subsections (c) or 5 (f) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, [or 6 7 the debarred or suspended person commences an action in court in 8 accordance with \$6978(b) of this Chapter.] or an appeal is taken to 9 the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with Section 6983.6 of 10 this Title." 11 Section 5. A new Subsection (f) is added to Section 6975.1 of the Government Code to read: 12 13 "(f) Any member  $\mathbf{of}$ the public may petition the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a 14 purchasing agency to take action to debar or suspend pursuant to 15 Subsection (a) of this Section. An investigation of each petition shall 16 17 be conducted promptly and a written report should be made of findings 18 of fact and action taken." 19 Section 6. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is 20 amended to read: 21 "(c) Decision. If such a controversy is not resolved by mutual 22 agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public 23 Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or the designee of one of 24 these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision 25 shall: 26 (1)state the reasons for the action taken; and 27 (2) inform the contractor of its rights to judicial or 28 administrative review as provided in this [Chapter] Title." 29 Section 7. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is 30 amended to read: "(e) 31 Finality of Decision. The decision reached pursuant to Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless 32

fraudulent, [or the contractor commences an action in court in

accordance with \$6978(c) of this Chapter] or the contractor appeals

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1 administratively to the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with 2 Section 6983.7 of this Title." Subsection (d) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is 3 Section 8. 4 amended to read: 5 "(d) Limited Finality for Administrative Determinations. 6 judicial action under this Section, factual or legal determinations by 7 employees, agents or other persons appointed by the Territory shall 8 have no finality and shall not be conclusive, notwithstanding any contract provision, or regulation, except to the extent provided in 9 \$\$6964, 6983.4 and 6983.5 of this Title." 10 Section 9. Subsection (c) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is 11 12 repealed and reenacted to read: 13 "(c) In addition to other relief and remedies, the Superior Court 14 shall have jurisdiction to grant injunctive relief in any action brought 15 under Subsections (a), (b) or (c) of this Section." Subsection (a) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code 16 Section 10. 17 is repealed and reenacted to read: 18 "(a) Protested Solicitations and Awards. Any action under

days after receipt of a final administrative decision."

Section 11. Subsection (b) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code

Section 6978(a) of this Chapter shall be initiated within fourteen (14)

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- Section 11. Subsection (b) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(b) Debarments and Suspensions for Cause. Any action under Section 6978(b) of this Chapter shall be commenced within six (6) months after receipt of the decision of the [Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or head of a purchasing agency under Section 6975.1(c) of this Chapter or the decision of the] Policy Office under Section 6981.1 of this Title, or the decision of the Procurement Appeals Board under Section 6983.6 of this Title, whichever is applicable."
- Section 12. Subsection (c) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Actions Under Contracts or for Breach of Contract. Any action commenced under Section 6978(c) of this Chapter shall be

commenced [within six months of the date the claim arose, or within six months of the date the claimant knew, or should have known, that a claim existed against the other party] within twelve (12) months after the date of the Procurement Appeals Board decision ."

Section 13. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 6978.1 of the Government Code to read:

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- "(d) The limitations on actions provided by this Section are tolled during the pendency of any proceeding brought pursuant to Section 6978.2 of this Title."
- Section 14. Section 6976 of the Government Code is amended to read:

  "Section 6976. Applicability of this Article. The provisions of
  this Article apply where it is determined administratively, or upon
  administrative or judicial review, that a solicitation or award of a

Section 15. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 6980.6 of the Government Code:

contract is in violation of law."

"(d) Favors to the Territory. For purposes of this Section, a favor is anything, including raffle tickets, of more than de minimus value and whether intended for the personal enjoyment of the receiver or for the department or organization in which they are employed or for any person, association, club or organization associated therewith or sponsored thereby. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person who is or may become a contractor, a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier contractor, or any person associated therewith, to offer, give or agree to give any employee or agent of the territory or for any employee or agent of the territory to solicit or accept from any such person or entity or agent thereof, a favor or gratuity on behalf of the territory whether or not such favor or gratuity may be considered a reimbursable expense of during the pendency of any matter related to the territory. procurement, including contract performance and warranty periods." Section 16. Subsection (c) of Section 6980.6 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"(c) Contract Clause. The prohibition against gratuities, [and] kickbacks and favors to the territory prescribed in this Section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor." Section 17. A new Section 6964.4 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.4. Record of Procurement Actions. Each procurement officer shall maintain a complete record of each procurement. The record shall include the following:

- (1) the date, time, subject matter and names of participants at any meeting including government employees that is in any way related to a particular procurement:
- (2) a log of all communications between government employees and any member of the public, potential bidder, vendor or manufacturer which is in any way related to the procurement;
- (3) sound recordings of all pre-bid conferences, negotiations arising from a request for proposals and discussions with vendors concerning small purchase procurement;
- (4) brochures and submittals of potential vendors, manufacturers or contractors, and all drafts, signed and dated by the draftsman, and other papers or materials used in the development of specifications; and
- (5) the requesting agency's determination of need."

  Section 18. A new Section 6964.5 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.5. Certification of Record. No procurement award shall be made unless the responsible procurement officer certifies in writing under penalty of perjury that he has maintained the record required by Section 6964.4 of this Chapter and that it is complete and available for public inspection. The certificate is itself a part of the record."

Section 19. A new Section 6964.6 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.6. The record required by Section 6964.4 of this Chapter is a public record and, subject to rules promulgated by the

1 Procurement Appeals Board, any person may inspect and copy any portion of the record." 3 Section 20. A new Section 6964.7 is added to the Government Code to 4 read: "Section 6964.7 The rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6964.6 5 6 of this Chapter shall: 7 protect the integrity of the bidding process; 8 protect the confidentiality of trade secrets: 9 (3) establish reasonable charges for copying papers; 10 (4) provide for transcription of sound recordings; 11 (5) require public access to the record at the earliest 12 possible time; and 13 not require that the record be complete or that the 14 procurement award be made before inspection and copying are 15 permitted." 16 Section 21. A new Section 6965.7 is added to the Government Code to 17 read: 18 "Section 6965.7. Publication of Source of Specifications. 19 specifications contained in any invitation for bids or request for 20 proposals, and any amendment thereto, for the procurement of supplies 21 shall identify the person responsible for drafting the specifications and 22 any persons, technical literature or manufacturer's brochures relied 23 upon by the responsible person in drafting the specifications." 24 Section 22. A new Section 6965.8 is added to the Government Code to 25 read: 26 "Section 6965.8. Salient Features. (a) Specifications shall not 27 include requirements, such as but not limited to restrictive dimensions. 28 weights or materials, which unnecessarily restrict competition, and 29 shall include only the essential physical characteristics and functions 30 required to meet the territory's minimum needs. Purchase descriptions shall not specify a product having 31 (b)

features which are peculiar to the products of one manufacturer, producer or distributor unless it has been determined in writing by

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essential to its requirements and specifying the reason that similar products lacking those features would not meet minimum requirements for the item.

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(c) Purchase descriptions shall describe the salient technical requirements or desired performance characteristics of supplies or services to be procured without including restrictions which do not significantly affect the technical requirements or performance characteristics."

Section 23. Section 6959.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"§6959.5. Emergency Procurements. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of either officer may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions as defined in regulations promulgated by the Policy Office; provided that such emergency procurements shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances, and further provided that the procurement agent must solicit at least three (3) informal price quotations, if time allows must give notice to all contractors from the qualified bid list who have provided the needed supplies and services to the government within the preceding twelve (12) months, and must award the procurement to the firm with the best offer, as determined by evaluating No emergency procurement or combination of cost and delivery time. emergency procurements may be made for an amount of goods or supplies greater than the amount of such goods and supplies which is necessary to meet an emergency for the thirty (30) day period immediately following the A written determination of the basis for the emergency and procurement. for the selection of the particular contractor shall be included in the contract file. The requirements for a written determination for the emergency shall be met if the procurements are being made on the basis of the Governor's declaration of an emergency situation by Executive Order if such Order states that emergency procurement may be resorted to for purposes of the Order. Unless authorized by an Executive Order declaring

1	an emergency, no emergency procurement may be made except on a
2	certificate made under penalty of perjury by the Chief Procurement Officer,
3	Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency, as the case
4	may be. Certified copies of the certificate shall be sent, prior to award
5	and as a condition thereof, to the Governor and Speaker of the Legislature.
6	The certificate shall contain the following:
7	(1) a statement of the facts giving rise to the emergency;
8	(2) the factual basis of the determination that an emergency
9	procurement is necessary; and
10	(3) a statement that emergency procurement is not being used solely
11	for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of this Title.
12	In addition to any other requirement, the Governor must approve in
13	writing all authorizations for emergency procurement."
14	Section 24. 6 GCA \$4102 is amended to read:
15	"\$4102. Public Writings Defined. 'Public Writings' are:
16	(1) The written acts of records of the acts of the sovereign
17	authority, of official bodies and tribunals, and of public officers,
18	legislative, judicial and executive, whether of the territory of
19	Guam, of any state, of the United States or insular possessions
20	thereof, of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or of a
21	foreign country; [and]
22	(2) Public records, kept in Guam, of private writings; and
23	(3) All data produced, generated or stored by a
24	government body, as defined in Subsection (h) of Section 6952 of
25	Title VII-A of the Government Code, in any way related to
26	procurement, as defined in Subsection (o) of Section 6952 of Title
27	VII-A of the Government Code."
28	Section 25. Subsection (b) of Section 6950 of the Government Code is
29	amended to read:
30	"(b) Purposes and Policies. The underlying purposes and
31	policies of this Title are:
32	(1) to simplify, clarify, and modernize the law governing
33	procurement by this Territory:

1	(2) to permit the continued development of procurement
2	policies and practices;
3	(3) to provide for increased public confidence in the
4	procedures followed in public procurement;
5	(4) to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons
6	who deal with the procurement system of this Territory;
7	(5) to provide increased economy in territorial activities and
8	to maximize to the fullest extent practicable the purchasing value
9	of public funds of the Territory;
10	(6) to foster effective broad-based competition within the
11	free enterprise system; [and]
12	(7) to provide safeguards for the maintenance of a
13	procurement system of quality and integrity; and
14	(8) to require public access to all aspects of procurement
15	consistent with the 'sealed bid' procedure and the integrity of the
16	procurement process ."
17	Section 26. A new Subsection (x) is added to Section 6952 of the
18	Government Code to read:
19	"(x) 'Emergency' means a condition posing an imminent threat to
20	public health, welfare, or safety which could not have been foreseen
21	through the use of reasonable and prudent management procedures,
22	and which cannot be addressed by other procurement methods of
23	source selection."
24	Section 27. A new Article E is added to Chapter 9 of Title VII-A of
25	the Government Code to read:
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"Section 6978.2. (a) On complaint by any member of the public, the Superior Court has jurisdiction to enjoin a governmental body from withholding procurement data and to order the production of any government data improperly withheld from the complainant. In such a case the court shall determine the matter de novo, and may examine the contents of such procurement data in camera to determine whether such records or any part thereof shall be withheld under any of the

exceptions set forth in 6 GCA \$4202 and the burden is on the agency to sustain its action.

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- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the government or a governmental body shall serve an answer or otherwise plead to any complaint made under this Section within thirty (30) days after service of the pleading in which such complaint is made, unless the court otherwise directs, for good cause shown.
- (c) Except as to cases the court considers of greater importance, proceedings as authorized by this Section, and appeals therefrom, take precedence on the docket over all cases and shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.
- (d) The court may assess against the government or governmental body reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred in any case under this Section in which the complainant has substantially prevailed.
- (e) Whenever the court orders the production any procurement data improperly withheld from the complainant and assesses against the government or governmental body reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs, and the court additionally issues a written finding that the circumstances surrounding the questions whether government personnel acted withholding raise arbitrarily or capriciously with respect to the withholding, apart from such other actions as the Court may take, the Civil Service Commission shall promptly initiate a proceeding to determine whether disciplinary action is warranted against the officer or employee who was primarily responsible for the withholding. The Commission, after investigation and consideration of the evidence submitted, shall submit its findings to the administrative authority of the agency concerned and shall send copies of the findings and recommendations to the officer of employee or his representative. The administrative authority shall take the corrective action that the Commission recommends. No right or power granted to the Civil Service Commission shall bar or preclude the

Court from issuing such orders, imposing such sanctions or providing such remedy or relief as it deems proper.

- (f) In the event of noncompliance with the order of the Court, the Superior Court may punish for contempt, the responsible employees or officer."
- Section 28. A new Section 6954.11 is added to the Government Code to read:

"\$6954.11. Every governmental body which is in the purview of the Executive Branch and including Guam Community College, the University of Guam, the Department of Education, the Guam Memorial Hospital and Guam Visitor's Bureau shall be governed by Chapters 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 of this Title, except to the extent that any such governmental body or other above-named body may be exempted from the centralized procurement regime of Chapter 2 of this Title, in which event the Director of each such governmental body or other above-named body shall be substituted wherever there is reference to the Public Policy Office or Chief Procurement Officer or Director of Public Works in Chapters 4, 5, 8 and 9 of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

It is the intent of the Legislature to require all Executive Branch governmental bodies, including autonomous agencies, and other above-named bodies, to be governed to the maximum extent practicable by Title VII-A. This provision requires any governmental body and each above-named body to conduct their procurement activities pursuant to Title VII-A, except insofar as said Title establishes and effects a system of centralized procurement."

Section 29. A new Section 6955.1 is added to the Government Code to read:

"\$6955.1. Each governmental body and each named body in Section 6954.11 of this Title shall adopt the procurement regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 6955(a) of this Title to the extent such agency is subject to such regulations according to the terms of Section 6954.11 of this Title"

Section 30. A new Section 6950.9 is added to the Government Code to read:

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§6950.9. Policy in Favor of Planned Procurement. A 11 procurements of supplies and services shall, where possible, be made sufficiently in advance of need for delivery or performance to promote maximum competition and good management of resources. Publication of bids and requests for proposals shall not be manipulated so as to place potential bidders at unnecessary competitive disadvantage. emergency situations, lower price bids are generally preferable to shorten delivery or performance bids. Delivery time considered as a factor in making an award to a responsive bidder only if his average delivery time bid is at least ten percent (10%) shorter than the average delivery time of a lower price responsive bidder and if the price offered by the bidder offering the faster delivery or performance does not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the lower price bidder."

Section 31. Subsection (b) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- "(b) Causes for Debarment or Suspension. The causes for debarment or suspension include the following:
  - (1) conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;
  - (2) conviction under territorial or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a territorial contractor;
  - (3) conviction under federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals;
  - (4) violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Chief Procurement Officer,

2 to be so serious as to justify debarment action: 3 deliberate failure without good cause to perform in 4 accordance with the specifications or within the time limit 5 provided in the contract; or (ii) a recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of 8 one or more contracts, provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the 9 control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a 10 basis for debarment: 11 12 (5) any other cause the Chief Procurement Officer, the 13 Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency 14 serious and compelling as determines to be so 15 responsibility as a territorial contractor, including debarment by 16 another governmental entity for any cause listed in regulations of 17 the Policy Office; [and] 18 (6) for violation of the ethical standards set forth in 19 Chapter 11 of this Title[.]; and 20 filing a frivolous or fraudulent petition, protest or 21 appeal under Section 6975(e), of Section 6975.1(f) or of Section 22 6975.2(e) of this Title." 23 Section 32. Subsection (a) of Section 6959.6 of the Government Code 24 is amended to read: 25 "(a) Conditions for Use. The services specified in \$6954.7(a) of 26 this Title shall be procured in accordance with this Section, except as authorized under \$6959.4 or \$6959.5 of this Title. 27 Services for 28 architecture, engineering, construction, land surveying, environmental 29 assessment and other such services shall be procured in accordance 30 with Chapter 5 of this Title." 31 Section 33. The provisions of Sections 1 through 32, inclusive, of

this Act shall become effective on Jaunary 4, 1987.

Section 34. A new 4 GCA \$6218 is added to read:

the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency

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"\$6218. Cause of Action for Overtime. It is the intent of the Legislature that all overtime which has been approved be promptly paid. Therefore: any employee who is entitled to overtime may bring action in the Superior Court against the government of Guam for payment of all back pay due as a result of overtime, in addition to all other remedies allowed at law or equity. In any such case, the Court may order pendente lite and permanently that the appropriate officer or officers of the Government pay such sums to the employee as may become due in the future on such terms as the Court deems just.

In any such case, ten (10) or more employees similarly situated may initiate and bring a class action on behalf of all employees similarly situated. In such case, the Court shall set reasonable attorney's fees upon conclusion of the case in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the recovery, to be paid by the government of Guam if the employees prevail."

Section 35. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor is authorized to expend from the operational budget available to the Executive Branch of the government in FY 1987 such sums as are necessary to fund all the pay reclassifications authorized to be implemented in PL 18-32 and PL 18-33 for FY 1987. The Governor shall submit a request for supplemental funding for such pay reclassifications to the Legislature by December 1, 1986.

Section 36. Subsection (b) of Section 26109 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"(b) No more than three (3) licenses in which amara fights may be conducted shall be granted, provided, that [this restriction shall not take effect until the expiration of licenses issued pursuant to previous law] one (1) of these three (3) shall be located in the area of Dededo-Yigo and is to be given to the highest responsible bidder."

Section 37. Subsection (a) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:

"(a) Whenever there are two (2) or less current licenses in effect, the Board shall conduct a public meeting at which it shall

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Section 38. Subsection (b) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"(b) [Upon determining such a need exists or n]Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of an existing license the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory its invitation for bids."

Section 39. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the balance remaining of any sums appropriated in Section 13 of P.L. 18-6, Sections 4 and 8 of P.L. 18-1, Section 8 of P.L. 17-18, and Section 5 of P.L. 17-2 are reprogrammed and reappropriated from their original sources to the Legislative Operations Fund for the operation of the Eighteenth Guam Legislature until January 4, 1987.

Section 40. Section C of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15 is amended to read:

		•	General	Other	]	Federal			
			Fund	Fund		Fund		Total	
"C. For F	ederal - State Mar	keting							
Impro	ovement Program								
1. 0	perating Expenses	[\$	19,500]		\$	19,500	[\$	39,000]	
5.		\$	12,500				\$	32,000	
		[\$	19,500]		\$	19,500	[\$	39,000]	
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18	Section 41.	Section K	of Part I	I of Section	1 of	Chapter	II of	Public	

Section 41. Section K of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15 is amended to read:

	General	Other	Federal	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
"K. For Soil and Water Conserv	ation			
1. Personnel Services	\$ 13,102			\$ 13,102
	(1.0 FTE)			(1.0 FTE)

2.	Operating Expenses		3,950			3,950
3.	Stipends Water Conservation	on				
	District Officers		7,000			7,000
		[\$	17,052]		[\$	17,052]
	4	\$	24,052		\$	24,052"

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Section 42. The sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$536,000) of the funds available for use for the Medically Indigent Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services for Fiscal Year 1987 are appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the payment of patient charges incurred in Fiscal Year 1986 for the Medically Indigent Program.

Section 45. No later than forty-five (45) days subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature an equitable plan for the salaries of all unclassified employees in all departments and agencies of the government, both autonomous and non-autonomous. Such plan shall include proposed salaries for all unclassified employees and identify sources of funding sufficient to implement the plan.

Section 4. A new Section 6961.3 is added to the Government Code to read:

Disclosure of major shareholders. "Section 6961.3. As a condition of any partnership, bidding, sole proprietorship or corporation doing business with the government of Guam shall submit an affidavit executed under oath that lists the name and address of any person who has held more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding interest or shares in said partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation at any time during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding submission of a bid. The affidavit shall contain the number of shares or the percentage of all assets of such partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation which have been held by each such person during the twelve (12) month period. addition, the affidavit shall contain the name and address of any person who has received or is entitled to receive a commission,

gratuity or other compensation for procuring or assisting in obtaining business related to the bid for the bidder and shall also contain the amounts of any such commission, gratuity or other compensation. The affidavit shall be open and available to the public for inspection and copying."

Section 45. A new 10 GCA \$41107 is added to read:

"\$41107. Executive Officer: Special Duties. (a) In addition to any other powers and duties of the Executive Officer, the Executive Officer shall, by whatever means deemed appropriate, certify that a person is disabled after receipt of a signed statement from a licensed physician supporting the claim of the disabled person. The Executive Officer shall also certify those vehicles which transport disabled persons regularly.

(b) A disabled Parking Advisory Committee is hereby created. Four (4) members of the Commission shall be selected by the Executive Officer and shall consist of one (1) paraplegic, one (1) quadriplegic, one (1) blind person, and one (1) disabled person who must rely on crutches for mobility. The Director of Public Works shall choose one (1) member who shall be a representative of the Department of Public Works. The Director of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation shall be an ex-officio member. The Disabled Parking Advisory Committee shall submit to the Department of Public Works their recommendations regarding location of parking spaces which, pursuant to Subsection (b) of Section 10001.9 of the Government Code, are to be assigned to the disabled."

Section 46. A new Section 350 is added to the Code of Civil Procedure to read:

"Section 350. Exposure to Asbestos, Actions for Injury, Illness or Wrongful Death. (a) In any civil action for injury or illness based upon exposure to asbestos, chemicals, or other toxic agents, the time for the commencement of the action shall be the later of the following:

(1) Within two (2) years after the date the plaintiff first suffered disability and either before or after suffering the disability the plaintiff was informed by a licensed physician,

clearly and comprehensively, to the degree that the plaintiff is capable of understanding, that he was diagnosed as having any one or more of the following several and distinct injuries, pleural disease, or pulmonary asbestosis, or malignant mesothelioma, or other carcinoma or other specific asbestos-related injury, causing the disability; or

- (2) Within two (2) years after the date the plaintiff either knew, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, (i) that such disability was caused or contributed to by such exposure and (ii) that the disability or injury was caused by a violation of a duty towards the plaintiff; or
- (3) Two (2) years from the effective date of this Act.

- (b) 'Disability' as used in Subsection (a) of this Section means the loss of time from work as a result of exposure to asbestos, which precludes the performance of the employee's regular occupation.
- (c) In an action for the wrongful death of any plaintiff's decedent, based upon exposure to asbestos, the time for commencement of an action shall be the later of the following:
  - (1) Within two (2) years from the date of death of the plaintiff's decedent, or the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later; or
  - (2) Within two (2) years from the date the plaintiff first knew, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that the death was caused or contributed to by such exposure.
- (d) The provisions of this Section shall apply retroactively to all unfiled claims and to all pending litigation in the courts of Guam, or which are on appeal. Pending litigation as used in this Subsection shall include any action that has been filed in the courts of Guam.
- (e) The burden of proving that this Section is a bar to any cause of action for illness, injury, property damage or wrongful death is upon the party asserting this section as a defense.
- (f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as waiving the sovereign immunity of the government of Guam.

(g) This Section shall not change the statute of limitations for any claim against the Government of Guam."

Section 47. The Governor shall appoint seven (7) members to a task force as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Section of this Act and charge the task force with preparing a comprehensive plan, including recommended legislation, for the territory to identify the presence, in government buildings and areas under the control of the government, of asbestos and other environmental substances capable of causing latent harm to the people of Guam, and to identify necessary steps to remove this harm. This task force shall make its report and forward the report to the Governor and the Legislature within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Section of this Act.

Section 48. The sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$978,365.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund for the purpose of funding a Four Hundred Nineteen Dollar (\$419.00) lump sum Cost of Living Allowance for government of Guam retirees or their survivors for Fiscal Year 1987 only.

Section 40. The sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislature Operations Fund for expenses of the state funerals for former Commissioners Pedro Rosario and Jose Tyquiengco and former Senator Cecilia Bamba.

Section 56. (a) Any agreement for termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy shall provide that the United States Government or the United States Navy shall not purchase electrical power from the Guam Power Authority at a preferential rate. In any event, any electrical rate for the United States Navy or the United States Government shall be not less than the average amount per kilowatt hour paid by all classes of electrical power consumers on Guam, and shall, as a minimum, incorporate all social and economic considerations pertinent to the community of Guam.

Any agreement between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy for the purchase of electrical power shall provide that the United States Government or the United States Navy shall not purchase electrical power from the Guam Power Authority at a preferential rate. In any event, any electrical rate for the United States Navy or the United States Government shall be not less than the average amount per kilowatt hour paid by all classes of electrical power consumers on Guam, and shall, as a minimum, incorporate all social and economic considerations pertinent to the community of Guam.

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(c) Any agreement for termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy, and any agreement between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy for the purchase of electrical power from the Guam Power Authority must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Guam Power Authority, Public Utilities Commission and Guam law prior to implementation, and shall have no force and effect until such approval has 

FLOOR AMENDMENT
BY SENATOR E.P. ARRIOLA

SECTION . THE SUM OF TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY SEVEN CENTS, (\$23,566.87) IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TWELFTH GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS. THE UNUSED BALANCE OF THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS IS FURTHER REAPPROPRIATED TO THE TWELFTH GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS.

# FLOOR AMENDMENT

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- 1. Add the following new Section to read:
- 2. "Section  $\frac{53}{2}$ . The sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000)
- 3. is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Budget
- 4. and Management Research for the purpose of providing staff, rental,
- 5. utilities, supplies and equipment for the transition for the
- 6. Office of Governor-elect and the Office of Lieutenant Governor-elect.
- 7. The Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall
- 8. serve as the certifying officer for expenditure of this appropriation.
- 9. The executive branch shall provide such equipment, supplies and
- 10. staff assistance as requested by the Governor-elect and the
- 11. Lieutenant Governor-elect for the transition office without cost to
- 12. the transition office."

# FLOOR AMENDMENT

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2	"Section $63$ . The sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000)
3	is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Budget
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5	supplies and equipment for the transition for the Office of Governor
5	elect and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor-elect. The Director
7	of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall serve as
3	certifying officer for expenditure of this appropriation. The
€	executive branch shall provide such equipment and staff assitance
LO	as requested by the Governor-elect and Lieutenant Governor-elect

11 for the transition Office."

### FLOOR AMENDMENT

### OFFERED BY

SENATOR TED S. NELSON

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Section 36 10'Hara Street situated in Agana, Guam, shall

2 hereinafter be known as the "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores

3 Street".

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4 Section  $(\theta)$  Any provisions in the statues referencing

5 O'Hara Street are amended to read: "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho

6 Flores Street".

or near the street name.

Section (C) The Governor of Guam with the Agana Commis-7 sioner and the Municipal Planning Council, shall cause to be 9 erected appropriate nameplates or signs designating O'Hara Street as the "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street". Further, 10 at such ceremony as the Governor, along with the Agana Commis-11 sioner and the Municipal Planning Council deem appropriate, 12 said "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street" shall be 13 officially named and a plaque bearing the name, picture and 14 brief history of the contributions of the late Archbishop Felix-15

berto Camacho Flores shall be affixed at a suitable spot with

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### FLOOR AMENDMENT

Section . The sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) is appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation for repair of the stair railings at the Two Lovers' Point for FY 1987.



RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.





September 8, 1986

Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez Speaker, Eighteenth Guam Legislature P.O. Box CB-1 Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I sign bill 16 into law today, mainly because I agree with the provisions remedying past injustices, with respect to persons practicing in the fields of architecture and engineering.

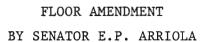
I have been advised that the Filipino American Society of Architects and Engineers (FASAE), the Guam Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Institute of Architects on Guam, have all positively endorsed Bill 16. If these professional organizations have seen fit to support Bill 16, I believe that the integrity and standards of the professionals involved are indeed upheld by the bill.

I must also comment on Section 29 of Bill 16, which appropriates \$13,500 from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Visitors Bureau, for the purpose of repairing the stair railings at Two Lovers' Point, for FY '87. Although I agree with the intent of this appropriation - to ensure the safety of tourists and residents who visit Two Lovers' Point - I disagree with the appropriateness of involving the GVB. I believe a government agency, particularly the Department of Parks and Recreation, would be the more suitable entity to repair a public park facility. The Department of Parks and Recreation represents the interests of all the People of Guam, with respect to public parks and recreational facilities. The Guam Visitors Bureau was held not to be an instrumentality of the Government of Guam, in a recent District Court decision (DC No. CV 83-0095-CCD). Therefore, I have deemed it necessary to item veto Section 29.

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# EIGHTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

### CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Committee on General Governmental Operations

Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Community Development

Committee on Tourism, Transportation and Communications

Committee on Federal, Foreign and Legal Affairs

November 6, 1986

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez Speaker
Eighteenth Guam Legislature
P.O. Box CB-1
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Rules at its meeting on November 6, 1986, approved the placement of Bill No. 743 first item on the Second Reading File; and hereby transmits to the full Legislature Bill No. 743 as Substituted by the Committee on General Governmental Operations and further Substituted by the Committee on Rules on November 6, 1986.

The Committee voting record for passage of Bill No. 743 is as follows:

TO DO PASS

TO NOT PASS

ABSTAIN

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A copy of the Committee Report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN P. AGUON

Chairman

Attachments

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# COMMITTEE REPORT COMMITTEE ON RULES November 6, 1986

The Committee on Rules met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 1986 to discuss Substitute Bill 743. This Bill, pursuant to the meeting of October 2, 1986, remained in the Committee on Rules.

Substitute Bill 743, dated 10-2-86, was further discussed. One additional section was added to the Bill.

A new Section 50 was added to the Bill setting out the manner in which a termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy shall be effectuated.

Some other minor changes were made to the Bill as follows:

- 1. In Section 33, the date for the effectiveness of the provisions of Sections 1 through 32 of the Bill was made to be January 4, 1987.
- 2. Section 49 of the Bill was amended to reflect that \$28,000.00 is the proper amount approved by the Committee on Rules to be appropriated from the General Fund for the expenses of state funerals, rather than the \$24,199.86 as previously set out in Section 49.

After adopting the above changes, the Committee on Rules adopted Substitute Bill 743 as dated 11-6-86 and placed that Bill first on the Second Reading Agenda for the session at 2:00 p.m. November 6, 1986.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

## COMMITTEE ON RULES October 2, 1986

The Committee on Rules met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 1986 to discuss Substitute Bill 743, previously placed by the Committee first on the Session Agenda for Wednesday, September 24, 1986 at 2:00 p.m.

Substitute Bill No. 743, dated 9-23-86, was pulled back by the Committee from the Second Reading File for the purpose of making changes to the bill, and later to be placed back first on the Second Reading File for Session agenda.

The Committee on Rules instructed the legal counsel to provide language, if not already provided by the Committee members, to make the following changes to Substitute Bill No. 743, 9-23-86:

- Section 34 of the Bill was deleted and replaced with a new Section 34, which is essentially the same as the first except all references to reclassifications were deleted from the Section so that the cause of action specified in that Section is for overtime only.
- 2. New Subsections (e) and (f) were added to Section 6983.1 of the Government Code, contained in Section 1 of the Bill, dealing with the removal of members of the Procurement Appeals Board. A mechanism was included so that the Governor may remove a member of the Procurement Appeals Board, or three members of the Board or a member himself may also remove himself from the Board for the purposes of hearing a particular matter before it. Also, a provision for appointing alternates was included so that if a member of the Board is absent or disqualified from hearing a matter for any reason, an alternate can fill in to take his place.

During the discussion of the functioning of the Procurement Appeals Board, various adjustments were made in the functioning of the Board as set out in Bill 743 and these changes were included. Provisions were made that four affirmative votes are necessary for the Board to decide any matter before it and also to overturn a decision before it. The power to appoint a hearing officer was also included, so that the hearing officer can gather evidence in a particular case. A time limit to act on an appeal was included so that the Board cannot postpone action on a matter before it for an indefinite time.

Section 23 of the Substitute Bill 743 was deleted and a different section was inserted regarding emergency procurement of the Government. This new Section makes it clear that, although the Chief Procurement Officer, Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency or a designee may make emergency procurements, all emergency procurements must be approved in writing by the Governor. Additionally, the procurement agent must solicit three informal price quotations and if time permits must give notice to all persons who have for one year previously provided the supplies or services which are needed on an emergency basis and emergencies may not be certified for any situation lasting longer than thirty days. There must be certification concerning the emergency unless the emergency is declared by Executive Order.

Section 6954.11 of the Government Code, included in Section 28 of Sub Bill 743, was deleted and a new Section 6954.11 was added making numerous technical amendments as well as some substantive amendments. The new Section which was inserted makes it clear that certain portions of Chapter VII-A of the Government Code are to include the autonomous agencies of the Executive Branch of the Government of Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau, but that those named Chapters are not to apply to the Judicial Branch or the Legislative Branch of the Government. The Section also makes clear that the agencies specified in that Section are not required to centralized their procurement through the GSA but are to follow the procedures outlined in the rest of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

- 3. Section 36 regarding cockpit licensing, particularly in the Dededo Yigo area, was discussed, and to effectuate the purposes of Section 36, new Sections 37 and 38 were added to Section 37 repeals and reenacts Subsection (a) of the Bill. Section 26106 of the Government Code, and mandates that when there are two or less current licenses for cockpits in effect, the Cockpit License Board must conduct a public hearing and let bids for the new, expired or non-renewed license slots. Also, Subsection (b) of Section 26106 of the Government Code was amended in Section 38 of the Bill, and basically mandates that the Cockpit License Board have three cockpits in operation on Guam, and the Board should not determine when a need for a new cockpit exists, as required under present law.
- 4. A new Section 39 was added to the Bill, taking appropriations which were previously made to the Legislature and for which cash was never transmitted to the Legislature and making such appropriations continue to be available for the operation of the Eighteenth Guam Legislature until January 4, 1987. Because of the wording in previous appropriations, these appropriations have not lapsed, but are outstanding on the books, although unspent.

- 5. New Sections 40 and 41 were added to the Bill, amending Section C and Section K of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15, programming the Department of Agriculture budget to provide for the use of appropriated funds for the Soil and Water Conservation District officers' stipends.
- 6. A new Section 42 was added to the Bill authorizing funds available for Fiscal Year 1987 to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for use in the Medically Indigent Program to be used for payment of charges incurred in Fiscal Year 1986 for the Medically Indigent Program.
- 7. A new Section 43 was added to the Bill, mandating that the Governor provide a plan for equitable salaries for unclassified employees in all the departments and agencies of the government of Guam, whether or not they are autonomous or non-autonomous. This plan must be submitted to the Legislature no later than forty-five days from the date of enactment of the Act, and must include sources of funding for the plan.
- A new Section 44 was added to the Bill adding a new Section 8. This Section requires that 6961.3 to the Government Code. for any partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation to do business with the government of Guam, it must submit an affidavit listing those persons who have more than ten percent of the outstanding interest or shares in the business during the previous twelve month period, and also, any person receive a commission, gratuity entitled to compensation for procuring the business with the government must also be contained in the affidavit, which is open for public inspection and copying.
- 9. A new Section 45 was added to the Bill adding a new 10 GCA \$41107. This Section was previously contained in Section 5 of Public Law 18-28, however when Chapter 41 of 10 GCA was repealed and reenacted in Public Law 18-32, this Section was inadvertently repealed by that technicality and is re-included into the Guam Code Annotated again.
- 10. A new Section 46 was added to the Bill, designating a statute of limitations for causes of action for disability suffered as a result of exposure to asbestos.
- 11. A new Section 47 was added to the Bill mandating the Governor to appoint a task force to study asbestos and other hazardous substances under control of the government of Guam and report on the problem to the Legislature and Governor within 180 days.

- 12. A new Section 48 was added to the Bill appropriating Nine Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$978,365) from the General Fund to the government of Guam Retirement Fund for a Fiscal Year 1987 only COLA.
- 13. A new Section 49 was added to the Bill appropriating the sum of \$24,199.86 from the General Fund to the Legislature Operation Fund to reimburse the Legislature for the state funerals of former Commissioners Pedro Rosario and Jose Tyquiengco, and former Senator Cecilia C. Bamba.

After all the above-mentioned changes were incorporated into Substitute Bill 743, 9-23-86, the Bill was further substituted by the Committee on Rules and redesignated with the date 10-2-86.

The Bill remains in the Committee on Rules until the next Rules meeting.

# EIGHTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1986 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 743
Substitute by Committee on
General Governmental Operations
further substitute by Committee on Rules
11-6-86

Introduced by:

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C. T. C. Gutierrez T. S. Nelson

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 12 AND TO AMEND CERTAIN CODE SECTIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE VII-A OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PROCUREMENT APPEALS BOARD AND TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT LAWS OF GUAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. A new Chapter 12 is added to Title VII-A of the Government Code to read:

#### "CHAPTER 12

#### Procurement Appeals Board

#### Article A

\$6983. Creation of the Procurement Appeals Board. There is established an independent entity to be known as the Procurement Appeals Board to be composed of a chairperson and at least six (6) other members. The chairperson and members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed with the advice and consent of the Legislature and shall serve part-time as necessary.

\$6983.1. Terms and Qualifications of Members of the Procurement Appeals Board. (a) Term. The term of office of the chairperson and each member of the Procurement Appeals Board shall be six (6) years except that in making the initial appointments, the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of four (4) years, and the chairperson for a term of six (6) years, so that a term of office shall expire every two (2) years. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for

terms of six (6) years, or for the balance of any unexpired term, but members may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors take office. Members may be reappointed for succeeding terms. If there is no chairperson, or if such officer is absent or unable to serve, the senior member in length of service shall be temporary chairperson.

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- (b) Authority of the Chairperson. The chairperson may adopt operational procedures and issue such orders, not inconsistent with this Title, as may be necessary in the execution of the Board's functions. The chairperson's authority may be delegated to the Board's members and employees, but only members of the Board may issue decisions on appeals.
- (c) Support. The Civil Service Commission is authorized to provide for the Board such services as the chairperson requests, on such basis, reimbursable or otherwise, as may be agreed upon between the Civil Service Commission and the chairperson. The Board is empowered to hire legal counsel, accountants, staff and other personnel, and to provide for training of its staff and members.
- (d) Qualifications for Board Membership. (1) One (1) member shall be a member in good standing of the Guam Bar Association who has been admitted to practice before the highest court of a state, territory or the District of Columbia for at least five (5) years prior to his appointment, one (1) member shall be a certified public accountant and the other members shall have demonstrated experience of at least five (5) years in procurement.
  - (2) No member shall be an employee of the government, a recipient of any annuity from the government, a member of any board or commission of the government, nor a member of the immediate family of an employee of the government. As used in this Section, 'immediate family' means a collective body of persons living together in one house under one head.
  - (3) The appointment of any person to the Commission shall become void if at any time during his term of office he shall

become an employee of the government or accept an annuity from the government.

- (4) When a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall appoint a new member within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the vacancy.
- (e) Removal of Members. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Governor or the Procurement Appeals Board by three (3) positive votes of its members may recuse a member of the Procurement Appeals Board from participation in a matter before the board due to
  - (i) disability,

- (ii) conflict of interest with respect to service on the Board and engagement in any private business,
  - (iii) for other good cause.

Any removal pursuant to items (ii) and (iii) of this Subsection shall be effective no sooner than ten (10) calendar days subsequent to the delivery of written notice of such removal by the Governor or the Board to the Legislative Secretary of the Legislature. Removal pursuant to item (i) of this Section shall be effective pursuant to the notice of the action taken.

A member of the Procurement Appeals Board may recuse himself. For purposes of this Section, recuse means to disqualify from hearing the matter and taking any action on it.

- (f) Appointment, Qualifications and Function of Alternates. At the same time as members of the Procurement Appeals Board are appointed by the Governor, the Governor shall appoint three (3) alternate members to the Board, all of whom shall serve for a term of six (6) years.
  - (1) Each alternate shall, at the time of his appointment, be designated either First Alternate, Second Alternate or Third Alternate. For the first year of his appointment each alternate shall serve in the order designated, and each year thereafter they shall rotate the order, so that during the second year, the First Alternate shall serve second, the Second Alternate third,

and the Third first, and so on for each successive year until their terms expire.

- (2) Each alternate shall fulfill the same requirements for membership on the Board as any of the regular board members fulfill and shall be subject to the same removal procedures as regular board members.
- (3) The alternates shall fill in on matters before the Procurement Appeals Board when a member is absent or recused pursuant to Subsection (e) of this Section and each alternate shall fill in for an absent or recused member in the order they are designated to serve, so that the alternate serving first fills in for the first absence or recusal, the alternate serving second fills in for the second absence or recusal, and so forth.

\$6983.2. Rules of Procedure. The Procurement Appeals Board shall adopt rules of procedure which, to the fullest extent possible, will provide for the expeditious resolution of controversies in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter.

The Board shall have the authority to appoint a hearing officer, who shall take written, oral or otherwise presented testimony, evaluate such testimony and make recommendations to the Board.

The Board may adopt Small Claims Procedures for the resolution of controversies involving claims of less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

\$6983.3. Decisions of the Procurement Appeals Board. Four (4) affirmative votes shall be required to decide any matter before the Procurement Appeals Board. Four (4) affirmative votes are required to overturn a decision that is appealed to the Procurement Appeals Board. The Procurement Appeals Board shall issue a decision in writing or take other appropriate action on each appeal submitted. A copy of any decision shall be provided to all parties, and, as appropriate, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works and the head of a purchasing agency.

\$6983.4. Jurisdiction of the Procurement Appeals Board. The Board shall have the power to review and determine de novo any

matter properly submitted to it. The Board shall not have jurisdiction over disputes having to do with money owed to or by the government of Guam. Notwithstanding \$6964 of this Title, no prior determination shall be final or conclusive on the Board or upon any appeal from the Board. The Board shall have the power to compel attendance and testimony of, and production of documents by, any employee of the territory. The Board may consider testimony and evidence submitted by any competing bidder, offerer or contractor of the protestant. The Board's jurisdiction shall be utilized to promote the integrity of the procurement process and the purposes of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

§6983.5. Standard of Review. Any determination of an issue or a finding of fact by the Board shall be final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent, clearly erroneous, or contrary to law. Any decision of the Board, including any determination regarding the application or interpretation of the procurement law or regulations, shall be entitled to great weight and the benefit of reasonable doubt, although it shall not be conclusive on any court having competent jurisdiction.

- \$6983.6. Suspension or Debarment Proceedings. (a) Scope. This \$6983.6 applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under \$6975.1 of this Title.
- (b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved person shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of a decision under Subsection (c) of \$6975.1 of this Title.
- (c) Decision. The Board shall decide whether, or the extent to which, the debarment or suspension was in accordance with the statutes, regulations and the best interest of the territory, and was fair. The Board shall issue its decision within thirty (30) days of the completion of the hearing on the issue.
  - §6983.7. Contract and Breach of Contract Controversies.
- (a) Scope. This \$6983.7 applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under \$6975.2 of this Title.

(b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved contractor shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the decision or within sixty (60) days following the failure to render a timely decision as provided in \$6975.2 of this Title.

- (c) Decision. The Board shall decide the contract or breach of contract controversy and shall issue its decision within thirty (30) days of the completion of the hearing on the issue.
- §6983.8. Appeals and Review of Procurement Appeals Board Decisions. (a) Appeal. Any person receiving an adverse decision, the territory, or both may appeal from a decision by the Procurement Appeals Board to the Superior Court of Guam as provided in Article D of Chapter 9 of this Title.
- (b) Authorization of appeal by the government. No such appeal shall be made by the territory unless recommended by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of the Purchasing Agent involved and approved by the Attorney General.
- §6983.9. Discontinuance of Contractor's Appeal. After notice of an appeal to the Procurement Appeals Board has been filed by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a Purchasing Agency, a contractor may not discontinue such appeal without prejudice, except as authorized by the Board."
- Section 2. Section 6975 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:
  - "\$6975. (a) Right to Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who may be aggrieved in connection with the method of source selection, solicitation or award of a contract, may protest to the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of a Purchasing Agency. The protest shall be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) days after such an aggrieved person knows or should know of the facts giving rise thereto.
  - (b) Authority to Resolve Protests. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall have the authority, prior to the commencement of an action in court concerning

the controversy, to settle and resolve a protest of an aggrieved bidder, offerer, or contractor, actual or prospective, concerning the solicitation or award of a contract. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Policy Office.

- (c) Decision. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision shall:
  - (1) state the reasons for the action taken; and
  - (2) inform the protestant of its right to administrative and judicial review.
- (d) Notice of Decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestant and any other party intervening.
- (e) Appeal. A decision under Subsection (c) of this Section including a decision thereunder regarding entitlement to costs as provided by Subsection (h) of this Section, may be appealed by the protestant, to the Procurement Appeals Board within fifteen (15) days after receipt by the protestant of the notice of decision.
- (f) Finality. A decision of the Procurement Appeals Board is final unless a person adversely affected by the decision commences an action in the Superior Court in accordance with Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title.
- (g) In the event of a timely protest under Subsection (a) of this Section or under Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title, the territory shall not proceed further with the solicitation or with the award of the contract prior to final resolution of such protest, and any such further action is void, unless:
  - (1) The Chief Procurement Officer or the Director of Public Works after consultation with and written concurrence of the head of the using or Purchasing Agency and the Attorney General or designated Deputy Attorney General, makes a written determination that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the territory; and

(2) Absent a declaration of emergency by the Governor, the protestant has been given at least two (2) days notice (exclusive of territorial holidays); and

- (3) If the protest is pending before the Board or the Court, the Board or Court has confirmed such determination, or if no such protest is pending, no protest to the Board of such determination is filed prior to expiration of the two (2) day period specified in Item (2) of Subsection (g) of this Section.
- (h) Entitlement to Costs. In addition to any other relief or remedy granted under Subsection (c) or (e) of this Section or under Subsection (a) of Section 6978 of this Title, including the remedies provided by Article B of Chapter 9 of this Title, when a protest is sustained, the protestant shall be entitled to the reasonable costs incurred in connection with the solicitation and protest, including bid preparation costs, excluding attorney fees, if:
  - (1) the protestant should have been awarded the contract under the solicitation but was not; or
  - (2) there is a reasonable likelihood that the protestant may have been awarded the contract but for the breach of any ethical obligation imposed by Article B of Chapter II of this Title or the willful or reckless violation of any applicable procurement law or regulation. The Procurement Appeals Board shall have the power to assess reasonable costs other than attorney fees incurred by the territory against a protestant upon its finding that the protest was made fraudulently, frivolously or solely to disrupt the procurement process."
- Section 3. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Decision. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency shall issue a written decision to debar or suspend. The decision shall:
    - (1) state the reasons for the action taken; and

1 inform the debarred or suspended person involved of its rights to judicial or administrative review as provided in this 3 [Chapter] Title." 4 Section 4. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.1 is amended to read: "(e) Finality of Decision. A decision under Subsections (c) or 5 (f) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, [or 6 7 the debarred or suspended person commences an action in court in 8 accordance with \$6978(b) of this Chapter.] or an appeal is taken to 9 the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with Section 6983.6 of 10 this Title." Section 5. 11 A new Subsection (f) is added to Section 6975.1 of the 12 Government Code to read: 13 "(f) Any of the public may petition member the Chief 14 Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a 15 purchasing agency to take action to debar or suspend pursuant to 16 Subsection (a) of this Section. An investigation of each petition shall 17 be conducted promptly and a written report should be made of findings 18 of fact and action taken." 19 Section 6. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is 20 amended to read: Decision. If such a controversy is not resolved by mutual 21 "(c) 22 agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public 23 Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or the designee of one of 24 these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision 25 shall: 26 state the reasons for the action taken; and (1)27 (2) inform the contractor of its rights to judicial or 28 administrative review as provided in this [Chapter] Title." 29 Section 7. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is 30 amended to read: "(e) Finality of Decision. 31 The decision reached pursuant to Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless 32

fraudulent, [or the contractor commences an action in court in

accordance with \$6978(c) of this Chapter] or the contractor appeals

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1 administratively to the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with Section 6983.7 of this Title." 3 Section 8. Subsection (d) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is 4 amended to read: "(d) Limited Finality for Administrative Determinations. 5 judicial action under this Section, factual or legal determinations by 6 7 employees, agents or other persons appointed by the Territory shall 8 have no finality and shall not be conclusive, notwithstanding any 9 contract provision, or regulation, except to the extent provided in 10 §§6964, 6983.4 and 6983.5 of this Title." Section 9. Subsection (c) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is 11 12 repealed and reenacted to read: 13 "(c) In addition to other relief and remedies, the Superior Court 14 shall have jurisdiction to grant injunctive relief in any action brought 15 under Subsections (a), (b) or (c) of this Section." Subsection (a) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code 16 Section 10. 17 is repealed and reenacted to read: 18 "(a) Protested Solicitations and Awards. Any action under 19 Section 6978(a) of this Chapter shall be initiated within fourteen (14) 20 days after receipt of a final administrative decision." Section 11. Subsection (b) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code 21 22 is amended to read: 23 "(b) Debarments and Suspensions for Cause. Any action under 24 Section 6978(b) of this Chapter shall be commenced within six (6) 25 months after receipt of the decision of the [Chief Procurement Officer, 26 the Director of Public Works or head of a purchasing agency under 27 Section 6975.1(c) of this Chapter or the decision of the] Policy Office 28 under Section 6981.1 of this Title, or the decision of the Procurement 29 Appeals Board under Section 6983.6 of this Title, whichever is 30 applicable." 31 Section 12. Subsection (c) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code 32 is amended to read:

Actions Under Contracts or for Breach of Contract.

action commenced under Section 6978(c) of this Chapter shall be

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commenced [within six months of the date the claim arose, or within six months of the date the claimant knew, or should have known, that a claim existed against the other party] within twelve (12) months after the date of the Procurement Appeals Board decision."

Section 13. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 6978.1 of the Government Code to read:

- "(d) The limitations on actions provided by this Section are tolled during the pendency of any proceeding brought pursuant to Section 6978.2 of this Title."
- Section 14. Section 6976 of the Government Code is amended to read:

  "Section 6976. Applicability of this Article. The provisions of
  this Article apply where it is determined administratively, or upon
  administrative or judicial review, that a solicitation or award of a
  contract is in violation of law."
- Section 15. A new Subsection (d) is added to Section 6980.6 of the Government Code:
  - "(d) Favors to the Territory. For purposes of this Section, a favor is anything, including raffle tickets, of more than de minimus value and whether intended for the personal enjoyment of the receiver or for the department or organization in which they are employed or for any person, association, club or organization associated therewith or sponsored thereby. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person who is or may become a contractor, a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier contractor, or any person associated therewith, to offer, give or agree to give any employee or agent of the territory or for any employee or agent of the territory to solicit or accept from any such person or entity or agent thereof, a favor or gratuity on behalf of the territory whether or not such favor or gratuity may be considered a reimbursable expense of the territory, during the pendency of any matter related to procurement, including contract performance and warranty periods." Section 16. Subsection (c) of Section 6980.6 of the Government Code

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"(c) Contract Clause. The prohibition against gratuities, [and] kickbacks and favors to the territory prescribed in this Section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor." Section 17. A new Section 6964.4 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.4. Record of Procurement Actions. Each procurement officer shall maintain a complete record of each procurement. The record shall include the following:

- (1) the date, time, subject matter and names of participants at any meeting including government employees that is in any way related to a particular procurement;
- (2) a log of all communications between government employees and any member of the public, potential bidder, vendor or manufacturer which is in any way related to the procurement;
- (3) sound recordings of all pre-bid conferences, negotiations arising from a request for proposals and discussions with vendors concerning small purchase procurement;
- (4) brochures and submittals of potential vendors, manufacturers or contractors, and all drafts, signed and dated by the draftsman, and other papers or materials used in the development of specifications; and
- (5) the requesting agency's determination of need."

  Section 18. A new Section 6964.5 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.5. Certification of Record. No procurement award shall be made unless the responsible procurement officer certifies in writing under penalty of perjury that he has maintained the record required by Section 6964.4 of this Chapter and that it is complete and available for public inspection. The certificate is itself a part of the record."

Section 19. A new Section 6964.6 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6964.6. The record required by Section 6964.4 of this Chapter is a public record and, subject to rules promulgated by the

portion of the record." 3 Section 20. A new Section 6964.7 is added to the Government Code to 4 read: "Section 6964.7 The rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6964.6 5 of this Chapter shall: protect the integrity of the bidding process; 7 8 protect the confidentiality of trade secrets; (3) establish reasonable charges for copying papers; 9 10 (4) provide for transcription of sound recordings; 11 (5)require public access to the record at the earliest possible time; and 12 not require that the record be complete or that the 13 procurement award be made before inspection and copying are 14 permitted." 15 Section 21. A new Section 6965.7 is added to the Government Code to 16 17 read: 18 "Section 6965.7. Publication of Source of Specifications. The specifications contained in any invitation for bids or request for 19 proposals, and any amendment thereto, for the procurement of supplies 20 21 shall identify the person responsible for drafting the specifications and 22 any persons, technical literature or manufacturer's brochures relied 23 upon by the responsible person in drafting the specifications." 24 Section 22. A new Section 6965.8 is added to the Government Code to 25 read: "Section 6965.8. Salient Features. Specifications shall not 26 (a) 27 include requirements, such as but not limited to restrictive dimensions, 28 weights or materials, which unnecessarily restrict competition, and shall include only the essential physical characteristics and functions 29 30 required to meet the territory's minimum needs. 31 Purchase descriptions shall not specify a product having (b) 32 features which are peculiar to the products of one manufacturer, 33 producer or distributor unless it has been determined in writing by 34 the Director of the using agency that those particular features are

Procurement Appeals Board, any person may inspect and copy any

essential to its requirements and specifying the reason that similar products lacking those features would not meet minimum requirements for the item.

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33 34 (c) Purchase descriptions shall describe the salient technical requirements or desired performance characteristics of supplies or services to be procured without including restrictions which do not significantly affect the technical requirements or performance characteristics."

Section 23. Section 6959.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"\$6959.5. Emergency Procurements. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of either officer may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions as defined in regulations promulgated by the Policy Office; provided that such emergency procurements shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances, and further provided that the procurement agent must solicit at least three (3) informal price if time allows must give notice to all contractors from the quotations, qualified bid list who have provided the needed supplies and services to the government within the preceding twelve (12) months, and must award the procurement to the firm with the best offer, as determined by evaluating cost and delivery time. No emergency procurement or combination of emergency procurements may be made for an amount of goods or supplies greater than the amount of such goods and supplies which is necessary to meet an emergency for the thirty (30) day period immediately following the A written determination of the basis for the emergency and procurement. for the selection of the particular contractor shall be included in the contract file. The requirements for a written determination for the emergency shall be met if the procurements are being made on the basis of the Governor's declaration of an emergency situation by Executive Order if such Order states that emergency procurement may be resorted to for purposes of the Order. Unless authorized by an Executive Order declaring

3	Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency, as the case
4	may be. Certified copies of the certificate shall be sent, prior to award
5	and as a condition thereof, to the Governor and Speaker of the Legislature.
6	The certificate shall contain the following:
7	(1) a statement of the facts giving rise to the emergency;
8	(2) the factual basis of the determination that an emergency
9	procurement is necessary; and
10	(3) a statement that emergency procurement is not being used solely
11	for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of this Title.
12	In addition to any other requirement, the Governor must approve in
13	writing all authorizations for emergency procurement."
14	Section 24. 6 GCA §4102 is amended to read:
15	"\$4102. Public Writings Defined. 'Public Writings' are:
16	(1) The written acts of records of the acts of the sovereign
17	authority, of official bodies and tribunals, and of public officers,
18	legislative, judicial and executive, whether of the territory of
19	Guam, of any state, of the United States or insular possessions
20	thereof, of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or of a
21	foreign country; [and]
22	(2) Public records, kept in Guam, of private writings; and
23	(3) All data produced, generated or stored by a
24	government body, as defined in Subsection (h) of Section 6952 of
25	Title VII-A of the Government Code, in any way related to
26	procurement, as defined in Subsection (o) of Section 6952 of Title
27	VII-A of the Government Code."
28	Section 25. Subsection (b) of Section 6950 of the Government Code is
29	amended to read:
30	"(b) Purposes and Policies. The underlying purposes and
31	policies of this Title are:
32	(1) to simplify, clarify, and modernize the law governing
33	procurement by this Territory;

an emergency, no emergency procurement may be made except on a

certificate made under penalty of perjury by the Chief Procurement Officer,

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(2)to permit the continued development of procurement 1 2 policies and practices; to provide for increased public confidence in the 3 (3) 4 procedures followed in public procurement; 5 (4) to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system of this Territory; (5) to provide increased economy in territorial activities and 7 8 to maximize to the fullest extent practicable the purchasing value 9 of public funds of the Territory; 10 to foster effective broad-based competition within the 11 free enterprise system; [and] to provide safeguards for the maintenance of a 12 (7)13 procurement system of quality and integrity; and to require public access to all aspects of procurement 14 (8) 15 consistent with the 'sealed bid' procedure and the integrity of the 16 procurement process ." 17 Section 26. A new Subsection (x) is added to Section 6952 of the 18 Government Code to read: 19 'Emergency' means a condition posing an imminent threat to 20 public health, welfare, or safety which could not have been foreseen 21 through the use of reasonable and prudent management procedures, 22 and which cannot be addressed by other procurement methods of 23 source selection." 24 Section 27. A new Article E is added to Chapter 9 of Title VII-A of 25 the Government Code to read: "Article E 26 27 "Section 6978.2. (a) On complaint by any member of the public, 28 the Superior Court has jurisdiction to enjoin a governmental body from

withholding procurement data and to order the production of any

government data improperly withheld from the complainant. In such a

case the court shall determine the matter de novo, and may examine

the contents of such procurement data in camera to determine whether

such records or any part thereof shall be withheld under any of the

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exceptions set forth in 6 GCA \$4202 and the burden is on the agency to sustain its action.

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- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the government or a governmental body shall serve an answer or otherwise plead to any complaint made under this Section within thirty (30) days after service of the pleading in which such complaint is made, unless the court otherwise directs, for good cause shown.
- (c) Except as to cases the court considers of greater importance, proceedings as authorized by this Section, and appeals therefrom, take precedence on the docket over all cases and shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.
- (d) The court may assess against the government or governmental body reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred in any case under this Section in which the complainant has substantially prevailed.
- (e) Whenever the the production court orders any procurement data improperly withheld from the complainant assesses against the government or governmental body reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs, and the court additionally issues a written finding that the circumstances surrounding the withholding raise questions whether government personnel acted arbitrarily or capriciously with respect to the withholding, apart from such other actions as the Court may take, the Civil Service Commission shall promptly initiate a proceeding to determine whether disciplinary action is warranted against the officer or employee who was primarily responsible for the withholding. The Commission, after investigation and consideration of the evidence submitted, shall submit its findings to the administrative authority of the agency concerned and shall send copies of the findings and recommendations to the officer of employee or his representative. The administrative authority shall take the corrective action that the Commission recommends. No right or power granted to the Civil Service Commission shall bar or preclude the

Court from issuing such orders, imposing such sanctions or providing such remedy or relief as it deems proper.

- (f) In the event of noncompliance with the order of the Court, the Superior Court may punish for contempt, the responsible employees or officer."
- Section 28. A new Section 6954.11 is added to the Government Code to read:

"\$6954.11. Every governmental body which is in the purview of the Executive Branch and including Guam Community College, the University of Guam, the Department of Education, the Guam Memorial Hospital and Guam Visitor's Bureau shall be governed by Chapters 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 of this Title, except to the extent that any such governmental body or other above-named body may be exempted from the centralized procurement regime of Chapter 2 of this Title, in which event the Director of each such governmental body or other above-named body shall be substituted wherever there is reference to the Public Policy Office or Chief Procurement Officer or Director of Public Works in Chapters 4, 5, 8 and 9 of Title VII-A of the Government Code.

It is the intent of the Legislature to require all Executive Branch governmental bodies, including autonomous agencies, and other above-named bodies, to be governed to the maximum extent practicable by Title VII-A. This provision requires any governmental body and each above-named body to conduct their procurement activities pursuant to Title VII-A, except insofar as said Title establishes and effects a system of centralized procurement."

Section 29. A new Section 6955.1 is added to the Government Code to read:

"\$6955.1. Each governmental body and each named body in Section 6954.11 of this Title shall adopt the procurement regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 6955(a) of this Title to the extent such agency is subject to such regulations according to the terms of Section 6954.11 of this Title"

Section 30. A new Section 6950.9 is added to the Government Code to read:

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Policy in Favor of Planned Procurement. All §6950.9. procurements of supplies and services shall, where possible, be made sufficiently in advance of need for delivery or performance to promote maximum competition and good management of resources. Publication of bids and requests for proposals shall not be manipulated so as to place potential bidders at unnecessary competitive disadvantage. Except in emergency situations, lower price bids are generally preferable to shorten delivery or performance bids. Delivery time may be considered as a factor in making an award to a responsive bidder only if his average delivery time bid is at least ten percent (10%) shorter than the average delivery time of a lower price responsive bidder and if the price offered by the bidder offering the faster delivery or performance does not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the lower price bidder."

Section 31. Subsection (b) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- "(b) Causes for Debarment or Suspension. The causes for debarment or suspension include the following:
  - (1) conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;
  - (2) conviction under territorial or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a territorial contractor;
  - (3) conviction under federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals;
  - (4) violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Chief Procurement Officer,

2 to be so serious as to justify debarment action: deliberate failure without good cause to perform in 3 4 accordance with the specifications or within the time limit 5 provided in the contract; or a recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of 7 8 one or more contracts, provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the 9 control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a 10 basis for debarment: 11 12 (5) any other cause the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency 13 determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect 14 responsibility as a territorial contractor, including debarment by 15 another governmental entity for any cause listed in regulations of 16 the Policy Office; [and] 17 (6) for violation of the ethical standards set forth in 18 19 Chapter 11 of this Title[.]; and 20 (7)filing a frivolous or fraudulent petition, protest or 21 appeal under Section 6975(e), of Section 6975.1(f) or of Section 22 6975.2(e) of this Title." Section 32. Subsection (a) of Section 6959.6 of the Government Code 23 24 is amended to read: "(a) Conditions for Use. The services specified in \$6954.7(a) of 25 26 this Title shall be procured in accordance with this Section, except as 27 authorized under \$6959.4 or \$6959.5 of this Title. 28 architecture, engineering, construction, land surveying, environmental 29 assessment and other such services shall be procured in accordance 30 with Chapter 5 of this Title."

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this Act shall become effective on Jaunary 4, 1987.

Section 34. A new 4 GCA \$6218 is added to read:

the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency

The provisions of Sections 1 through 32, inclusive, of

"\$6218. Cause of Action for Overtime. It is the intent of the Legislature that all overtime which has been approved be promptly paid. Therefore: any employee who is entitled to overtime may bring action in the Superior Court against the government of Guam for payment of all back pay due as a result of overtime, in addition to all other remedies allowed at law or equity. In any such case, the Court may order pendente lite and permanently that the appropriate officer or officers of the Government pay such sums to the employee as may become due in the future on such terms as the Court deems just.

In any such case, ten (10) or more employees similarly situated may initiate and bring a class action on behalf of all employees similarly situated. In such case, the Court shall set reasonable attorney's fees upon conclusion of the case in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the recovery, to be paid by the government of Guam if the employees prevail."

Section 35. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor is authorized to expend from the operational budget available to the Executive Branch of the government in FY 1987 such sums as are necessary to fund all the pay reclassifications authorized to be implemented in PL 18-32 and PL 18-33 for FY 1987. The Governor shall submit a request for supplemental funding for such pay reclassifications to the Legislature by December 1, 1986.

Section 36. Subsection (b) of Section 26109 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"(b) No more than three (3) licenses in which amara fights may be conducted shall be granted, provided, that [this restriction shall not take effect until the expiration of licenses issued pursuant to previous law] one (1) of these three (3) shall be located in the area of Dededo-Yigo and is to be given to the highest responsible bidder."

Section 37. Subsection (a) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:

"(a) Whenever there are two (2) or less current licenses in effect, the Board shall conduct a public meeting at which it shall

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review cockpit operations and authorize the letting of bids for licenses
which will be new or which will replace the expired or non-renewed
licenses."

Section 38. Subsection (b) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is

Section 38. Subsection (b) of Section 26106 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"(b) [Upon determining such a need exists or n]Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of an existing license the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory its invitation for bids."

Section 39. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the balance remaining of any sums appropriated in Section 13 of P.L. 18-6, Sections 4 and 8 of P.L. 18-1, Section 8 of P.L. 17-18, and Section 5 of P.L. 17-2 are reprogrammed and reappropriated from their original sources to the Legislative Operations Fund for the operation of the Eighteenth Guam Legislature until January 4, 1987.

Section 40. Section C of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15 is amended to read:

	(	General	Other	F	ederal		
		Fund	Fund	Fund		Total	
"C. For Federal - State Market	ing						
Improvement Program							
1. Operating Expenses	[\$	19,500]		\$	19,500	[\$	39,000]
	\$	12,500				\$	32,000
	[\$	19,500]		\$	19,500	[\$	39,000]
	\$	12,500				\$	32,000"
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Section 41. Section K of Part II of Section 1 of Chapter II of Public Law 18-15 is amended to read:

	General	Other	Federal	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
"K. For Soil and Water Conserv	ation			
1. Personnel Services	\$ 13,102			\$ 13,102
	(1.0 FTE)			(1.0 FTE)

2.	Operating Expenses	3,950			3,950
3.	Stipends Water Conservation				
	District Officers	7,000			7,000
	[\$	17,052]		[\$	17,052]
	\$	24,052		\$	24,052

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Section 42. The sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$536,000) of the funds available for use for the Medically Indigent Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services for Fiscal Year 1987 are appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the payment of patient charges incurred in Fiscal Year 1986 for the Medically Indigent Program.

Section 43. No later than forty-five (45) days subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature an equitable plan for the salaries of all unclassified employees in all departments and agencies of the government, both autonomous and non-autonomous. Such plan shall include proposed salaries for all unclassified employees and identify sources of funding sufficient to implement the plan.

Section 44. A new Section 6961.3 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 6961.3. Disclosure of major shareholders. As a any partnership, sole proprietorship or of bidding, corporation doing business with the government of Guam shall submit an affidavit executed under oath that lists the name and address of any person who has held more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding interest or shares in said partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation at any time during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding submission of a bid. The affidavit shall contain the number of shares or the percentage of all assets of such partnership, sole proprietorship or corporation which have been held by each such person during the twelve (12) month period. addition, the affidavit shall contain the name and address of any person who has received or is entitled to receive a commission,

gratuity or other compensation for procuring or assisting in obtaining business related to the bid for the bidder and shall also contain the amounts of any such commission, gratuity or other compensation. The affidavit shall be open and available to the public for inspection and copying."

Section 45. A new 10 GCA \$41107 is added to read:

"\$41107. Executive Officer: Special Duties. (a) In addition to any other powers and duties of the Executive Officer, the Executive Officer shall, by whatever means deemed appropriate, certify that a person is disabled after receipt of a signed statement from a licensed physician supporting the claim of the disabled person. The Executive Officer shall also certify those vehicles which transport disabled persons regularly.

(b) A disabled Parking Advisory Committee is hereby created. Four (4) members of the Commission shall be selected by the Executive Officer and shall consist of one (1) paraplegic, one (1) quadriplegic, one (1) blind person, and one (1) disabled person who must rely on crutches for mobility. The Director of Public Works shall choose one (1) member who shall be a representative of the Department of Public Works. The Director of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation shall be an ex-officio member. The Disabled Parking Advisory Committee shall submit to the Department of Public Works their recommendations regarding location of parking spaces which, pursuant to Subsection (b) of Section 10001.9 of the Government Code, are to be assigned to the disabled."

Section 46. A new Section 350 is added to the Code of Civil Procedure to read:

"Section 350. Exposure to Asbestos, Actions for Injury, Illness or Wrongful Death. (a) In any civil action for injury or illness based upon exposure to asbestos, chemicals, or other toxic agents, the time for the commencement of the action shall be the later of the following:

(1) Within two (2) years after the date the plaintiff first suffered disability and either before or after suffering the disability the plaintiff was informed by a licensed physician,

clearly and comprehensively, to the degree that the plaintiff is capable of understanding, that he was diagnosed as having any one or more of the following several and distinct injuries, pleural disease, or pulmonary asbestosis, or malignant mesothelioma, or other carcinoma or other specific asbestos-related injury, causing the disability; or

- (2) Within two (2) years after the date the plaintiff either knew, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, (i) that such disability was caused or contributed to by such exposure and (ii) that the disability or injury was caused by a violation of a duty towards the plaintiff; or
- (3) Two (2) years from the effective date of this Act.

- (b) 'Disability' as used in Subsection (a) of this Section means the loss of time from work as a result of exposure to asbestos, which precludes the performance of the employee's regular occupation.
- (c) In an action for the wrongful death of any plaintiff's decedent, based upon exposure to asbestos, the time for commencement of an action shall be the later of the following:
  - (1) Within two (2) years from the date of death of the plaintiff's decedent, or the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later; or
  - (2) Within two (2) years from the date the plaintiff first knew, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that the death was caused or contributed to by such exposure.
- (d) The provisions of this Section shall apply retroactively to all unfiled claims and to all pending litigation in the courts of Guam, or which are on appeal. Pending litigation as used in this Subsection shall include any action that has been filed in the courts of Guam.
- (e) The burden of proving that this Section is a bar to any cause of action for illness, injury, property damage or wrongful death is upon the party asserting this section as a defense.
- (f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as waiving the sovereign immunity of the government of Guam.

(g) This Section shall not change the statute of limitations for any claim against the Government of Guam."

Section 47. The Governor shall appoint seven (7) members to a task force as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Section of this Act and charge the task force with preparing a comprehensive plan, including recommended legislation, for the territory to identify the presence, in government buildings and areas under the control of the government, of asbestos and other environmental substances capable of causing latent harm to the people of Guam, and to identify necessary steps to remove this harm. This task force shall make its report and forward the report to the Governor and the Legislature within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Section of this Act.

Section 48. The sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$978,365.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund for the purpose of funding a Four Hundred Nineteen Dollar (\$419.00) lump sum Cost of Living Allowance for government of Guam retirees or their survivors for Fiscal Year 1987 only.

Section 49. The sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislature Operations Fund for expenses of the state funerals for former Commissioners Pedro Rosario and Jose Tyquiengco and former Senator Cecilia Bamba.

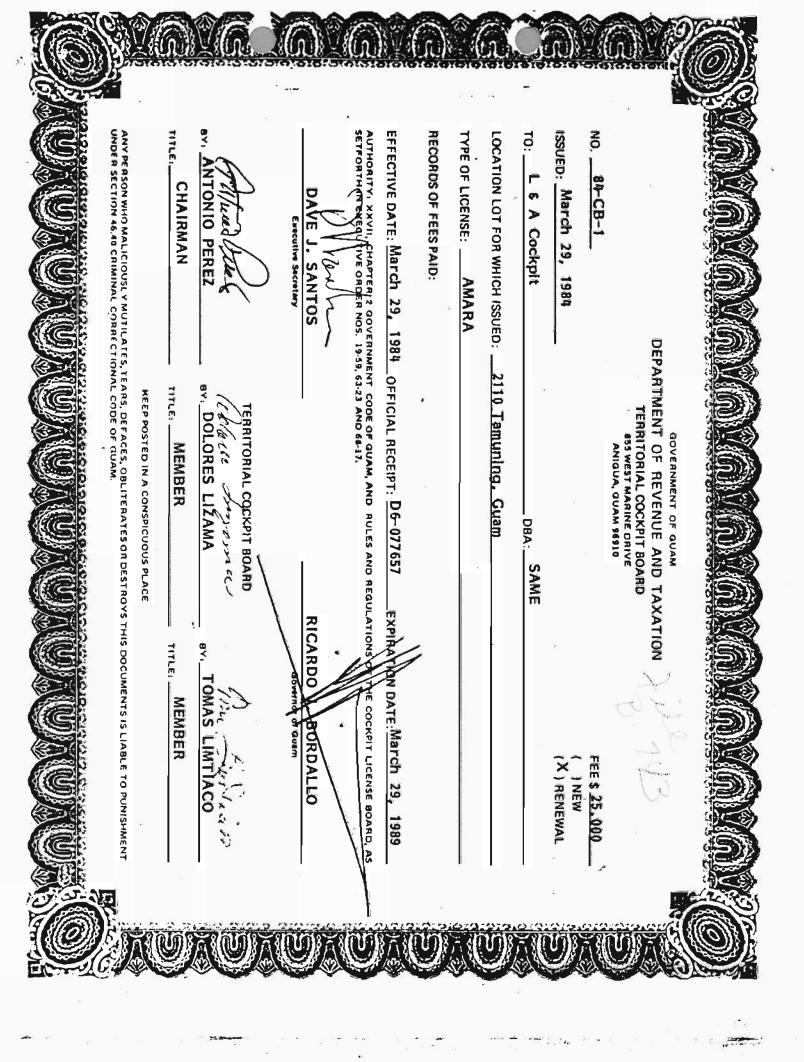
Section 50. (a) Any agreement for termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy shall provide that the United States Government or the United States Navy shall not purchase electrical power from the Guam Power Authority at a preferential rate. In any event, any electrical rate for the United States Navy or the United States Government shall be not less than the average amount per kilowatt hour paid by all classes of electrical power consumers on Guam, and shall, as a minimum, incorporate all social and economic considerations pertinent to the community of Guam.

- (b) Any agreement between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy for the purchase of electrical power shall provide that the United States Government or the United States Navy shall not purchase electrical power from the Guam Power Authority at a preferential rate. In any event, any electrical rate for the United States Navy or the United States Government shall be not less than the average amount per kilowatt hour paid by all classes of electrical power consumers on Guam, and shall, as a minimum, incorporate all social and economic considerations pertinent to the community of Guam.
- (c) Any agreement for termination of the Power Pool Agreement of the Island Wide Power System between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy, and any agreement between the Guam Power Authority and the United States Government or the United States Navy for the purchase of electrical power from the Guam Power Authority must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Guam Power Authority, Public Utilities Commission and Guam law prior to implementation, and shall have no force and effect until such approval has been granted.

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# DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION TERRITORIAL COCKPIT BOARD GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AGANA, GUAM

# COCKPIT LICENSE RENEWAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into by and between L & A Cockpit, Inc., herein called L & A COCKPIT, INC., and the Government of Guam, represented by the Cockpit Board, herein called the GOVERNMENT.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, L & A COCKPIT, INC. has agreed that it will truthfully and faithfully comply with Sections 2.14 and 2.15 of the Regulations of the Cockpit Board; and

WHEREAS L & A COCKPIT, INC. and the GOVERNMENT desire to spell out the rights and responsibilities conferred and imposed by said Cockpit License.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- The GOVERNMENT hereby grants to L & A COCKPIT, INC. a license to operate an Amara Cockpit in the municipality of Tamuning, of this Territory for a period of five (5) years, said license shall be effective March 29, 1984 to March 29, 1989, inclusive.
- 2. L & A COCKPIT, INC. will pay to the Government of Guam for said license the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) on or before five (5) days prior to expiration of the current license.
- 3. L & A COCKPIT, INC. agrees that one of the purposes of the existing law on cockpits is to make the sport a point of interest for tourists and other visitors to Guam. Accordingly, the cockpit facility shall comply with Section 2.12 and 2.13 of the Regulations of the Cockpit Board; the

facility, including all the land involved and all the furnishings, shall conform to the Regulations.

- 4. The above described facility shall be available for use immediately upon the effective date thereof, and may start to operate within said premises and the GOVERNMENT will issue to L & A COCKPIT, INC. a license to so operate.
- 5. The parties hereto agree that if any portion of this Agreement is found to be in contravention of any statute or regulations, the said portion shall be null and void, but the remaining provisions shall continue to bind the parties hereto.

Dated at Agana, Guam this 27th day of March, 1984.

L & A COCKPIT, INC.
Licensee

Date: 3 - 9 - 1984

ANTONIO B. PEREZ, Chairman Territorial Cockpit Board

Date: 3/7/84

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM:

RICHARD OPPER
Attorney General

Date: MAR 21 1984

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Section. O'Hara Street situated in Agana, Guam, shall hereinafter be known as the "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street".

Any provisions in the statues referencing

O'Hara Street are amended to read: "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho

Flores Street".

Section The Governor of Guam with the Agana Commissioner and the Municipal Planning Council, shall cause to be erected appropriate nameplates or signs designating O'Hara Street as the "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street". Further, at such ceremony as the Governor, along with the Agana Commissioner and the Municipal Planning Council deem appropriate, said "Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores Street" shall be officially named and a plaque bearing the name, picture and brief history of the contributions of the late Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores shall be affixed at a suitable spot with or near the street name.

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#### FLOOR AMENDMENT

Add the following new Section to read:

"Section S). The sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Budget and Management for the purpose of providing staff, rental, utilities, supplies and equipment for the transition for the Office of Governor-elect and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor-elect. The Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall serve as certifying officer for expenditure of this appropriation. The executive branch shall provide such equipment and staff assitance as requested by the Governor-elect and Lieutenant Governor-elect for the transition Office."

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# EIGHTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1985 (FIRST) Regular Session

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 12 AND TO AMEND CERTAIN CODE SECTIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE VII-A OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PROCUREMENT APPEALS BOARD AND TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT LAWS OF GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. A new Chapter 12 is added to Title VII-A of the Government Code to read:

#### "CHAPTER 12

### Procurement Appeals Board

#### Article A

Section 6983. Creation of the Procurement Appeals Board. There is established an independent entity to be known as the 'Procurement Appeals Board' to be composed of a Chairperson and at least two (2) other members, but not more than seven (7) members. The Chairperson and members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed with the advice and consent of the Legislature and shall serve full-time.

Section 6983.1. Terms and qualifications of members of the Procurement Appeals Board.

(a) Term. The term of office of the Chairperson and each member of the Procurement Appeals Board shall be six (6) years except that in making the initial appointments, the Governor shall appoint one (1) member for a term of two (2) years, one (1) member for a term of four (4) years, and the Chairperson for a term of six (6) years, so that a term of office shall expire every two years. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years, or for the balance of any unexpired term, but members may

continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors take office. Members may be reappointed for succeeding terms. If there is no chairperson, or if such officer is absent or unable to serve, the senior member in length of service shall be temporary chairperson.

- (b) Authority of the Chairperson. The Chairperson may adopt operational procedures and issue such orders, not inconsistent with his title, as may be necessary in the execution of the Board's functions. The Chairperson's authority may be delegated to the Board's members and employees, but only members of the Board may issue decisions on appeals.
- (c) Administrative Support. The Civil Service Commission is authorized to provide for the Board such services as the Chairperson requests, on such basis, reimbursable or otherwise, as may be agreed upon between the Civil Service Commission and the Chairperson.
- (c) Qualifications for Board Membership. The Chairperson and members of the Board shall be:
  - (1) Members in good standing of the Guam Bar for at least five (5) years, and experienced in contracts or commercial matters; or
  - (2) Members of the public who have demonstrated experience of at least five (5) years in procurement.

Section 6983.2. Rules of Procedure. The Procurement Appeals Board shall adopt rules of procedure which, to the fullest extent possible, will provide for the expeditious resolution of controversies. The Board may adopt Small Claims Procedures for the resolution of controversies involving claims of less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

Section 6983.3. Decisions of the Procurement Appeals Board. Acting by one or more of its members, the Procurement Appeals Board shall issue a decision in writing or take other appropriate action on each appeal submitted. A copy of any decision shall be provided to all parties, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works and the head of a Purchasing Agency.

Section 6983.4. Jurisdiction of the Procurement Appeals Board. Unless an action has been initiated previously in the Superior Court for essentially the same cause of action, unless within fifteen (15) days after the action is brought before the Procurement Appeals Board, written objection is made by either the aggrieved bidder, offeror or contractor, prospective or actual, or the Chief procurement officer, the Director of Public Works or head of a Purchasing Agency with the concurrence of the Attorney General, the Board shall have jurisdiction to review and determine de novo: (a) Any protest of a solicitation or award of a contract 10 addressed to the Board or by an aggrieved actual or prospective 11 bidder or offeror, or a contractor; and 12 (b) Any appeal by an aggrieved party from a determination by 13 the Chief procurement officer, the Director of Public Works, the head 14 of a Purchasing Agency, or a designee of either officer which is 15

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31 32 Section 6983.5. Protest of Solicitations or Awards.

(a) Scope. This Section applies to:

authorized by Article A of Chapter 9 of this Title.

- (1) A protest of a solicitation or award of a contract addressed to the Procurement Appeals Board an aggrieved actual or prospective bidder or offeror, or a contractor, and
- (2) An appeal addressed to the Board of a decision under Section 6975(c).
- (b) Time limitations on filing a protest or an appeal.
- (1) For a protest under Subsection (a)(1) of this Section, the aggrieved person shall file a protest with the Board within fourteen (14) days after the aggrieved person knew or should have known of the facts and circumstances upon which the protest is based.
- (2) For an appeal under Subsection (a)(2) of this Section, the aggrieved person shall file an appeal within seven (7) days of receipt of a decision under Section 6975(c).

(c) Decision. On any direct protest under Subsection (a)(1) of this Section or appeal under Subsection (a)(2) of this Section, the Board shall promptly decide whether the solicitation or award was in accordance with the statutes, regulations, and the terms of the conditions of the solicitation. The proceeding shall be de novo. Any prior determinations by administrative officials shall not be final or conclusive.

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(d) Standard of review for factual issues. A determination of an issue of fact by the Board under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent, or clearly erroneous.

Section 6983.6. Suspension or Debarment Proceedings. (a) Scope. This Section applies to a review of the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under Section 6975.1 of this Title.

- (b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved person shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of a decision under 6975.1(c).
- (c) Decision. The Board shall promptly decide whether, or the extent to which, the debarment or suspension was in accordance with the statutes, regulations and the best interest of the territory, and was fair. The proceeding shall be de novo. Any prior determinations by administrative officials shall not be final or conclusive.
- (d) Standard or review for factual issues. A determination of an issue of fact by the Board under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent or clearly erroneous.

Section 6983.7. Contract and Breach of Contract Controversies.

- (a) Scope. This Section applies to a review by the Procurement Appeals Board of a decision under Section 6975.2 of this Title.
- (b) Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved contractor shall file its appeal with the Board within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the decision under Section 6975.2(c) of this Title.
- (c) Decision. The Board shall promptly decide the contract or breach of contract controversy. The proceeding shall be de novo.

(d) Standard of review for factual issues. A determination of an issue of fact by the Board under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent, or clearly erroneous.

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Section 6983.8. No Finality to a Decision on a Issue of Law. No determination by the Procurement Appeals Board on an issue of law shall be final or conclusive.

Section 6983.9. Appeal and Review of Procurement Appeals Board Decisions.

- (a) Appeal. Any person receiving an adverse decision, the territory, or both may appeal from a decision by the Procurement Appeals Board to the Superior Court of the territory of Guam.
- (b) Authorization of appeal by the territory. No such appeals shall be made by the territory unless recommended by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of the Purchasing Agency involved and approved by the Attorney General.

Section 6970. Discontinuance of Contractor's Appeal. After notice of an appeal to the Procurement Appeals Board has been filed by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a Purchasing Agency, a contractor may not discontinue such appeal without prejudice, except as authorized by the Board."

- Section 2. Subsection (c) of Section 6975 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Decision. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Chief procurement officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of one of these officers shall promptly issue a decision in writing. The decision shall:
    - (1) State the reasons for the action taken; and
    - (2) Inform the protestant of its right to judicial or administrative review as provided in this [Chapter] Title."
- Section 3. Subsection (e) of Section 6975 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(e) Finality of decision. A decision under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive unless fraudulent, or (1) any

person adversely affected by the decision commences an action in Court in accordance with Section 6978(a) of this Chapter; or (2) any person adversely affected by the decision appeals administratively to the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with Section 6983.5 of this Title."

Section 4. Subsection (f) of Section 6975 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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- "(f) Stay of procurements during protest. In the event of a timely protest under Subsection (a) of this Section [or] , under Section 6978(a) of this Chapter, or under Section 6983.5 of this Title, the territory shall not proceed further with the solicitation or with the award of the contract until the Chief Procurement Officer or the Director of Public Works, after consultation with the head of the using agency or the head of a Purchasing Agency, makes a written determination that the award of a contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the territory."
- Section 5. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:
  - "(c) Decision. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or the head of a Purchasing Agency shall issue a written decision to debar or suspend. The decision shall:
    - (1) State the reasons for the action taken; and
    - (2) Inform the debarred or the suspended person involved of its rights to judicial or administrative review as provided in this [Chapter] <u>Title</u>."
  - Section 6. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.1 is amended to read:
  - "(e) Finality of Decision. A decision under Subsection (c) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or (1) the debarred or suspended person commences an action in court in accordance with Section 6978(b) of this Chapter; or (2) the debarred or suspended person appeals administratively to the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with Section 6983.6 of this Title."
- Section 7. Subsection (c) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:

1	"(c) Decision. If such a controversy is not resolved by mutual
2	agreement, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public
3	Works, the head of a Purchasing Agency or the designee of one of
4	these officers shall promptly assure a decision in writing. The
5	decision shall:
6	(1) State the reasons for the action taken; and
7	(2) Inform the contractor of its right to judicial or
8	administrative review as provided in this [Chapter] Title."
9	Section 8. Subsection (e) of Section 6975.2 of the Government Code is
10	amended to read:
11	"(e) Finality of Decision. The decision under Subsection (c) of
12	this Section shall be final and conclusive unless fraudulent, or; (a)
13	The contractor commences an action in Court in accordance with
14	Section 6978(c) of this Chapter; or (b) The Contractor appeals
15	administratively to the Procurement Appeals Board in accordance with
16	Section 6983.7 of this Title."
17	Section 9. Subsection (d) of Section 6978 of the Government Code is
18	amended to read:
19	"(d) Limited Finality for Administrative Determinations. In any
20	judicial action under this Section, factual or legal determinations by
21	employees, agents or other persons appointed by the territory shall
22	have no finality and shall not be conclusive, notwithstanding any
23	contract provision, or regulation, except to the extent provided in
24	\$\$6964, 6983.5(d), 6983.6(d), and 6983.7(d) of this Title."
25	Section 10. Subsection (a) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code
26	is amended to read:
27	"6978.1. Time limitations on actions.
28	(a) Protested Solicitations and Awards. Any action under
29	Section 6978(a) of this Chapter shall be initiated as follows:
30	(1) Within thirty (30) days after the aggrieved person

knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the

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action; or

1	(2) Within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a final
2	administrative decision pursuant to Section 6975 of this Chapter
3	or Section 6983.5(c), whichever is applicable."
4	Section 11. Subsection (b) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code
5	is amended to read:
6	"(b) Debarments and Suspensions for Cause. Any action under
7	Section 6978(b) of this Chapter shall be commenced six (6) months
8	after receipt of the decision of the Chief Procurement Officer, the
9	Director of Public works, or head of a Purchasing Agency under
10	Section 6975.1(c) of this Chapter [or], the decision of the Policy
11	Office under Section 6981.1 of this Title, or the decision of the
12	Procurement Appeals Board under Section 6983.6(c) of this Title,
13	whichever is applicable."
14	Section 12. Subsection (c) of Section 6978.1 of the Government Code
15	is amended to read:
16	"(c) Actions Under Contracts or for Breach of Contract. Any
17	action commenced under Section 6978(c) of this Chapter shall be
18	commenced within six (6) months of the date the claim arose, or within
19	six (6) months the claimant knew or should have known, that a claim
20	existed against the other party, except notice of appeals from the
21	Procurement Appeals Board pursuant to Section 6983.9 concerning
22	actions on a contract or for breach of contract shall be filed within
23	twelve (12) months after the date of the Procurement Appeals Board
24	decision."
25	Section 13. Section 6976 of the Government Code is amended to read:
26	"\$6976. Applicability of this article. The provisions of this
27	Article apply where it is determined administratively, or upon
28	administrative or judicial review, that a solicitation or award of a
29	contract is in violation of law."
30	Section 14. A new subsection (d) is added to \$6980.6 of the
31	Government Code to read:
32	"(d). Favors to the Territory. It shall be a breach of ethical

standards for any person who is or may become a contractor, a

subcontrator under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier

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contractor, or any person associated therewith, to offer, give or agree to give to any employee or agent of the territory, or for any employee or agent of the territory to accept, a favor or grativity on behalf of the territory whether or not such favor or gratuity may be considered a reimbursable expense of the territory, during the pendency of any matter related to procurement from such person or any entity represented by such person."

Section 15. Subsection (c) of \$6980.6 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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- "(c). Contract Clause. The prohibition against gratuities [and] , kickbacks and favors to the territory prescribed in this section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor." Section 16. A new \$6964.4 is added to the Government Code to read:
- "6964.4. Record of Procurement Actions Taken Pursuant to This Title. The process of procurement shall be documented at each step of the process, regardless of the manner of procurement authorized for the particular goods or services to be delivered to the government.
- (a) All pre-bid conferences shall be tape recorded and a transcript of the tape recordings shall be made available to any member of the public who requests it within ten (10) days of the pre-bid conference.
- (b) All specifications drawn up by the government for procurement purposes shall state within the specifications themselves what sources were used for drawing them up, who was consulted about their preparation, and who drew up the specifications.
- (c) All decisions made concerning procurement shall be in writing and shall contain the bases for the decision, including a record of the underlying reasoning and process of deliberations. Copies of any decision shall be available to any member of the public who requests it immediately after the issuance of such decision."
- Section 17. Section 6969.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

"\$6959.5. Emergency Procurements.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, the head of a purchasing agency, or a designee of either officer may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions as defined in regulations promulgated by the Policy Office; provided that such emergency procurements shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances. A written determination of the basis for the emergency and for the selection of the particular contractor shall be included in the contract file. The requirements for a written determination for the emergency shall be met if the procurements are being made on the basis of the Governor's declaration of an emergency situation by Executive Order if such Order states that emergency procurement may be resorted to for the purposes of the Order.

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No situation shall be considered an emergency unless clear and compelling evidence for such emergency exists and no situation shall be considered an emergency where reasonable and prudent administrative and management procedures should have foreseen and precluded the emergency."