Pacific Data Systems DOCKET NO: OPA-PA-18-004 INTERESTED PARTY HEARING BRIEF RECEIVED OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY **PACIFIC DATA SYSTEMS** PROCUREMENT APPEALS 1 **185 ILIPOG DRIVE** DATE: Dec 21, 2018 **HBC BLDG SUITE 204A** 2 TIME.3:05 DAM XIPM BY: FW TAMUNING, GUAM 96913 TELEPHONE: (671) 300-0200 FILE NO OPA-PA: 18 -004 3 FACSIMILE: (671) 300-0265 4 **BEFORE THE** 5 OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY 6 PROCUREMENT PETITION 7 8 IN THE PETITION OF DOCKET NO: OPA-PA-18-004 9 TELEGUAM HOLDINGS, LLC dba GTA 10 INTERESTED PARTY RESPONSE TO Appellant TELEGUAM HOLDINGS, LLC dba GTA 11 **HEARING BRIEF** 12 13 Comes now Pacific Data Systems (PDS) to provide its opposition response to the 14 Hearing Brief submitted by Teleguam Holdings, LLC (GTA) through its counsel on the 15 Teleguam Holdings, LLC, (dba GTA) Appeal related to the General Services Agency 16 (GSA) Invitation For Bid GSA-064-11. 17 18 **OPPOSITION** 19 PDS opposes GTA's conclusion that this current matter before the Public Auditor 20 is with merit. With this appeal, GTA seeks to continues to relitigate the same facts and 21 22 arguments. The Public Auditor, the Superior Court and even the Supreme Court of 23 Guam have all ruled on the matter and the final determination has been made that, with 24 the exception of Part E, all other parts of the bid are affirmed and should move forward

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with the awards and implementation. This determination, documented in the AMENDED JUDGEMENT, issued by the Superior Court and signed by GTA, specifically states this fact.

When GTA first originally protested, they only protested part E of GSA-064-11. Subsequent GTA appeals of the other parts of the bid were denied by the GSA, OPA, the Superior Court and the Supreme Court as either untimely or lacking jurisdiction.

Furthermore, GTA decided to exercise their right to withdraw their bid in their response to GSA's request for bid confirmation. This voluntary action taken by GTA to withdraw its bid from further consideration of award has affected their standing in the procurement. Since GTA has chosen not to confirm their bid and has withdrawn their bid, as is their right, under 5 GCA §5425(a), GTA no longer has the right to make a protest in this procurement.

## SUMMARY

GTA's protest filing is without merit and GTA lacks the right to make a protest due to its de facto withdrawal of its bid on June 8, 2018. If the OPA determines that GTA continues to have the right to make a protest, then the current protest should be DENIED as without merit since it provides no new issues and the procurement has been fully litigated and a final determination has been made.

GTA's goal appears to be to create a new appeal process to further delay the implementation or to cancel this procurement to its benefit, but to the detriment of the Procurement System and Government of Guam as a whole. GTA's actions are a

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violation of its Good Faith obligations under 5 GCA §5003 and demonstrate GTA's desire to "game" the appeals process of the procurement system to achieve its goals of delaying the implementation or the cancellation of this procurement. The Government of Guam will accrue significant operational efficiencies and cost savings through the implementation of this procurement and GTA provides no valid reasons for why GSA should not be allowed to proceed with the implementation of this procurement. For these reasons we request that the OPA <u>DENY</u> this GTA appeal and make the legal findings of fact in this case to preclude further procurement controversies by GTA.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 21st day of December 2018.

PACIFIC DATA SYSTEMS

JOHN DAY President