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**IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY  
 PROCUREMENT APPEAL**

<b>IN THE APPEAL OF:</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. OPA-PA-19-009</b>
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<b>GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL,</b>	)	
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<b>Appellant,</b>	)	<b>NOTICE TO APPELLANT OF</b>
	)	<b>PURCHASING AGENCY'S</b>
<b>and</b>	)	<b>DECLARATION OF SUBSTANTIAL</b>
<b>GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS CENTER,</b>	)	<b>INTEREST IN PROCEEDING</b>
	)	<b>5 GCA § 5249(g)(2)</b>
<b>Purchasing Agency.</b>	)	

Purchasing Agency herein provides notice to Appellant of Purchasing Agency's 5 GCA §5249 (g)(1) Declaration of Substantial Interest in Proceeding With: Request for Proposal for GBHWC RFP 03-2019, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center – Prevention Education and Community Empowerment-Partnerships for Success (PEACE PFS) US Department of HHS SAMHSA Federal Grant, PEACE PFS SubGrants.

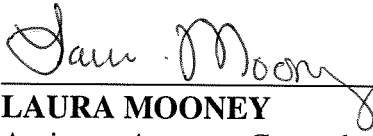
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Attached is a copy of the Declaration of Substantial Interest in Proceeding with GSA's declaration dated August 13, 2019, and GBBHWC and the Attorney General's concurring signatures dated August 12, 2019.

Submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2019.

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August 12, 2019

## Re: Declaration of Substantial Interest in Proceeding With: Request for Proposal for GBHWC RFP 03-2019, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center- Prevention Education and Community Empowerment- Partnerships for Success (PEACE PFS) US Department of HHS SAMHSA Federal Grant, PEACE PFS SubGrants

In keeping with 5 GCA Section 5425 (g)(1), the Chief Procurement Officer of the General Services Agency (GSA) is declaring a compelling, urgent, substantial interest in proceeding forward with the solicitation in RFP 03-2019. This determination is in concurrence with the Chief Procurement Officer, and Attorney General.

A protest was denied on July 30, 2019 with (email delivery on that date and hand-delivery on July 31, 2019).

This Federal Grant was received by GBHWC to begin on September 30, 2018. The \$500,000 of Federal Funds will lapse on 09/29/2019 — in the First Restricted Budget Period of the Federal Grant, unless obligated and expended by that date.

This is a 100% Federal SAMHSA Discretionary Grant to GBHWC being passed through in subawards (multiple) in RFP 03-2019. The request for proposal method of solicitation is utilized by GBHWC for maximum practicable competition. The federal grant is authorized under Section 516 of the Public Health Service Act. The federal grant is made by US Department of HHS SAMHSA per SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework- Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. SP 18-008. CFDA No. 93.243. Grant No. 6H79SP081005-01, and as amended in MOOI and M002; Project Title: PEACE Partnerships for Success, discretionary, multi-year grant. Project Period 09/30/2018 through 09/29/2023. Budget Period: 09/30/2018-09/29/2020, with incremental funding (restricted) period(s) from 09/30/2018- 09/29/2019 and 9/30/2019- 09/29/2020.

Although, GBHWC is also awarded funds for Budget Period 09/30/2019-09/29/2020, that are part of the subaward process in RFP 03-2019; the absence of the subawards and performance prior to 09/30/2019 will affect GBHWC's potential for future funding in this discretionary performance-based data-driven — SAMHSA grant for subsequent years 09/30/2020 through 09/2022.

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The Grant Goals and Objectives as stated in the RFP 03-2019 are as follows:

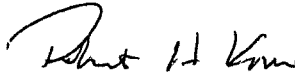
The goal of the SPF-PFS grant is to address one of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: underage drinking among youth age 9 to 20. At the grantee's discretion SPF-PFS may also fund up to two additional data-driven substance abuse prevention priorities. The grantee has identified youth tobacco/nicotine and marijuana use as the additional substance abuse prevention priorities in Guam. The SPF-PFS grant program is intended to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse and its related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels. The program extends currently established cross-agency and community-level partnerships by connecting substance abuse prevention programming to departments of social services and their community partners. SPF-PFS is designed to ensure that prevention strategies and messages cater to the needs, and reach the populations disproportionately impacted by substance abuse. On Guam, this high-need, high-risk community group pertains to youth who identify as Pacific Islanders, currently enrolled in the local public-school system belonging to low-income families, and/or are slated for disciplinary actions for reported problematic behaviors.

The SPF-PFS grant program is based on the premise that changes at the community level will, over time, lead to measurable changes at the state level. By working collaboratively, states and their SPF-PFS funded communities of high-need can more effectively begin to overcome the challenges underlying their substance abuse prevention priorities and achieve the goals of the SPF-PFS grant program. The approved goals for the SPF-PFS grant program on Guam are: 1) At risk Guam Department of Education (GDOE) students are identified early to receive appropriate services to prevent their alcohol, tobacco and/or marijuana use; 2) Decreased recidivism rate for student offenses on alcohol, tobacco/nicotine and marijuana use and possession in GDOE. To achieve these goals, the PEACE office, in collaboration with Guam Department of Education, Department of Public Health and Social Services and PFS Community Partners, will pursue these objectives by 2023:


1. GDOE will increase its in-school early intervention screening/assessment among pre- and offenders among elementary, middle and high school students to identify and refer to appropriate services youth at risk for alcohol, tobacco/nicotine and marijuana use and other co-occurring, associated behavior by 10%.
2. 100 GDOE staff will be trained in evidence-based programs that will increase its capacity to provide education, brief intervention and referral to treatment for underage alcohol, tobacco/nicotine and marijuana use
3. GDOE students will have an increased perception of harm towards alcohol, tobacco/nicotine and marijuana products, decreasing current youth use by 100/0.
4. GDOE will reduce its alcohol, tobacco/nicotine and marijuana-related offenses by 10% by addressing underlying risk and protective factors among students considered at risk.

Time is of the essence to GBHWC in proceeding forward with RFP 03-2019. It is important for the Sub-Award process and performance for the restricted first Budget Period expiring on 09/29/2019 to be completed; as well as for Sub-Award(s) and to be in place, and performance to begin as to the second Budget Period, commencing on 09/30/2019 through 09/29/2020. This is 100% Federally Funded. If not awarded, \$500,000 will lapse on 09/30/2019; and an additional \$500,000 on 09/29/2020; as well there is the potential loss of future Budget Period Awards through 09/29/2023 for non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

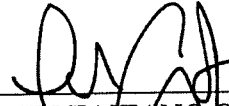
Based upon the above, I, Robert H. Kono, Acting Chief Procurement Officer for the General Services Agency, do declare that a Compelling, Urgent and Substantial Interest exist for proceeding with this procurement without delay.

 8/13/19  
/ ROBERT H. KONO, Acting DATE  
General Services Agency

CONCURRED;

 8/12/19  
For: THERESA C. ARRIOLA DATE  
DIRECTOR, GBHWC

CONCURRED

 8/12/19  
LEEVIN TATANO CAMACHO DATE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM