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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

IN THE APPEAL OF

ALVAREZ & MARSAL PUBLIC SECTOR
SERVICES, LLC,

Appellant.

APPEAL NO.: OPA-PA-16-012

**DECLARATION OF TALING TAITANO
REGARDING OPA-PA-16-012**

I, Taling Taitano, declare as follows:

1. I am currently employed as Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Administrative Services within the Guam Department of Education (GDOE).
2. To my knowledge and belief, the information herein is true and correct.
3. As part of my work duties, I am familiar with contract expiration dates, transition periods, and procurement processes involving GDOE.
4. The US Department of Education (USDE) has required that GDOE contract for Third Party Fiduciary Agent services to administer USDE grant funds as a condition for GDOE to continue to have access to those funds.
5. GDOE and Alvarez & Marsal Public Services, LLC, have a contract in place that arose from RFP 11-2010.
6. RFP 11-2010 and therein the agreement between GDOE and Alvarez & Marsal will be expiring on October 31, 2016.
7. RFP 05-2016 was issued on March 21, 2016 for Third Party Fiduciary Agent services.

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8. I am aware that RFP 05-2016 is currently under protest before the Office of Public Accountability.

9. GDOE is concerned that RFP 11-2010 and resultant agreement may expire prior to the completion of this Appeal for RFP 005-2016, and GDOE may have a lapse in service without any Third Party Fiduciary Agent in place.

10. Before GDOE can formalize an Agreement with any Offeror from RFP 005-2016, the US Department of Education (USDOE) must approve said Offeror as a Third Party Fiduciary Agent.

11. In addition, GDOE risks a lapse in service should an Offeror require a prolonged transition period before the Offeror can perform.

12. USDE grants fund salaries of more than 850 employees as well as provide a variety of critical services to students and teachers.

13. Should GDOE not have a TPFA in place, GDOE may lose access to approximately fifty-million dollars (\$50,000,000) in USDOE funds.

14. Because of these concerns that may result in a lapse of service, and the resultant loss in access to USDE funds, GDOE respectfully requests an expedited Appeal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2016.


TALING M. TAITANO