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OPA-PA-20-003: GSA's Hearing Materials (Witness List, Exhibits, List of Issues)

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Please see the attached documents for filing in OPA-PA-20-003.

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IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY PROCUREMENT APPEAL

IN THE APPEAL OF:) DOCKET NO. OPA-PA-20-003
BASIL FOOD INDUSTRIAL SERVICE CORPORATION,)))
Appellant,	 PURCHASING AGENCY GSA'S EXHIBIT LIST
AND)
GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY,))
Purchasing Agency.)

COMES NOW GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY (GSA), the purchasing agency in this

protest appeal and hereby submits its list of exhibits that may or will be presented to a witness at the

hearing in this matter:

EXHIBIT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	ADMITTED
NO.			
А	03 April 2019	Executive Order 2019-10, Relative to the	
		Reactivation of the Procurement Policy Office	
		and Assistance to General Services Agency	
В	27 February 2020	Basil's Notice of Procurement Appeal, OPA-	
		PA-20-003	
С	11 Dec. 2020	Decision, OPA-PA-19-011 & OPA-PA-20-003	

GSA expressly reserves the right amend or supplement this Exhibit List in order to identify any additional relevant evidence or documents that may be used in its defense or in rebuttal. GSA also reserves the right to question and use any documents identified by Appellant Basil Food Services (Basil) and interested party SH Enterprises (SH).

Respectfully submitted on this 27th day of January, 2021.

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EXHIBIT A

Executive Order 2019-10

Relative to the Reactivation of the Procurement Policy Office and Assistance to General Services Agency

03 April 2019

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO maga'hága • governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO sigundo maga'låhi • lieutenant governor

April 2, 2019

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes Speaker I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, Guam 96932

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Re: Executive Order

Dear Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is a copy of the following Executive Order:

• Executive Order 2019-10: Relative to the Reactivation of the Procurement Policy Office and Assistance to General Services Agency.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Governor.

Senseramente,

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ Legal Counsel

Attachment

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ISLAND OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96932 U.S.A.

Executive Order No. 2019-10

RELATIVE TO THE REACTIVATION OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE AND ASSISTANCE TO GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, the current execution of the Guam Procurement Law has shown to be inefficient, causing unnecessary transaction costs for all governmental entities at all levels; and

WHEREAS, an unacceptable number of government projects and purchases are delayed due to ineffective practices; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam has returned millions of dollars to federal agencies based on its inability to properly spend the funds within a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy Office has not been active for a significant amount of time; and

WHEREAS, clarification of management roles and hierarchy is needed for the General Services Agency to be more effective; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans is in the most opportune position with its staffing pattern and expertise to temporarily assist with procurement for federal grants and awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERERRO, Maga'hågan Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby:

- 1. Reactivate the Procurement Policy Office consistent with 5 GCA §§ 5101-5102 and 2 GAR §§ 2101-2113;
- 2. Require the Procurement Policy Office to consider changes to Guam Procurement Regulations, as well as Guam Procurement law to make procurement more efficient and effective;
- 3. Request that the Procurement Policy Office make recommendations based on their findings through a formal report to the Governor by September 2, 2019.
- 4. Require that all line agency conducted federally-funded procurement activity and management of such procurement report directly to the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans;
- 5. Order the Bureau of Statistics and Plans to oversee procurement as it pertains to federal grants and awards;
- 6. Order the General Services Agency and the Department of Public Works restructure its operations based on the assistance provided by the Bureau of Statistics and Plans and provide more efficiency in exercising their authority over the award or administration of any particular contract, or over any dispute, claim or litigation pertaining thereto; and
- 7. Mandate that any and all procurement shall be accountable to the Director of the Department of Administration.

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ISLAND OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96932 U.S.A.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 2nd day of April 2019.



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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO Maga'hågan Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attested by

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Åkto Sigundo Maga'hågan Guåhan Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam

EXHIBIT B

Basil's Notice of Procurement Appeal OPA-PA-20-003

27 February 2019

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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

In the Appeal of

BASIL FOOD INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CORPORATION,

NOTICE OF PROCUREMENT APPEAL

Docket No. OPA-PA- 20-003

Appellant.

Basil Food Industrial Services brings this appeal of a procurement controversy against the

General Services Agency of the Department of Administration.

APPELLANT INFORMATION

Name: Basil Food Industrial Services Corporation ("Basil").
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APPEAL INFORMATION

- A) PURCHASING AGENCY: General Services Agency and Department of Health and Social Services – Division of Senior Citizens
- B) IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACT: GSA Bid No. 056-19
- C) DECISION DATE: The Decision on which this appeal is based is dated February 8, 2020 by Chief Procurement Officer Claudia S. Acfalle and received by the undersigned on February 12, 2020.
- D) APPEAL ORIGIN: Appeal is being made from the Decision denying Basil's protest of the contract awarded to SH Enterprises based on SH Enterprises' violation of the ethical standards outlined in the Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks and the ethical standards memorialized throughout GSA Bid No. 056-19.
- E) NAMES OF COMPETING BIDDERS, OFFERORS, OR CONTRACTORS KNOWN TO APPELLANT: SH Enterprises, Inc.

STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE APPEAL

Under Guam Procurement Law, the Office of Public Accountability has jurisdiction over appeals of decisions rendered by the Chief Procurement Officer on protests of method of source selection, solicitation or award of a contract. 5 G.C.A. § 5425(e).

On September 25, 2019, GSA issued an Invitation for GSA Bid No. GSA-056-19 (the "IFB") for Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations, and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Meals Components. Under the terms of this contract, the bidder was to provide an estimated seven hundred (700) to eight hundred (800) meals to the manåmko' at designated sites, including twelve (12) Senior Citizen Centers and three (3) Adult Day Care Centers (congregate component). The contract also

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included the provision for approximately one thousand (1,000) to one thousand two hundred (1,200) meals to those manåmko' who live at home (home delivered meals component). The term of the contract was for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional years.

SH Enterprises submitted its bid packet to GSA on October 24, 2019, and on November 8, 2019, GSA issued a Bid Status indicating that it would award this multi-million dollar contract to SH Enterprises. **Exhibit A.** A signed Purchase Order from GSA dated November 8, 2019 indicated that the provision of meals would commence on December 1, 2019. **Exhibit B.**

On January 24, 2020, the Pacific Daily News reported that the new War Claims Processing Center was now located in the former Hakubotan building in Tamuning. **Exhibit C.** That same day, one of the topics discussed during the Patty Arroyo Show on Newstalk K57 was the new site for the War Claims Processing Center. While on-air, a listener called in and questioned Ms. Arroyo on whether the government had gone through the procurement process to secure the former Hakubotan building as the new location for the processing center. Ms. Arroyo's response was that the owner of the building donated the space, fixtures, and the utilities.

The undersigned immediately served a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on the Governor's office on January 24, 2020 to obtain documentation confirming whether the building was, in fact, donated per the statements made during the radio show. **Exhibit D.**

On January 30, 2020, in response to the FOIA request, the undersigned received a copy of a one-page document dated January 22, 2020 from S.H. Enterprises, Inc. to Governor Leon Guerrero indicating that it was donating "the temporary utilization of approximately +/- 5,000 square feet of commercial space located on the first floor, utilities, and access to the building's parking lot for the Guam War Claims Center." **Exhibit E.** This document is significant in that it

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is clear and convincing evidence that S.H. Enterprises had violated 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107(4) and 5 G.C.A. § 5630(d) which prohibits favors to the government.

Basil's filed a timely protest to GSA on February 7, 2020. **Exhibit F**. The next day, on February 8, 2020, GSA authored a denial¹ of the protest based on 5 GSA § 5630 (a) and (b), but it completely ignored and failed to address 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(4) Favors to the Government of Guam, which is the basis for Basil's protest.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

The Contract specifies that it is governed under the Guam Procurement Act (5 GCA Ch. 5) and the Guam Procurement Regulations. **Exhibit G.** The purpose of the Procurement Regulations is to provide standard policies and procedures governing the procurement, management, control and disposal of supplies, services, and construction for the territory in conformity with Guam Procurement Law. 2 GAR Div. 4 § 1101. Here, SH Enterprises knowingly and willfully violated the Guam Procurement Act, the Guam Procurement Regulations and the terms and conditions of the IFB when it donated the Hakubotan building to the Government of Guam for use as the War Claims Processing Center.

A. SH ENTERPRISES VIOLATED THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FAVORS OR GRATUITIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

SH Enterprises' bid packet included a "Special Reminder to Prospective Bidders" form that contained a checklist of all the required documents that were essential for the bid opening. **Exhibit H.** Included in the list was a No Kickbacks or Gratuities Affidavit which was signed by Hui Sook Min, the Vice President of SH Enterprises, Inc. **Exhibit I.** In the affidavit, Mrs. Min acknowledged that to the best of her knowledge, neither she nor her officers, representatives,

¹ GSA's denial of the protest is dated February 8, 2020 but was not served on the undersigned until February 12, 2020.

agents, subcontractors, or employees have violated or are violating the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(e). Mrs. Min also promised, on behalf of SH enterprises, not to violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks as set forth in 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(e). That section states,

(e) Contract Clause. The following clause shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor:

REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS The bidder, offeror, or contractor represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in §11206² (Gratuities and Kickbacks) of the Guam Procurement Regulations.

2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107(e).

Since § 11206 (Gratuities and Kickbacks), which is referenced in 2 GAR, Div. 4, §

11107(e), is identical to 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107 (Gratuities and Kickbacks), the latter applies to

the present case and was reviewed in its entirety to verify whether there were any violations.

The most relevant section in 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107 is subsection 4³, Favors to the

Government of Guam. That section states as follows:

(d) Favors to the Territory. For purposes of this Section, a favor is anything, including raffle tickets, of more than *de minimis* 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

² The current version of the 2 GAR Div. 4 Chapter 11 Public Contracting does not contain § 11206. However, the November 1, 1984 edition of Chapter 11 [Exhibit J] does contain section § 11-206. For comparison purposes, subsections 1, 2 and 3 of 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11-2016 are identical to subsections 1, 2 and 3 of the current 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107. It is likely that when the updates and amendments were made to Chapter 11 Ethics in Public Contracting, the Compiler of Law failed to amend this section to ensure that any reference to § 11206 was changed to §11107.

³ In the "Source" explanation immediately following the 1997 and 2002 updated editions to 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107, it states that subsection 4, Favors to the Government of Guam, was added to comply with 5 GCA § 5630(d). Both 2 GAR Div. 4, § 11107(4) and 5 GCA § 5630(d) are identical and were in effect at the time of the issuance of the Invitation for Bid No.: GSA-0056-19, which is the contract that is currently at issue.

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 warranty periods.

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2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107 (4).

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More specifically, § 11107(4) states that it is a breach of ethical standards for any government contractor to give or agree to give an agent of the government of Guam a favor or gratuity during the pendency of any matter related to procurement, including contract performance warranty periods.

This regulation, 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(4), is highly relevant and applicable in this case as SH Enterprises willfully breached the prohibition against providing favors to the government. SH Enterprises became a contractor of the Government of Guam on November 8, 2019 when it was awarded the IFB. At that very instance, it became bound to all the terms and conditions outlined in the IFB, including 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107 which prohibits gratuities, kickbacks, or favors. Thus, as soon as SH Enterprises donated the Hakubotan building to the Government of Guam in January 2019, which was less than three months after it was awarded the contract, it immediately violated the ethical prohibitions outlined not only in the IFB, but also those proclaimed in Guam's procurement laws and regulations. This act was a complete deviation from S.H. Enterprises' promise to comply with the contract's specifications and requirements.

It should also be emphasized that SH Enterprises' donation of the Hakubotan building to the Government of Guam in January 2019, without more, is sufficient for a violation under 5 G.C.A. §5630 (d) and 2 G.A.R. §11107(4). Unlike 5 GCA § 5630(a) & (b) and 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(1) & (2) which require that there be evidence of a relationship between the gratuity and a decision, approval, disapproval recommendation, etc., 5 G.C.A. § 5630(d) and 2 GAR §11107(4)

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do not. See 2 GAR §11107(b) (which does require that a relationship or connection be made between the gratuity and a decision, approval, disapproval recommendation, etc.)

Surprisingly, GSA denied Basil's protest and indicated that the facts in this case did not warrant a breach. In its denial letter, GSA focused on 5 GCA § 5630^4 , which is entitled "Gratuities and Kickbacks," and referenced only the Gratuities (§ 5630(a)) and Kickbacks (§ 5630(b)) sections. This is in error as GSA should have analyzed and reviewed the entirety⁵ of 5 GCA § 5630, which not only encompasses the general rules related to gratuities and kickbacks, but which also includes favors as defined in § 5630(d).

2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(e) clearly refers to the entirety of § 11206⁶ (Gratuities and Kickbacks) of the Guam Procurement Regulations, not just the specific subsections dealing with gratuities and kickbacks, namely 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(1) Gratuities and § 11107(2) Kickbacks, whose counterparts are 5 GCA § 5630(a) and (b). Since the reference to § 11206 in 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(e) was stated generally, GSA should have reviewed the other subsections of 2 GAR Div.

(b) Gratuities Prohibition.

⁴ The counterpart to 5 GCA § 5630 is 2 GAR Div. 4, § 11107, which is also entitled "Gratuities and Kickbacks." Both sections are essentially identical with the exception of § 5630(d), which is entitled "Favors to the Territory," while § 11107(4) is entitled "Favors to the Government." Further, § 11107(4) uses the term "Government" instead of "Territory" in the body of that subsection.

⁵ In support of the argument that we must look to the entirety of 5 GCA § 5630 (and its counterpart 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107), we should examine 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(e), which generally references the "prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in § 11206 (Gratuities and Kickbacks)" provision and compare it to 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(b)(1) which specifically references the Gratuities provision. 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(b)(1) states:

⁽¹⁾ Breach. It is a breach of § 11206 (1) (Gratuities and Kickbacks, Gratuities) of these Regulations....

This section states that it only applies to § 11206(1), which in essence is § 11107(1), and it specifically mentions "gratuities" in the phrase "Gratuities and Kickbacks, Gratuities." This is clear evidence of how the drafters narrowed the applicability of 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(b)(1).

On the other hand, the reference in 2 GAR Div. $4 \S 11107(e)$ to "\$11206 (Gratuities and Kickbacks)" is stated generally such that we must look at the entire section of \$ 11107 and not just \$ 11107(1) for Gratuities and \$ 11107(2) for Kickbacks.

⁶ 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107 and § 11206, they are identical.

4 § 11107 (and 5 GCA § 5630) as they also discuss gratuities, kickbacks and favors. Specifically, 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(3) and 5 GCA § 5630(c) discuss the Contract Clause⁷, and both § 11107(4) and § 5630(d) cover Favors to the Territory/Government of Guam.

GSA argued that the donation by SH Enterprises does not meet the requirements for a gratuity, as specified in 5 GCA 5630(a). It stated,

"There was no decision or approval, disapproval recommendation, preparation of any part of the program requirement or a purchase request, including the content of this or any specification or program standard. Nor was there any advice, investigation, auditing or any other advisory capacity in this or any other procurement action. Nor was there any employment offered or given to state that it comes under the definition of Gratuity or Kickback. SH Enterprises donation was not related to this procurement at all." **Exhibit K.**

This language is derived from both 5 GCA § 5630 (a) 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(1). GSA then goes on to state that the requirements for kickback violations, as outlined in 5 GCA § 5630(b), are also not satisfied. However, Basil's protest specifically refers to and discusses the ethical breach pursuant to 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(4) Favors to the Government of Guam and 5 GCA § 5630 (d) Favors to the Territory. Further, as discussed above, the options for breach are not limited to 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107 (1) and (2) and 5 GCA § 5630 (a) and (b), but the entirety of 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107 and 5 GCA § 5630.

Per 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(a)(1), a gratuity is defined as "a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or lesser value is received." 2 GAR Div. 4 § 1106(41). Chapter 11 of 2 GAR Div. 4 also provides another definition of gratuity in 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11101(6) and states that it "means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money,

⁷ 5 GCA § 5630(c) states, "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."

services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received. In this Chapter, the gratuity may include any tangible and intangible benefit in the nature of gifts, favors, entertainment, discounts, passes, transportation, accommodation, hospitality or offers of employment.

Based on these definitions, the donation of the Hakubotan building to the government in January 2020 for use as the War Claims Processing Center is a service or a tangible benefit that is more than nominal value and which falls in line with a gift or a favor that is unquestionably prohibited by the Guam Procurement law and the IFB. This donation was a violation of 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(4) and 5 GCA § 5630(d) as these sections quite clearly preclude SH Enterprises, who has been a government contractor since November 2019, from providing favors or gratuities to the government during the contract performance period. The value of the benefits received by the Government of Guam for the free use of the former Hakubotan building, which includes utilities and parking, likely equates to a monumental amount reaching several thousands of dollars and far exceeds the thresholds of what is considered a *de minimus* value.

Not surprisingly, nowhere in GSA's denial does it address SH Enterprises violation of 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(4) and 5 GCA § 5630(d). Instead, it skirts around these applicable sections and focuses on different subsections that are not the basis for the protest.

Lastly, in its denial, GSA references 5 GCA § 22408 for the proposition that the Governor is authorized to accept monetary or property donations. However, again, Basil is not contesting the Governor's authority or actions. The focus here is on SH Enterprises' unequivocal failure to abide by the ethical standards provided in 5 GCA §5630(d) and 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11107(4). As a government contractor, SH Enterprises was well aware of its duty to abide by the Guam Procurement law and the terms and provisions of the IFB. *See* Affidavit **Exhibit I.**

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Based on a review of IFB requirements and the relevant Procurement laws and regulations, it is clear that GSA's denial of Basil's protest was in error as SH Enterprises had, in fact, violated not only an integral part of its contract, but also the ethical codes and standards required of a government contractor, which would warrant the remedies requested below.

B. SH ENTERPRISES WAS AWARE OF THE PROHIBITION AGAINST GRAUITIES AND KICKBACKS

In addition to the Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks [Exhibit I], the IFB is replete with information, requirements and prohibitions related to maintaining ethical standards and refraining from the provision of gratuities or kickbacks to either the government or government employees. The following was included in the IFB:

No. 6 of the General Terms and Conditions.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS: Bidders shall comply with all specifications and other requirements of the Solicitation. Exhibit G.

No. 31 of the General Terms and Conditions.

31. REPRESENATION REGARDING ETHICS IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: The bidder or contractor represents that it has not knowingly influenced and promises that it will not knowingly influence a Government employee to breach any of the ethical standards and represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in Chapter 11 (Ethics in Public Contracting) of the Guam Procurement Act and Chapter 11 of the Guam Procurement Regulations. **Exhibit G.**

Section 16.8 Debarment (Guam and Federal) of the General Specification on Item 16.0

Contract Clauses Required by 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200.

A. Guam Debarment and Suspension. Contractor warrants that it will comply with the provisions of 5 GCA Chapter 5 Articles 9 and 11, subject to debarment or suspension. **Exhibit L.**

Section 22. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

22.2 Prohibition Against Gratuities and Kickbacks. With respect to this Agreement and any other contract that the Bidder may have, or wish to enter into, with any government of Guam agency, the Bidder represents that he has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate, the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in the Guam Procurement Regulations. Exhibit M.

Tae Hong Min, President, and Hui Sook Min, Vice-President, who both own an equal percentage of SH Enterprises [Exhibit N], signed various documents included in the IFB acknowledging that they were aware of the aforementioned ethical requirements and prohibitions and they promised that they would not only comply with all the requirements and specifications of the contract, but that they would also not violate any ethical rules or prohibitions. Despite these promises and assurances, SH Enterprises knowingly and willfully violated the very act that it indicated it would not do and provided a favor to the government.

REQUESTED REMEDIES

5 GCA § 5651⁸ discusses the remedies available for ethical violations. Specifically, the

relevant sections of § 5651 states,

(a) Existing Remedies Not Impaired. Civil and administrative remedies against non-employees which are in existence on the effective date of this Chapter shall not be impaired.

(b) Supplemental Remedies. In addition to existing remedies for breach of the ethical standards of this Chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder, the Procurement Policy Office, in connection with non-employees, may impose <u>any</u> one or more of the following:

(1) written warnings or reprimands;

(2) termination of transactions; and

(3) debarment or suspension from being a contractor or subcontractor under territorial contracts.

⁸ The remedies outlined in 2 GAR Div. 4 § 11112 (Civil and Administrative Remedies Against Non-Employees who Breach Ethical Standards) mirrors 5 GCA § 5651.

(d) Right of the Territory to Debar or Suspend. Debarment or suspension may be imposed by the Procurement Policy Office in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 5426 of this Chapter for breach of the ethical standards of this Chapter, provided that such action may not be taken without the concurrence of the Attorney General.

5 GCA § 5426(b) further discusses the causes for debarment or suspension and it specifically allows for debarment or suspension for violations of the ethical standards set forth in Article 11 of this Chapter. Article 11 is entitled "Ethics in Public Contracting" and it includes 5 GCA §5630 Gratuities and Kickbacks, which is discussed above.

SH Enterprises' clear and willful violation of the ethical provisions in the IFB warrant not only a termination of the contract, but also that SH Enterprises be either debarred or suspended from being a government contractor. The purpose and policies of Guam's Procurement law that were implemented for several reasons, such as to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all those who participate in the procurement system, to increase individual's confidence in the public procurement process, to encourage healthy competition, and to ensure the quality and integrity of the procurement system, etc., are no longer effective when ethical requirements and standards are violated.

The ethical standards and requirements are discussed not only in the Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks, which was signed by Hui Sook Min, but also throughout the IFB to ensure that a bidder or contractor cannot falsely claim that they were not aware of these ethical requirements. S.H. Enterprises' deliberate act of donating its Hakubotan building to the Government of Guam soon after receiving a multi-million dollar procurement contract is a significant violation of the contract and it chips away and negates the public's trust in the procurement system. Accordingly, the contract should be terminated and SH Enterprises should be either terminated or suspended as a government contractor. DATED: Hagåtña, GU, February 27, 2020.

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Attorney for Appellant BASIL FOOD INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CORPORATION

VERIFICATION

I, MICHAEL ZHOU, am the President of BASIL FOOD INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CORPORATION and I am authorized to make this verification. I have read the foregoing **NOTICE OF PROCUREMENT APPEAL** and, to the best of my knowledge, the information stated therein is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. This verification was executed on this 2/2 day of February, 2020.

MICHAE ZHOU

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, in and for Guam U.S.A., by MICHAEL ZHOU, this $\frac{2744}{2}$ day of February, 2020.



NOTARY PUBLIC

DAVINA A. SAYAMA

NOTARY PUBLIC In and for Guam, U.S.A. My Commission Expires: AUG 29, 2022 149 Sobrino St., Mangilao, GU 96913 Basil SECOND Appeal (066987-00105.124654) Re GSA-056-19

EXHIBIT A

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GENERAL SERVICE AGENCY (Ahensian Setbision Hinirat) Government of Guam 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 219 Tamuning, Guam 96913 Tel: 477-1707-10 Fax: 472-4217 / 475-1716/27

Accountability * Impartiality * Competence * Openness * Value

BID STATUS

November 08, 2019

BASIL FOOD INDUSTRIAL SERVICES Atta: Betty Ann Dela Cruz, Program Manager 510 West O'Brien Drive Hagama, Guam 96912 Tal: (671) 475-8588 / Fax: (671) 475-0088 Email: henvbaza@yahoo.com

BID INVITATION NO.: GSA-056-19

OPENING DATE: October 24, 2019

Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Components.

i se following is the result of the above-mentioned bid. Refer to the items checked below.

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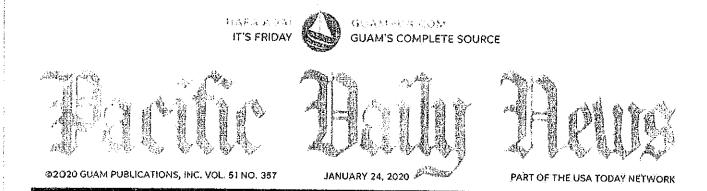
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War claims office opens today

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World II survivors with adjudiated claims can present their docments to officials at the former Halubotan building in Tamuning tolay, and they could start receiving ompensation next week, accordag to the governor The Guam Department of Administration, will open the war claims processing center at 9 a.m. today, and claims will be paid with nearly \$14 million in local funds.

At the same time, Guam officials are now preparing a petition to the federal government to expand the 2015 World War II Loyalty Recognition Act so that more war survivors can file claims. This a great day for our people of Guam, our manamko," Gov. Lou Leon Guerrera sald, moments before signing on Thursday a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Treasury.

The agreement clears the path for the processing of adjudicated war claims payments.

The U.S. Treasury signed the agreement Wednesday, Washing ton. D.C. time or early Thursday, Guam time.

This comes nearly 76 years since the liberation of Gunn from Japanese occupation during the war, and three weeks after the governor signed the local war claims payment bill that Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Sen, Amauda Shelton and

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Man injuried in Maite



uam Fire Department personnel treat a wounded man as Guam Police department officers attempt to ather information at the site of the former Lemai Cafe in Maite on Thursday, BCK CBUZ/PD:

Social Security benefits case under advisement

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Coum resident Karring Schalter lives with a permanent disability, but she is unable to receive support payments under the federal Supplemental Security Income program.

Her twin sister, Leslie Schaller, suffers from the same debilitating genetic disorder - mytanic dystrophy, but receives about \$800 a month in SSI because she lives in Pennsylvania.

U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco Ca-

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War claims

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Sen. Wil Castro introduced,

"Getting to this point wasn't easy and our work isn't over, but we are now beginning to heal old wounds and honor our Greatest Generation. And we say to those still alive to hear it, your long wait is over," the governor said.

With many of the claims so far adjudicated granting \$10,000 and \$12,000 each, GovGuam could end up making advance payments to about 1.400 still living war survivors.

More than 3.650 war survivors and their heirs illed war claims, which could total \$40 million.

Most of them would be paid once Del. Mike San Nicolas' H.R. 1365 passes the Senate and is signed by President Trump, San Nicolas said the Senate could pass it "within a few weeks,"

The governor and the speaker said they will continue to advocate for the passage and signing of San Nicolas' bill. The governor thanked all the former delegates whom she said "paved the road and made our journey a lot easier so that we can get to where we are today?

Processing begins Jan. 24

"We are trying to make the process as simple as possible," the governor said at the Thursday signing ceremony, with LL Gov. Josh Tenorio, senators and Cabinet members in attendance.

What war survivors need to bring to the proceasing center:

1 The letter they received from the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission stating they are entitled to receive monetary compensation;

i A government-issued photo ID,

4 At the war claims processing center, survivors will be asked to sign two documents, authorizing Treasury to release the survivors informa-



Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero signs a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Treasury on Thursday, paving the way for GovGuam to stark processing the payment of adjudicated war claims by still-living World War II survivors using nearly \$14 million in local funds, while other officials applaud. Also in the photo are Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio, senators led by Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, the governor's chief of staff Tony Babauta, and press secretary Krystal Paco-San Agustin, RAIDEE EUGENIO GILBERT/PON

ilon to GovGuam, and assigning their claim to GovGuam;

I Then they need to wait for a notification from GovGuam that their war claims payment check is ready

Tony Babauta, the governor's chief of staif, said at the end of each day, the Department of Administration will electronically transmit to Treasury the documents from the war survivors.

They are password protected to ensure privacy and confidentiality of war survivors information.

Babauta said GovGuam anticipates the Trea

sury will respond within three to four days, after verifying the claims that GovGuam collected.

GovGuam could start getting verification from the Treasury by Wednesday or Thursday next week, he said.

Babauta said the war claims processing center will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. However, it will also be open on Saturday, Jan. 25, to accommodate more survivors.

Those with questions and concerns about the local war claims processing program are encouraged to call 482-0792 or 482-8931 or visit warclaims.guam.gov, officials said.

Petition for more war claims

The speaker's office on Thursday said there is now a draft petition to ask Congress to amend the 2016 law that allows for the payment of war claims, so that more of Guant's war survivors can still file claims

Some people either missed the June 20, 2018 war claims filing deadline or were not previously aware of a war claims program.

The speaker said she would leave no stone unturned so that all war survivors could be compensared.

Payment of war claims using Section 30 funds were supposed to begin in fiscal 2019, but there was a technical flaw in the 2016 law that San Nicolas is seeking to fix through H.R. 1365.

Once San Nicolas' bill becomes law, it would allow U.S. Treasury to start releasing payments to Guam's war survivors and certain holrs using more than \$20 million in Section 30 funds that are already available. More Section 30 funds will be put in the war claims funding towards the ond of fiscal 2020,

Adelup had said that once San Nicolas' H R. 1365 passes the Senate and is enacted into law, then a portion of that funding would cover the GovGuam funding used to advance the payment of war claims to still living war survivors.

Social Security

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NEWS tewood heard arguments in the lawsuit against the Social Security Administration over the in-ORILY ability of Quam residents to receive certain benefits. The judge took the matter under advisement. The failure to provide benefits to people on Guam with disabilities violates the Organic Act and also the equal protection clauses of the Con-

stitution, the lawsuit states. Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible for SSI payments, because the benefit is included in the 3 CNMI covenant with the United States.

But residents of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands were intentionally excluded from the SSI program, which started in 1972.

"Katrina is denied eligibility for federal SSI benefits solely because she lives on Guam, rather than in any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia or the nearby territory of the CNMI," her law-

suit states.

The lawsuit notes Katrina Schaller received the benefits when she lived with her mother in Pennsylvania. "But when she moved to Guam to be with family upon her mother's death. Katrina's SSI benefits were cut off."

The lawsuit states that Leslie Schaller also wants to travel to Guam to see her sisters, "but she cannut do so for more than 30 days for fear of losing access to the SSI benefits necessary for her support."

The lawsuit asks the court to find that provisions of the SSI law discriminate based on status as a Guam resident and are unconstitutional, and to prevent the Social Security Administration from enforcing those provisions.

Attomey Mike Williams, who represents Schaller, said the twin sisters are being treated differently just because of where one of them lives

Leslie Schaller is able to live more independently because she has SSI benefits.

Williams said Katrina Schaller would be a ward of the state if it wasn't for her family support on Guam.

He said the twin sisters haven't seen each oth-

er for a decade, and Leslie Schaller would like to visit, but she's scared she'll lose her benefits.

Williams argued that the sisters should be treated the same by the federal government, and it's unconstitutional to treat one differently because she lives in a territory.

He said Katrina Schaller is sick and is being deprived of resources.

U.S. Department of Justice Attorney Michael Zee argued that it was up to Congress to make policy decisions, and not the court.

Congress created the law for the SSI benefits and only included the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The CNMI is included in the benefits because it was able to negotiate it in when making the covenant with the U.S., he said.

Williams argued that the court has the power to address whether his client is being discriminated against in violation of the U.S. Constitution,

After about an hour and a half of arguments, Tydingco-Gatewood said she would take the matter under advisement and issue a decision later.

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January 24, 2020

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex 513 West Marine Corps Drive Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Please let me know if you have any questions about this request or need any clarification. Your cooperation is most appreciated. Per 5 G.C.A. §10103, these public records should be made available within four (4) working days from receive of this request.

Sincerely,

CAMACHO CALVO LAW GROUP LLC Gen E. Diaz

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cc: AG OPA

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Basil SECOND Appeal (066987-00105.124654) Re GSA-056-19

EXHIBIT E

S.H. Enterprises, Inc. 190 Chalan San Antonio Building

Tamuning, Guam 96913

January 22, 2020

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CAMACHO CALVO LAW GROUP LLC

February 7, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY

GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 219 Tamuning, Guam 96932

Attention: Claudia Acfalle, Chief Procurement Officer

Re: PROTEST OF THE AWARD OF GSA-056-019 TO SH ENTERPRISES, INC. BASED ON ETHICAL VIOLATIONS

Dear Ms. Acfaile:

Basil Foods Industrial Services ("Basil") protests the award of Bid No. GSA-056-19 issued by GSA to SH Enterprises, Inc. for the Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations, and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Components due to its violation of Guam's procurement laws and regulations. You may reach Basil through its attorneys, Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC, Geri E. Diaz, Esq., at 356 E. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 201, Hagåtña, Guam 96910.

I. BASIL'S PROTEST IS TIMELY

Under Guam procurement law, an actual bidder who has been aggrieved in connection with the method of source selection, solicitation or award of a contract may file a protest to the Chief Procurement Officer "in writing within fourteen (14) days after such aggrieved person knows or should know of the facts giving rise thereto." 5 G.C.A. § 5425(a). The Supreme Court of Guam confirmed this timeline, and explained that the Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations ("GAR") also prescribe the same time standards for filing a protest. Teleguam Holdings, LLC v. Guam, 15 Guam 13 ¶¶ 22-23.

On January 24, 2020, it was reported in the Pacific Daily News that the War Claims Processing Center had opened its new location in the former Hakubotan building in Tamuning. **Exhibit A.** That same day, one of the topics discussed during the Patty Arroyo Show on Newstalk K57 was the new site for the War Claims Processing Center. While on-air, a listener called in and questioned Ms. Arroyo on whether the government had gone through the procurement process to secure the former Hakubotan building as the new location for the processing center. Ms. Arroyo's response was that the building, its fixtures and the utilities were donated.



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The undersigned immediately served a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on the Governor's office on January 24, 2020 to obtain documentation confirming whether the building was, in fact, donated per the statements made during the radio show. Exhibit B.

On January 30, 2020, in response to the FOIA request, the undersigned received a copy of a one-page document dated January 22, 2020 from S.H. Enterprises, Inc. to Governor Leon Guerrero indicating that it was donating "the temporary utilization of approximately +/- 5,000 square feet of commercial space located on the first floor, utilities, and access to the building's parking lot for the Guam War Claims Center." Exhibit C. This document is significant in that it is clear and convincing evidence that S.H. Enterprises had violated 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107(4) and 5 G.C.A. § 5630(d) which prohibits favors to the government.

Basil's first knowledge of a potential ethical violation committed by S.H. Enterprises occurred upon hearing the statements made on Patti Arroyo's January 24, 2020 on-air show on Newstalk K57. Accordingly, the filing of this protest on February 6, 2020 is timely.

II. S.H. ENTERPRISES, INC. PROVIDED A FAVOR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IN VIOLATION OF ETHICAL STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE PROCUREMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

GSA issued Bid Invitation No. GSA-059-019 for Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations, and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Meals Components. **Exhibit D.** Included in the very first page of the 151page document was a Special Reminder to Prospective Bidders of the required documents to be included in the bid envelope for consideration during the bid opening, including the Affidavit Disclosing Ownership and Commissions, the Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks, and the Affidavit Regarding Ethical Standards. **Exhibit E.** Hui Sook Min, one of the authorized representatives for S.H. Enterprises, acknowledged receipt of the Special Reminder form on October 8, 2019. **Exhibit D.**

In the Affidavit Disclosing Ownership and Commissions, Mrs. Min affirmed that she is an authorized representative of S.H. Enterprises, Inc., and that she owned 50% interest in this company while Tae Hong Min owned the remaining 50%. Exhibit E.

Mrs. Min also affirmed in the Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks that she is the Vice-President of S.H. Enterprises, Inc. and that to the best of her knowledge, neither she nor any of S.H. Enterprises' officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have violated, [or] are violating the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 GAR Division 4 § 11107(e). She promised on behalf of S.H. Enterprises *not to violate* that provision and she also affirmed that neither she nor any of S.H. Enterprises' officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have offered, given or agreed to give, any government of Guam employee or former government employee, any payment, gift, kickback, gratuity or offer of employment in connection with S.H. Enterprises' bid proposal. Exhibit E.

Basil protests the award of GSA-056-019 to S.H. Enterprises because S.H. Enterprises donated approximately +/-5,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor of the former Hakubotan building, including utilities and access to the building's parking lot, as a favor to the Government of Guam for use as the Guam War Claims Processing Center. This donation is in direct contravention to the contract specifications set forth in GSA-056-019 and is a violation of 2 GAR, Div.4, § 11107(4) Favors to the Government of Guam and 5 G.C.A. § 5630(d) Favors to the Territory.

A. The Purpose of Guam's Procurement Laws and Regulations

At the onset, it should be emphasized that the underlying purposes and policies of the procurement law is to provide for increased public confidence in the procedures followed in public procurement, to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system of this Territory, to foster effective broad-based competition within the free enterprise system, to provide safeguards for the maintenance of a procurement system of quality and integrity, etc. 5 G.C.A. § 5001; 2 GAR, Div. 4 § 1102.

Guam's procurement laws and regulations includes essential standards of ethical conduct as well as standard policies and procedures which must be observed and adhered to by those doing business with the Territory in order to advance these goals. 5 G.C.A. § 5625; 2 GAR, Div. 4 § 1101.

B. The Prohibition of Favors to the Government

The Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks, which was signed by Mrs. Min specifically references 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107(e). That section states,

(e) Contract Clause. The following clause shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor:

REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS The bidder, offeror, or contractor represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in §11206 (Gratuities and Kickbacks) of the Guam Procurement Regulations.

2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107(e).

A gratuity is defined as "a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received." 5 GCA § 5601(f); 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11101(a)(6) and § 1106 (41). A gratuity may include "any tangible and intangible benefit in the nature of gifts, favors, entertainment, discounts, passes, transportation, accommodation, hospitality, or offers of employment. Nominal value means actual worth or actual cost, whichever is greater, which does

not exceed \$25 individually or cumulatively." 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11101(a)(6). Based on these definitions, gratuities and favors are one in the same.

At issue in this protest is the violation of 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 11107(4), which states,

(4) Favors to the Government of Guam. For purposes of this subsection, a favor is anything, including raffle tickets, or more than *de minimis* 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...to offer, give or agree to give any employee or agent of the government of Guam or for any employee or agent of the government of Guam to solicit or accept from any such person or entity or agent thereof a favor or gratuity on behalf of the government of Guam whether or not such favor or gratuity may be considered a reimbursable expense of the government of Guam, during the pendency of any matter related to procurement, including contract performance warranty periods. [Emphasis added.]

2 GAR, Div. 4, § 111107 (4). Its counterpart, 5 G.C.A. § 5630(d), is nearly identical, but instead of "Government of Guam," it uses the word "Territory."

Upon signing the Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities or Kickbacks, Mrs. Min, on behalf of S.H. Enterprises, acknowledged that she was fully apprised of the ethical standards prohibiting gratuities, and she knowingly affirmed that neither she nor S.H. Enterprises' representatives had violated, were violating, or will violate this prohibition. In fact, her signature on this document evidences not only her knowledge and intent to comply with this requirement, but also her assurance that S.H. Enterprises and its representatives would comply as well.

Surprisingly, however, S.H. Enterprises' willfully breached the contract when it donated a section of the former Hakubotan building to the government less than three months after it was awarded the GSA-056-019 contract. This act was a complete deviation from S.H. Enterprises' promise to comply with the contract's specifications and requirements and is a significant breach of the ethical standards proclaimed in Guam's procurement laws and regulations. It should be noted that the sheer size of the benefits provided to the Government of Guam for the free use of the former Hakubotan building, which includes utilities and parking, far exceeds the thresholds of what is considered a *de minimus* value. Also, at the time this favor was provided to the government, S.H. Enterprises was already a government contractor as it had been just awarded a multi-million dollar procurement contract¹ (GSA-056-019).

¹ S.H. Enterprises' contract period for GSA-056-019 commenced on November 8, 2019 and is set to last for three years with the option to renew for two additional years. Exhibit F.

In assessing the appropriate remedy for this violation, we must hone in on the purpose and policies of Guam's Procurement law, which were implemented to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all those who participate in the procurement system, to increase individual's confidence in the public procurement process, to encourage healthy competition, to ensure the quality and integrity of the procurement system, etc. Clearly, S.H. Enterprises violation of the prohibition against favors to the government chips away and negates the public's trust in the procurement system.

Based on the foregoing, Basil respectfully requests the following:

- 1. That this protest be granted;
- 2. That GSA terminate its contact with S.H. Enterprises and reissue the Invitation For Bid for the Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations, and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Components;
- 3. That GSA debar or suspend S.H. Enterprises from being a government contractor; and
- 4. For any other relief available to Basil under Guam law.

Sincerely,

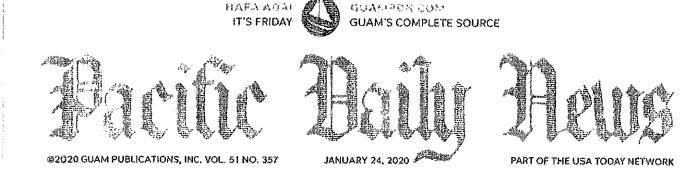
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Enclosures(s): See Exhibits A to F.

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EXHIBIT A



War claims office opens today

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World II survivors with adjudiated claims can present their doements to officials at the former Haabotan building in Tamuning tolay, and they could start receiving ompensation next week, accordag to the governor. The Guant Department of Administration will open the war of claims processing center at 9 a.m. of today, and claims will be paid with nearly \$14 million in local funds.

At the same time, Guam officials are now preparing a petition to the federal government to expand the 2016 World War II Loyalty Recognition Act so that more war survivors can file claims. 'It is a great day for our people of Guam, our manamko'' Goy, Lou Leon Guerrern sald, moments before signing on Thursday a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Treasury.

The agreement clears the path for the processing of adjudicated war claims payments.

The U.S. Treasury signed the ugreemont Wednesday, Washing-

ton, D.C. time or early Thursday, Guam time.

This comes nearly 76 years since the liberation of Guam from Japanese occupation during the war, and three weeks after the governor signed the local war claims payment bill that Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Sen. Amanda Shelton and

See WAR CLAIMS, Page 4

Man injuried in Maite



uam Fire Department personnel treat a wounded man as Guam Police department officers attempt to ather information at the site of the former Lemai Cafe in Maite on Thursday, BICK CRUEZERS

Social Security benefits case under advisement

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Guain rasident Katrina Schaller lives with a permanent disability, but she is unable to receive supprist payments under the federal Supplemental Security Income program.

Her twin sister, Leslie Schaller, suffers from the same debilhating genetic disorder - mytonic dystrophy, but receives about \$800 a month in SSI because she lives in Penrisylvania.

U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Ga-

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Local

War claims

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"Getting to this point wasn't easy and our work isn't over, but we are now beginning to head old wounds and honor our Greatest Generation. And we say to those still alive to hear it, your long wait is over," the governor said.

With many of the claims so far adjudicated granting \$10,000 and \$12,000 each, GovGuam could end up making advance payments to about 1,400 still-living war survivors.

More than 3.630 war survivors and their hetrs filed war claims, which could total \$40 million.

Most of them would be paid once Del. Mike San Nicolas' H.R. 1365 passes the Senate and is signed by President Trump. San Nicolas said the Senate could pass it "within a few weeks."

The governor and the speaker said they will cuntinue to advocate for the passage and signing of San Nicolas' bill. The governor thanked all the former delegates whom she said "paved the road and math our journey a lot easier so that we can get to where we are today."

Processing begins Jan. 24

"We are trying to make the process as simple as possible," the governor said at the Thursday signing ceremony, with Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio, senators and Cabinet members in attendance.

What war survivors need to bring to the processing conter:

t The letter they received from the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission stating they are entitled to receive monetary compensation;

4 A government-issued photo (D):

4 At the war claims processing contor, survivors will be asked to sign two documents, authorizing Treasury to release the survivors' informa-



Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero signs a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Treasury on Thursday, paving the way for GovGuam to start processing the payment of adjudicated war claims by still-living World War II survivors using nearly \$14 million in local funds, while other officials applaud. Also in the photo are Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio, senators led by Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, the governor's chief of staff Tony Babauta, and press secretary. Krystal Paco-San Agustin. HAIDEC EUGEMO GIN BERT/PDN

tion to GovGuam, and assigning their claim to GovGuam;

I then they need to wait for a notification from GovGuam that their war claims paymentcheck is ready.

Tony Babauta, the governor's chief of stalf, said at the end of each day, the Department of Administration will electronically transmit to Treasury the documents from the war survivors.

They are password-protected to ensure priva ey and confidentiality of war survivors Information.

Babauta said GovCluain anticipates the Frea-

sury will respond within three to four days, after verifying the claims that GovGuam collected.

GovGuam could start getting verification from the Treasury by Wednesday or Thursday next week, he said.

Babautn said the war claims processing center will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Menclay to Friday. However, it will also be open on Saturday, Jan. 25, to accommodate more survivors.

Those with questions and concerns about the local war claims processing program are encouraged to call 482-0792 or 482-8931 or vtsit warclaims.guam.gov, officials said,

Petition for more war claims

The speaker's office on Thursday said there is now a draft petition to ask Congress to amend the 2016 law that allows for the payment of war claims, so that more of Guam's war survivors can still file claims.

Some people either missed the June 20, 2018 war claims filing deadline or were not previously aware of a war claims program.

The speaker said she would leave no stone unturned so that all war survivors could be compensated.

Payment of war claims using Section 30 funds were supposed to begin in fiscal 2019, but there was a technical flaw in the 2016 law that San Nicolas is seeking to fix through H.R. 1365.

Once San Nicolas' bill becomes law, it would allow U.S. Treasury to start releasing payments to Guan's war survivors and certain heirs using more than 520 million in Section 30 funds that are already available. More Section 30 funds will be put in the war claims funding towards the end of fiscal 2020.

Adelup had said that once San Nicolas' H.R. 1365 passes the Senate and Is enacted into law, then a portion of that funding would cover the GovGuam funding used to advance the payment of war claims to still-living war survivors.

Social Security

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tewood heard arguments in the lawsuit against the Social Security Administration over the inability of Guam residents to receive certain benefits. The judge took the matter under advisement.

The failure to provide benefits to people on Guam with disabilities violates the Organic Act and also the equal protection clauses of the Constitution, the lawsuit states.

Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible for SSI payments, because the benefit is included in the CNMI covenant with the United States.

But residents of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands were intentionally excluded from the SSI program, which started in 1972.

"Katrina is denied eligibility for federal SSI benefits solely because she lives on Guam, rather than in any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia or the nearby territory of the CNMI," her lawsuit states

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The lawsuit notes Katrina Schaller received the benefits when she lived with her mother in Pennsylvania. "But when she moved to Chann to be with family upon her mother's death, Katrina's \$\$I benefits were cut off."

The lawsuit states that Lesile Schaller also wants to travel to Guarn to see her sisters, "but she cannot do so for more than 30 days for fear of losing access to the SSI benefits necessary for her support."

The lawsuit asks the court to find that provisions of the SSI law discriminate based on status as a Guam resident and are unconstitutional, and to prevent the Social Security Administration from enforcing those provisions.

Attorney Mike Williams, who represents Schaller, said the twin sisters are being treated differently just because of where one of them lives.

Leslie Schaller is able to live more independently because she has SSI benefits.

Williams said Katrina Schaller would be a ward of the state if it wasn't for her family support on Guam.

He said the twin sisters haven't seen each oth-

er for a decade, and Leslie Schaller would like to visit, but she's scared she'll lose her benefits.

Williams argued that the sisters should be treated the same by the federal government, and it's unconstitutional to treat one differently because she lives in a territory.

He said Katrina Schaller is sick and is being deprived of resources.

U.S. Department of Justice Attorney Michael Zee argued that it was up to Congress to make policy decisions, and not the court.

Congress created the law for the SSI benefits and only included the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The GNMH is included in the benefits because it was able to negotlate it in when making the covenant with the U.S., he said.

Williams argued that the court has the power to address whether his client is being discriminated against in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

After about an hour and a half of arguments, Tydingco-Gatewood said she would take the matter under advisement and Issue a decision later. EXHIBIT B

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Accountability * Impartiality * Competence * Openness * Value

INVITATION FOR BID NO.: GSA-056-19

DESCRIPTION:

NUTRITION SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, CONGREGATE MEALS AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS COMPONENTS

SPECIAL REMINDER TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Bidders are reminded to read the Scaled Bid Solicitation and Instructions, and General Terms and Conditions attached to the IFB to ascertain that all of the following requirements checked below are submitted in the bid envelope, in duplicate, at the date and time for bid opening.

- (X) BID GUARANTEE (15% of Bid Amount) May be in the form of; Reference Page 27 Instruction for Bonding & Page 28, #11 on the General Terms and Conditions
 - a. Cashier's Check or Certified Check
 - b. Letter of Credit
 - e. Surety Bond Valid only if accompanied by:
 - 1. Current Certificate of Authority issued by the Insurance Commissioner;
 - 2. Power of Attorney issued by the Surety to the Resident General Agent:
 - Power of Attorney issued by two (2) major officers of the Surety to whoever is signing on their behalf.
- (X) STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
- () BROCHURES/DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE;

(X) AFFIDAVIT DISCLOSING OWNERSHIP and COMMISSION

a. Date of signature of the person authorized to sign the bid and the notary date must be the same.

(X) OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Non-Collusion Affidavit, D.O.L., Wage Determination Affidavit, Restriction against Sexual Offenders Affidavit, No Kickbacks or Gratuities Affidavit and Ethical Standards Affidavit, and Affidavit re Contingent Fees, Current Business License relating to this bid.

This reminder must be signed and returned in the bid envelope together with the bid. Failure to comply with the above requirements may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the bid.

authorized representative of <u>SH Enterprises</u>, Inc. acknowledge receipt of this special reminder to prospective bidders with the above referenced IFB.

Bidder Representative's Signature

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- A. I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an authorized representative of the offeror and that [please check only one]:
 - [] The offeror is an individual or sole proprietor and owns the entire (100%) interest in the offering business.
 - [X] The offerer is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, or association known as <u>SH Enterprises, Inc.</u> [please state name of offerer computiv], and the persons, companies, partners, or joint venturers who have held more than 10% of the shares or interest in the offering business during the 365 days immediately preceding the submission date of the proposal are as follows [if none, please so state]:

Name	Address	<u>% of Interest</u>
Tae Hong Min	P.O.Box 9730	50%
Hui Sook Min		50%
	<u>Same as above</u>	

B. Further, I say that the persons who have received or arc entitled to receive a commission, gratuity or other compensation for procuring or assisting in obtaining business related to the bid or proposal for which this affidavit is submitted are as follows [if none, please so state]:

Nanie	Address	Compensation
n/a		

C. If the ownership of the offering business should change between the time this affidavit is made and the time an award is made or a contract is entered into, then I promise personally to update the disclosure required by 5 GCA §5233 by delivering another affidavit to the government.

- Signature of the following: Offeror, if the offeror is an individual; Partner, if the offeror is a partnership; Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.
- Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>9th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2019. NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expres:

MICHAEL T. MEBDIFNA Notary Public In and for Guarn U.S.A. commission Explications 52, 2022 and the form Faderal Devil Islaan 258 Archibaho Flores SL. Skilo 102 Baarton 68 BBBIN My Cor rchbishop Florus St. Haqatna, GH 96910

AG Procurement Form 002 (Rev. Nov. 17, 2005)

AFFIDAVIT RE NO GRATUITIES or KICKBACKS

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Hul. Sook Min [state name of afflant signing below], being first duly swore, deposes and says that:

1. The name of the offering firm or individual is [state name of Offerer Company] SH Enterprises, Inc. _______Affaat is Vice-President ______ [state one of the following: the afferer, a pairmer of the afferer, an afficer of the afferer] making the foregoing identified bid or proposal.

2. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have violated, are violating the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 GAR Division 4 § 11107(e). Further, affiant promises, on behalf of offeror, not to violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks as the backs are torth in 2 GAR Division 4 § 11107(e).

3. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have offered, given or agreed to give, any government of Guam employee or lonner government employee, any payment, gift, kickback, gratuity or offer of employment in connection with the offeror's proposal.

4. I make these statements on behalf of myself as a representative of the offeror, and on behalf of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, and employees.

Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual; Partner, if the offeror is a partnership; Officer, if the offeror is a corporation,

Subscribed and sworn to before me

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this <u>1</u> day of <u>Uctoper</u> , 2011.
NOTARY DEBLC My commission expires
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MiCHAEL T, MEGUFNA Notary Public In and for Guam U.S.A. My Commission Explications 25, 2022 Community First Buam Federal Credit Undon 238 Architichos Flores St., Sana 107 Haquina, CU 95939

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AFFIDAVIT RE ETHICAL STANDARDS

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The affiant is <u>Vice-President</u> [state one of the following: the afferor, a partner of the afferor, an affect of the afferor, an affect of the afferor, an affect of the afferor making the foregoing identified bid or proposal. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant nor any officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors or employees of offeror have knowingly influenced any government of Onam employee to breach any of the ethical standards set forth in 5 GCA Chapter 5, Article 11. Further, affiant promises that neither he or she, nor any officer, representative, agent, subcontractor, or employee of offeror will knowingly influence any government of Ouam employee to breach any ethical standards set forth in 5 GCA Chapter 5, Article 11. These statements are made pursuant to 2 GAR Division 4 § 11103(b).

Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual; Partner, if the offeror is a partnership; Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>14</u> day of <u>October</u>, 201 <u>1</u>.

NOTARY PUBLIC My commission exp MICHAEL T. MEBOFNA Notary Public In and for Guarr U.S.A. My Commission Explored June 25, 2022 Commonity first Buarr Federal Credit Union 208 probleme Fierres St. Suite 802 Regaine, GU 55980

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BID STATUS

November 06, 2019

BASIL FOOD INDUSTRIAL SERVICES Attn: Betty Ann Dela Cruz, Program Manager 530 West O'Brien Drive Hagama, Guam 96932 Tul: (671),475-8888 / Fax: (671),475-0088 Email: bettybuzg@gahoo.com

BID INVITATION NO.: GSA-056-19

OPENING DATE: October 24, 2019

Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Components.

The following is the result of the above-mentioned bid. Refer to the items checked below.

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- · i lesufficient funds:
- () Change of specifications; or
- Insufficient number of bidders.

[N] Rejected due to:

- Lete submission of bid;
- No bid security or insufficient bid security:
- :) Not meeting the delivery requirement as stated in the IFB;
- 1 Non-conformance with requirement of IFB: (See Remarks)
- (N) High price
- 1 Others

REMARKS:

(X) Bid recommended for award:

5H EN FERPRISE, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,789, 211.00

EEMARKS: Thank you for your participation with this bid. Please send your authorized representative to reskup your original bid status and cashier check/bid bond or Standby Letter of Credit.

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Chief Procurement Officer

Please Print ACKNOWLEDGEMI	ENT COPY (Re-fax to GSA)
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	INVITATION FOR BID							
ISSUING OFFICE:								
	GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY GOVERNMENT OF GUAM 590 SOUTH MARINE DRIVE, SUITE 219 TAMUNING, GUAM 96913							
	DATE ISSUED: Sept. 25, 2019 BID INVITATION NO: CSA-056-19							
	BID FOR: NUTRITION SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, CONGREGATE MEALS AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS COMPONENTS							
	SPECIFICATION: SEE ATTACHED							
	DESTINATION: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HELATH & SOCIAL SERVICES							
F	REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: The term of this contract shall commence upon signing of contract for Three (3) Years with the option to renew for two (2) additional fiscal years. Renewal options will be one fiscal year at a time, subject to funding availability.							
	INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS:							
1	INDICATE WHETHER:INDIVIDUALPARTNERS() CORPORATION							
ļ	INCORPORATED IN: July 10, 1995							
. (This bld shall he submitted in duplicate and scaled to the issuing office above no later than (Time) <u>10:00 AAI</u> . Date: <u>10/16/2019</u> , and shall be publich opened. Bid submitted after the time and date specified above shall be rejected. See attached General Terms and Conditions, and Scaled 10 Solicitation for details.							
1	The undersigned offers and agrees to furnish within the time specified, the articles and services at the price stated opposite the respective heavy listed or the schedule provided, unless otherwise specified by the bilder. In consideration to the expense of the Government in opening, tabulating, no evaluating this and other bids, and other considerations, the undersigned agrees that this bid femain firm and irrevacable within <u>90</u> calendar days from the date opening to supply any or all the terms which prices are quoted.							
¥	SH Enterprises, Inc. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PERSON P.O.Box 9730 Hui Sook Min / Vice-President							
ð	WARD: CONTRACT NO.: 05A-056-19 AMOUNT: \$3,789,211.00 DATE: 11-08-19							
ľ	TEM NO(S). AWARDED: 1.1 Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive, Hanagement, Operations, and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate Hasis and Home-Delivered Components.							
	COMPRACTING OFFICER: (11.08.19) VCLAUDIAS. ACTALLO Chief Procurement Officer							
N 	IAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR: SH ENTERPRISES, INC. P.O., ROX 9730 TANUNING, GUAN 95931 SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS CONTRACT: 11-8-19							

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GOVERNMENT OF GUAM GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SEALED BID SOLICITATION AND AWARD

Only those Boxes checked below are applicable to this bid.

- [X] 1. AUTHORITY: This solicitation is issued subject to all the provision of the Guam Procurement Act (5GCA, Chapter 5) and the Guam Procurement Regulations (copies of both are available at the Office of the Complier of laws, Department of Law, copies available for inspection at General Services Agency). It requires all parties involved in the Preparation, negotiation, performance, or
- [X] 2. GENERAL INTENTION: Unless otherwise specified, it is the declared and acknowledged intention and meaning of these General Terms and conditions for the bidder to provide the Government of Guam (Government) with specified services or with materials, supplies or equipment completely assembled and ready for use.
- [X] 3. TAXES: Bidders are cautioned that they are subject to Guam Income Taxes as well as all other taxes on Guam Transactions. Specific information on taxes may be obtained from the Director of Revenue and Taxation.
- [X] 4. LICENSING: Bidders are cautioned that the Government will not consider for award any offer submitted by a bidder who has not complied with the Guan Licensing Law. Specific information on licenses may be obtained from the Director of Revenue and Taxation.
- [] 5. LOCAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE: All procurement of supplies and services where possible, will be made from among businesses licensed to do business on Guam in accordance with section 500% of the Guam Procurement Act (SGCA, Chapter 5) and Section 1-104 of the Guam Procurement Regulations.
- [X] 6. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS: Bidders shall comply with all specifications and other requirements of the Solicitation.
- [X] 7. "ALL OR NONE" BIDS: NOTE: By checking this item, the Government is requesting all of the bid items to be bided or none at all. <u>The Government will not award on an itemized basis</u>.
- [X] 8. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION: The bidder, upon signing the Invitation for Bid, certifies that the prices in his bid were derived at without collusion, and acknowledge that collusion and anti-competitive practices are prohibited by law. Violations will be subject to the provision of Section 5651 of that of the Guam Procurement Act. Other existing civil, criminal or administrative remedies are not impaired and may be in addition to the remedies in Section 5651 of the Government code.
- [X] 9. BIDDER'S PRICE: The Government will consider not more than two (2) (Basic and Alternate) item prices and the bidder shall explain fully each price if supplies, materials, equipment, and/or specified services offered comply with specifications and the products origin. Where basic or alternate bid meets the minimum required specification, cost and other factors will be considered. Failure to explain this requirement will result in rejection of the bid.
- [X] 10. BID ENVELOPE: Envelope shall be sealed and marked with the bidder's name, Bid number, time, date and place of Bid Opening.
- [X] 11. BID GUARANTEE REQUIREMENT: Bidder is required to submit a Bid Guarantee Bond or standby irrevocable Letter of Credit or Certified Check or Cashier's Check in the same bid envelope to be held by the Government pending award. The Bid Guarantee Bond, Letter of Credit, Certified Check or Cushier's Check must be issued by any local surety or banking institution licensed to do business on Guam and made payable to the <u>Trensurer of Guam</u> in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of his highest total bid offer. The Bid Bond must be submitted on Government Standard Form BB-1 (copy enclosed). Personal Checks will not be accepted as Bid Guarantee. If a successful Bidder (contractor) withdraws from the bid or fails to enter into contract within the prescribed time, such Bid guarantee will be forfeited to the Government of Guam. Bids will be disqualified if not accompanied by Bid Bond, Letter of Credit, Certified Check or Cashier's check. Bidder must include in his/her bid, valid copies of a Power of Attorney from the Surety and a Certificat of Authority from the Government of Guam to show proof that the surety company named on the bond instrument is authorized by the Government of Guam and qualified to do business on Guam. For detailed information on bonding matters, contact the Department of Revenue and Traction. Failure to submit a valid Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority on the surety is cause for rejection of bid. Pursuant to 5 GCA § 5212, all competitive sealed bidding for the procurement of supplies or services exceeding \$25,000.00 n 15% Bid Security of the total bid price must accompany the bid package. The bid bond, Letter of Credit, Certified Check or Cashier's Check will serve as Bid Security for this procurement.
- [] 12. **PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE**: Bidders who are awarded a contract under this solicitation, guarantee that goods will be delivered or required services performed within the time specified. Failure to perform the contract in a satisfactory manner may be cause for suspension or debarment from doing business with the Government of Guam. In addition, the Government will hold the Vendor liable and will enforce the requirements as set forth in <u>Section 41</u> of these General Terms and Conditions.
- [X] 13. SURETY BONDS: Bid and Bid Bonds coverage must be signed or countersigned in Quam by a foreign or alien surety's resident general agent. The surety must be an Insurance Company, authorized by the government of Guam and qualified to do business in Quam. Bids will be disqualified if the Surety Company does not have a valid Certificate of Authority from the Government of Guam to conduct business in Quam.
- [X] 14. COMPETENCY OF BIDDERS: Bids will be considered <u>only from bidders</u> who, in the opinion of the Government, can show evidence of their ability, experience, equipment, and facilities to render satisfactory service.
- [X] 15. DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDERS: The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right for securing from bidders information to determine whether or not they are responsible and to inspect plant site, place of business; and supplies and services as necessary to determine their responsibility in accordance with Section 15 of these General Terms and Conditions.

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[] 29. SAFETY INSPECTION: All motor vehicles delivered under this contract must pass the Government of Guam Vehicle Inspection before delivery at destination.

] 30. GUARANTEE:

a) Guarantee of Vehicle Type of Equipment:

The successful bidder shall guarantee vehicular type of equipment offered against defective parts, workmanship, and performance, for a period of not less than one (1) year after date of receipt of equipment. Bidder shall also provide service to the equipment for at least one (1) year. Service to be provided shall include, but will not be limited to tune ups (change of spark plugs, contact points and condensers) and lubrication (change of engine and transmission oil). All parts and labor shall be at the expense of the bidder. All parts found defective and not caused by misuse, negligence or accident within the guarantee period shall be repaired, replaced, or adjusted within six (6) working days after notice from the Government and without cost to the differentiated from tractors, backhoes, etc.

b) Guarantee of Other Type of Equipment:

The successful bidder shall guarantee all other types of equipment offered, except those mentioned in 30a, above, against defective parts, workmanship, and performance for a period of not less than three (3) months after date of receipt of equipment. Bidder shall also provide service to the equipment for at least three (3) months. All parts found defective within that period shall be repaired or replaced by the Contractor without cost to the Government. Repairs, adjustments or replacements of defective parts shall be completed by the contractor within six (6) working days after notice from the Government.

- (c) Compliance with this Section is a condition of this Bid.
- [X] 31. REPRESENTATION REGARDING ETHICS IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: The bidder or contractor represents that it has not knowingly influenced and promises that it will not knowingly influence a Government employee to breach any of the ethical standards and represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth on Chapter 11 (Ethics in Public Contracting) of the Guam Procurement Act and in Chapter 11 of the Guam Procurement Regulations.
- [X] 32. REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES: The contractor represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure a Government contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selfing agencies for the purpose of securing business (GPR Section 11-207).
- [X] 33. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Contractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that employees are treated equally during employment without regards to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- [X] 34. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: Bidders awarded a contract under this Solicitation shall comply with the applicable standard, provisions, and stipulations of all pertinent Federal and/or local laws, rules, and regulations relative to the performance of this contract and the furnishing of goods.
- [] 35. CHANGE ORDER: Any order issued relative to awards made under this solicitation will be subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-101-03.1 of the Guam Procurement Regulations.
- [X] 36. STOP WORK ORDER: Any stop work order issued relative to awards made under this solicitation will be subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-101-04.1 of the Guam Procurement Regulations.
- [X] 37. CANCELLATION OF INVITATION FOR BIDS OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Any Invitation for Bid may be cancelled, or any or all bids or proposals may be rejected in whole or in part as may be specified in the solicitation, when it is in the best interests of the Territory in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Policy Office. The reasons therefor shall be made part of the contract file.
- [X] 38. TIME FOR COMPLETION: It is hereby understood and mutually agreed by and between the contractor and the Government that the time for delivery to final destination or the timely performance of certain services is an essential condition of this contract. If the contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract within the time specified in the Purchase Order (from the date Purchase Order is acknowledged by vendor), then the contractor is in default. Defaults will be treated subject to and in accordance with the provisions of 2 GAR, Div. 4 § 6101(8)
- [X] 39. JUSTIFICATION OF DELAY: Bidders who are awarded contracts under this Solicitation, guarantee that the goods will be delivered to their destination or required services rendered within the time specified. If the bidder is not able to meet the specified delivery date, he is required to notify the Chief Procurement Officer of such delay. Notification shall be in writing and shall be receive by the Chief Procurement Officer at least twenty-four (24) hours before the specified delivery date. Notification of delay shall include an explanation of the causes and reasons for the delay including statement(s) from supplier or shipping company causing the delay. The Government reserves the right to reject delay justification if, in the opinion of the Chief Procurement Officer, such justification is not adequate.

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- [X] 40. SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS PREFERENCE: Bidding is subject to the policy in favor of Service-Disabled Veteram Owned Business as defined in 5 GCA sections 5011 and 5012.
- [X] 41. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: When the contractor is given notice of delay or nonperformance as specified in Paragraph 1 (Default) of the Termination for Default Clause of this contract and fails to cure in the time specified, the contractor shall be liable for damages for delay in the amount of one-fourth of one percent (1%) of outstanding order per calendar day from date set for cure until either the territory reasonable obtains similar supplies or services if the contractor is terminated for default, or until the contractor provides the supplies or services if the contractor is not terminated for default. To the extent that the contractor's delay or nonperformance is excused under <u>Paragraph 39 (Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance</u>) of the Termination for Default Clause of this contract, liquidated damages shall not be due the territory. The contractor remains liable for damages caused other than by delay. 2 GAR, Div. 4 §6101(d).
- [X] 42. PHYSICAL LIABILITY: If it becomes necessary for the Vendor, either as principal, agent or employee, to enter upon the premises or property of the Government of Guam in order to construct, erect, inspect, make delivery or remove property hereunder, the Vendor hereby covenants and agrees to take, use, provide and make all proper, necessary and sufficient precautions, safeguards and protections against the occurrence of any accidents, injuries or damages to any person or property during the progress of the work herein covered, and to be responsible for, and to indemnify and save harmless the Government of Guam from the payment of all sums of money by reason of all or any such accidents, injuries or damages that may occur upon or about such work, and fines, penalties and loss incurred for or by reasons of the violations of any territorial ordinance, regulations, or the laws of Guam or the United States, while the work is in progress. Contractor will carry insurance to indemnify the Government of Guam against any claim for loss, damage or injury to property or persons arising out of the performance of the Contractor or his employees and agents of the services covered by the contract and the use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by the contractor or his employees or agents, and shall provide certificates of such insurance to the Government of Guam when required.
- [X] 43. Contract will be cancelled if funds not appropriated or insufficient, and that government will timely inform contractor. 2 GAR, Div.4 §3121(e) (1) (C) and 2 GAR, Div.4 § 3121(e)(1)(D).
- [] 44. If cancelled, contractor will be reimbursed unamortized reasonably incurred non-recurring costs. 2 GAR, Div.4 § 3121(e) (1) (G).
- [X] 45. CONTACT FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: If your firm receives a contract as a result of this Solicitation, please designate a person whom we may contact for prompt administration.

Name: Hui Sook Min

Address: P.O.Box 9730

Tamuning, Guam 96931

Titlc: <u>Vice-President /</u> Program Supervisor Telephone: <u>777-2805/ 649-0521</u> Basil SECOND Appeal (066987-00105.124654) Re GSA-056-19

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GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

(Ahensian Setbision Hinirat) Government of Guam

590 South Marine Drive, Ste. 219 ITC Bldg., Tamuning Guam 96913

Tel: 475-1713 * Telefax: 472-4217; 475-1716; 475-1727

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INVITATION FOR BID NO.: GSA-056-19

DESCRIPTION:

NUTRITION SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, CONGREGATE MEALS AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS COMPONENTS

SPECIAL REMINDER TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Bidders are reminded to read the Sealed Bid Solicitation and Instructions, and General Terms and Conditions attached to the IFB to ascertain that all of the following requirements checked below are submitted in the bid envelope, in duplicate, at the date and time for bid opening.

BID GUARANTEE (15% of Bid Amount) May be in the form of; (X)

Reference Page 27 Instruction for Bonding & Page 28, #11 on the General Terms and Conditions

- Cashier's Check or Certified Check a,
- Ь. Letter of Credit
- Surety Bond Valid only if accompanied by: e.
 - Current Certificate of Authority issued by the Insurance Commissioner; 1.
 - Power of Attorney issued by the Surety to the Resident General Agent; 2.
 - Power of Attorney issued by two (2) major officers of the Surety to whoever is signing on 3.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (X)

BROCHURES/DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE; ()

AFFIDAVIT DISCLOSING OWNERSHIP and COMMISSION (\mathbf{X})

Date of signature of the person authorized to sign the bid and the notary date must be the same. a.

(X) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

Non-Collusion Affidavit, D.O.L. Wage Determination Affidavit, Restriction against Sexual Offenders Affidavit, No Kickbacks or Gratuitics Affidavit and Ethical Standards Affidavit, and Affidavit re Contingent Fees, Current Business License relating to this bid.

This reminder must be signed and returned in the bid envelope together with the bid. Failure to comply with the above requirements may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the bid.

On this 8th	_day of October	
	_ day of _ cocooci	2010 Hui Sook Min

authorized representative of <u>SH Enterprises</u>, Inc. acknowledge receipt of this special reminder to prospective bidders with the above referenced IFB.

Billifer Representative's Signature

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EXHIBIT I

AFFIDAVIT RE NO GRATUITIES or KICKBACKS

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and says that:

Hui Sook Min

____[state name of affiant signing below], being first duly sworn, deposes

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1. The name of the offering firm or individual is [state name of Offeror Company] SH Enterprises, Inc. Affiant is Vice-President [state one of the following: the offeror, a partner of the offeror, an officer of the offeror] making the foregoing identified bid or proposal.

2. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have violated, are violating the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 GAR Division 4 § 11107(e). Further, affiant promises, on behalf of offeror, not to violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks are kickbacks as set forth in 2 GAR Division 4 § 11107(e).

3. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have offered, given or agreed to give, any government of Guam employee or former government employee, any payment, gift, kickback, gratuity or offer of employment in connection with the offeror's proposal.

4. I make these statements on behalf of myself as a representative of the offeror, and on behalf of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, and employees.

Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual; Partner, if the offeror is a partnership; Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 9th day of Octoper, 2019. NOTARY P My commissio xpi MICHAEL T. MEGDFNA Notary Public In and for Guam U.S.A. My Commission Expires.June 25, 2022 Community First Buam Federal Bredit Union 238 Archishop Aneres St., Suite 102 Hagaina, BU 95910

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION General Services Administration

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PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS Issued pursuant to P.L. 16-124 Filed with Legislative Secretary on Sept. 14, 1984 Effective November 1, 1984

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11-205 DISCLOSURE OF BENEFIT FROM CONTRACT.

11-205.01 EMPLOYEE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS (Reserved).

11-205.01.1 DEFINITIONAL GROSS-REFERENCE. The term "Financial Interest" is defined in Section 1-106.40 (Definitions), of the Guam Procurement Regulations.

11-205.02 "BENEFIT" DEFINED (Reserved).

11-205.03 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT (Reserved),

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11-206 GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS. (1) Gratuities. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement, standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. solicitation or proposal therefor.

(2) Kickbacks. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratily, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher ther subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement of the award of a subcontract or order.

(3) Contract Clause. The prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks prescribed in this Section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor.

This Section is quoted from Section 6980.6 of the Guam Procurement Act.

11-206.01 DEFINITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCE.
The following terms used in this Section are defined in the following Sections of the Guam Procurement Regulations which are quoted in Section 1-106 of those Regulations.
(A) "gratuity," as defined in Section 1-106.41 (Definitions, Gratuity); and
(b) "purchase request," as defined in Section 1-106.44 (Definitions, Purchase Request).

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11-206.02 GRATUITIES PROHIBITION.

11-206.02.1 BREACH.

It is a breach of Section 11-206(1) (Gratuities and Kickbacks, Gratuities) of these Regulations:

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- (a) for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any government employee or former government employee a
- government employée or former government employée a gratuity of offer of employment; or
 (b) for any government employée or former employée to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept a gratuity or an offer of employment; provided that the gratuity or offer of employment is in relation to a particular matter in accordance with 11-206.02.2 of these regulations, and pertains to any programs requirement, contract, subcontract, or solicitation or proposal therefor.

11-206.02.2 RELATIONSHIP OF GRATUITY. In addition, the gratuity or offer of employment must be made in relation to any proceeding or application, request for a ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, to constitute a breach, and in connection with any: (a) decision; (b) approval; (c) disapproval; (d) recommendation; (e) proparation of any part of a program requirement or

- (e) preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request; action to influence the content of any specifications or
- (1) procurement standard; rendering of advice; investigation;
- (g) (h)
- auditing; or other advisory capacity. (i) (i)

11-206.02.3 FAMILY.

In both the strends to the giving of gratuities to anyone on the government employee's or former government employee's behalf such as a member of the employee's immediate family.

11-208.03 WHEN PROHIBITION AGAINST GRATUFFIES NOT

11-206.03 WHEN PROMINITION ANTIAL APPLICABLE.
Section 11-206(1) (Gratuities and Kickbacks, Gratuities) of these regulations does not prohibit:

(a) the solicitation or acceptance of anything of monetary value from a friend, parent, spouse, child, or other close relative when the circumstances make it clear that the motivation for the transaction is unrelated to any procurement or program requirement with the

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territory and is based upon a personal or family relationship;

- (b) the participation in the activities of, or the acceptance of an award for, a meritorious public contribution or achievement from a charitable, religious, professional, social, or fraternal organization, or from a non-profit educational, recreational, public service, or other constraints of the const
- a non-profit educational, revreational, public service, or civic organization;
 (c) acceptance only on current customary terms of finance of a loan from a bank or other financial institution for proper and usual activities of government employees,
- proper and usual activities of government employees, such as home mortgage loans; or
 (d) acceptance of unsolicited advertising products or promotional material, such as pens, pencils, note pads, calendars, and other items under nominal value as desoribed in Section 11-101.01.6 (Definitions, Gratuity) of this Chapter,

11-206.04 PAYMENT OF A KICKBACK. The prohibition against kickbacks set forth in Section 11-206(2) (Gratuities and Kickbacks, Kickbacks) of these Regulations applies whether a kickback is made prior to or after the award of a territorial contract or order.

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11-205.05 CONTRACT CLAUSE. The following clause shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation therefor:

"REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS The bidder, offeror, or contractor represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in Section, 11-206 (Gratuities and Kickbacks) of the Guam Procurement Regulations."

11-207 CONTINGENT FEES.

11-207.01 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.

(1) Contingent Fees. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or sequre a territorial contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

(2) Representation of Contractor. Every person, before being awarded a territorial contract, shall represent, in writing, that such person has not retained anyone in violation

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO Governor (Maga'hâga) JOSHUA F. TENORIO Lt. Governor (Sigundo Maga'lâhi)

February 8, 2020

Memorandum

Ms. Geri Diaz Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC 356 E. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 201 Hagatna, Guam 96910

RECEIVED CAMACHO CALVO LAW GROUP LLC 2020 Time: 10 Date: Hand Delivery 🖾 Mail

Re: Protest dated February 7, 2020

We are in receipt of your memorandum dated February 7, 2020, in which you are protesting the award of GSA Bid No. 056-19 to SH Enterprises for perceived ethicial violations. The basis of the protest is the donation of the use of the Hakubotan building for two (2) weeks to the government to allow for the processing of the War Claims. As such, you indicated that action was a violation of the ethical standard stated in the Guam Procurement Statue, and its rules regulations (5 GCA Section 5680(d) and 2 GARR Division 4 Section 11107(4).

GSA Response: While your protest states 5 GCA Section 5601 for what is a gratuity, 5 GCA Section 5630(a) goes into further detail as to what would be an ethical violation for providing a gratuity.

5 GCA Section 5630(a)(b) defines what is a Gratuity and Kickback

(a)Gratuities. It shall be a breach of ethical standard for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity, or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or program standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling , determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement, or a contract or a subcontract; or to any solicitation or proposal thereof.

(b)Kickbacks. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to a prime contractor or a higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for an award of a subcontractor or order.

Clearly, the donation by SH Enterprises did not meet the definition of a gratuity or kickback. There was no decision or approval, disapproval recommendation, preparation of any part of the program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of this or any specification or program standard. Nor was there any advice, investigation, auditing or any other advisory capacity in this or any

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other procurement action. Nor was there any employment offered or given to state that it comes under the definition of Gratuity or Kickback. SH Enterprises donation was not related to this procurement at all.

Further, the Governor, by separate statute, is authorized to accept donations.

5 GCA Section 22408, it states:

The Governor is authorized to accept monetary donations, from any individuals or organizations, which shall be deposited in a separate fund by the Treasurer of Guam. Such donations shall upon authorization of the Governor, be used and expended in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which they were made. Nothing herein shall be constructed to prevent the Governor on behalf of the government of Guam from accepting donations of property from any individual or organization.

This statue allows the Governor of Guam to accept donations, provided it complies with the terms and conditions of it. That is what happened here.

As such, there was no violation of the procurement law, rules and regulations, or of the purchase order awarded to SH Enterprises.

Your protest is deemed to be without merit and therefore **DENIED**. You have the right to seek any administrative or judicial remedy authorized by law.

CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE

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CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE Chief Procurement Officer

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SECTION 16.7 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

A. The Contractor shall, within 30 days after award:

(1) Publish a statement notifying its <u>employees</u> that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a <u>controlled substance</u> is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against <u>employees</u> for violations of such prohibition; (2) Establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform such <u>employees</u> about -

(i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(ii) The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

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(3) <u>Provide all employees engaged</u> in performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by paragraph (1) of this clause;

(4) Notify such <u>employees</u> in writing in the statement required by subparagraph (b)(1) of this clause that, as a condition of continued employment on this contract, the <u>employee</u> will -

(i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(ii) Notify the employer in writing of the <u>employee's conviction</u> under a <u>criminal drug statute</u> for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such <u>conviction</u>.

(5) Notify the Procurement Officer in writing within 10 days after receiving notice under subdivision (4)(ii) of this clause, from an <u>employee</u> or otherwise receiving actual notice of such <u>conviction</u>. The notice shall include the position <u>title</u> of the <u>employee</u>;

(6) Within 30 days after receiving notice under subdivision (4)(ii) of this clause of a <u>conviction</u>, take one of the following actions with respect to any <u>employee</u> who is convicted of a drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace:

(i) Taking appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination; or

(ii) Require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, <u>State</u>, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate <u>agency</u>; and
 (7) Make a good faith effort to maintain a <u>drug-free workplace</u> through implementation of paragraphs (1) through
 (6) of this clause.

B. The Contractor, if an <u>individual</u>, agrees by award of the contract or <u>acceptance</u> of a purchase order, not to engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a <u>controlled substance</u> while performing this contract.

C. In addition to other remedies available to Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (B) or (C) of this clause may render the Contractor subject to suspension of contract <u>payments</u>, <u>termination</u> of the contract for <u>default</u>, and suspension or debarment.

SECTION 16.8 DEBARMENT (GUAM AND FEDERAL)

A. Guam Debarment and Suspension. Contractor warrants that it will comply with the provisions of 5 GCA Chapter 5 Articles 9 and 11, subject to debarment or suspension.

B. Federal Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689). A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110. The Contractor certifies that it and its principals: 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;

2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; 3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated above; and 4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default. Contractor further warrants that it is not a party listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), and will comply with the provisions of Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 1326, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," (published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2006, 71 FR 76573) which generally prohibits entities that have been debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded from participating in nonprocurement transactions either through primary or lower tier covered transactions, and which sets forth the responsibilities of recipients of federal financial assistance regarding transactions with other persons, including subrecipients and contractors. Contractor will provide a Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion, Lower Tier Covered Transaction (Sub-Recipient), which is a material representation of fact. Submission of this certification is a pre-requisite for entering into this Agreement, imposed by Executive Order 12549, 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510.

SECTION 16.9 FEDERAL LOBBYING

The Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any Α. person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of this Agreement, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this Agreement or any Federal grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making Β. lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Agreement, or any Federal grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, et seq .)]

The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for C. all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subcontractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction D. was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this Agreement. The Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of this certification and disclosure. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure.

SECTION 16.10

IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

By executing this contract, and any subcontracts, as appropriate, the Contractor and any subcontractors will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

A. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.

B. That the Contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (A) of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

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SECTION 22. ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 22.1 Ethical Standards. With respect to this Agreement and any other contract that the Bidder may have, or wish to enter into, with any government of Guam agency, the Bidder represents that it has not knowingly influenced, and promises that it will not knowingly influence, any government employee to breach any of the ethical standards set forth in the Guam Procurement Law and in any of the Guam Procurement Regulations.
- 22.2 Prohibition Against Gratuities and Kickbacks. With respect to this Agreement and any other contract that the Bidder may have, or wish to enter into, with any government of Guam agency, the Bidder represents that he has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate, the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in the Guam Procurement Regulations.
- 22.3 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. The Bidder represents that it has not retained any person or agency upon an agreement or understanding for a percentage, commission, brokerage, or other contingent arrangements, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies, to solicit or secure this Agreement or any other contract with the government of Guam or its agencies.
- 22.4 Prohibition Against Employment of Sex Offenders. Bidder warrants that no person providing services on behalf of the Bidder who has been convicted of a sex offense under the provisions of Chapter 25 of Title 9 GCA or an offense as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 28 Title 9 GCA, or an offense in another jurisdiction with, at a minimum, the same elements as such offenses, or who is listed on the Sex Offender Registry shall work for his employer on the property of the government of Guam other than a public highway; and that if any person providing services on behalf of the Bidder is convicted of a sex offense under the provisions of Chapter 25 of Title 9 GCA or an offense in another jurisdiction with, at a minimum, the same elements as such offense that as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 28, Title 9 GCA or an offense in another jurisdiction with, at a minimum, the same elements as such offenses, or who is listed on the Sex Offender Registry, the employee will be immediately removed from working on the property of the government of Guam and that the Director of the DPHSS be informed of such within twenty-four (24) hours of such conviction.

Bidder, after notice from DPHSS, DSC of a violation of this provision, shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, take corrective action and shall report such action to DPHSS, DSC. Failure to take corrective action within the stipulated period may result in the temporary suspension of the contract at the discretion of the DPHSS.

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AFFIDAVIT DISCLOSING OWNERSHIP and COMMISSIONS

CITY OF <u>Tamuning</u>)
ISLAND OF GUAM) ss.)

- A. I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an authorized representative of the offeror and that [please check only one]:
 - [] The offeror is an individual or sole proprietor and owns the entire (100%) interest in the offering business.
 - [X] The offeror is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, or association known as <u>SH Enterprises, Inc.</u> [please state name of offeror company], and the persons, companies, partners, or joint venturers who have held more than 10% of the shares or interest in the offering business during the 365 days immediately preceding the submission date of the proposal are as follows [if none, please so state]:

P.O.Box 9730	<u>% of Interest</u> 50%
Hui Sook Min Tamuning, Guam96931 Same as above	50%

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Further, I say that the persons who have received or are entitled to receive a commission, gratuity or other compensation for procuring or assisting in obtaining business related to the bid or proposal for which this affidavit is submitted are as follows [*if none, please so state*]:

<u>Name</u>	Address	Componention
N/A		Compensation

C. If the ownership of the offering business should change between the time this affidavit is made and the time an award is made or a contract is entered into, then I promise personally to update the disclosure required by 5 GCA §5233 by delivering another affidavit to the government.

Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual; Partner, if the offeror is a partnership; Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this <u>916</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2019
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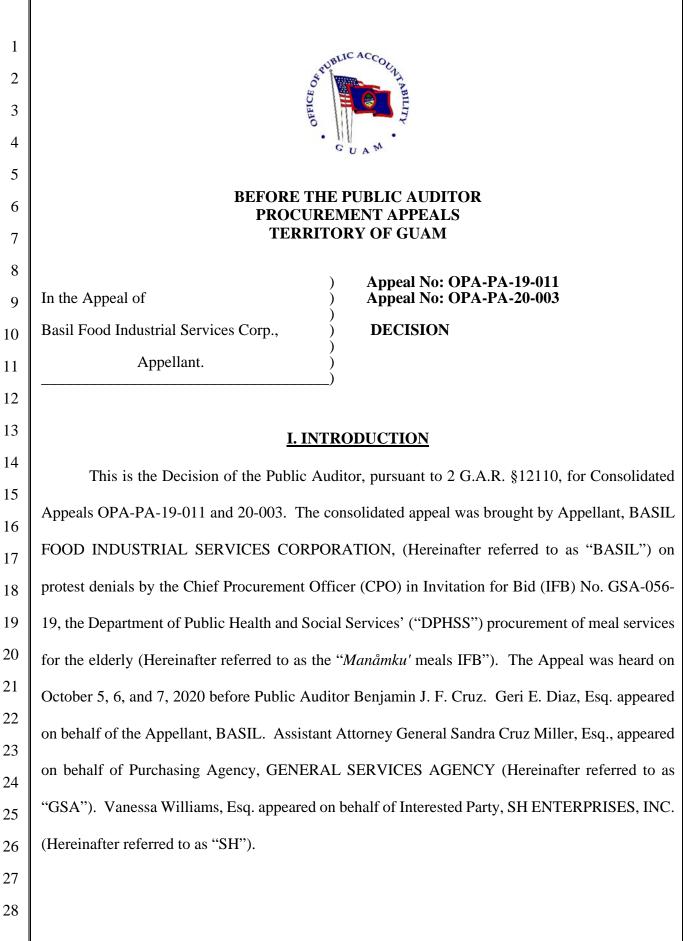
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1 **II. JURISDICTION: STANDARD OF REVIEW** 2 The decision of the Public Auditor under appeal is as authorized by 5 G.C.A. §5703.ⁱ The 3 determination of an issue, the findings of fact, and the decision of the Public Auditor are as stated 4 in 5 G.C.A. §5704.ⁱⁱ 5 6 **III. FINDINGS OF FACT** 7 In reaching this Decision, the Public Auditor reviews and determines *de novo* any matter 8 properly submitted. 2 G.A.R. §12103(a).¹ From the procurement record, documents submitted by 9 the parties, testimony, and arguments made during the hearings held on October 5, 6, and 7, 2020, 10 the Public Auditor makes the following findings of fact: 11 12 PRIOR PROCUREMENT HISTORY: BASIL AND GSA IN A NEARLY A. **4-YEAR PROTRACTED LITIGATION OVER TERMINATION OF ITS** 13 CONTRACT BECAUSE OF BASIL'S "D" AND "C" RATINGS; 8-MONTH EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS PRIOR TO THE 14 MANĂMKU' MEALS IFB 15 While BASIL and SH have had food service contracts with the government stretching back 16 to 2014, both have had issues with grades received from DPHSS after food establishment 17 inspections. In June 2016, BASIL's contract to provide food services to the elderly was terminated 18 when it received a "D" rating in a series of food establishment inspections by the DPHSS' 19 Environmental Division.² BASIL protested the termination, appealed the protest and lost, received 20 21 22 ¹ A finding of fact by the Public Auditor is final and conclusive unless arbitrary, capricious, fraudulent, clearly erroneous, or contrary to law. 5 G.C.A. §5704(a) (2005); Basil Food Indus. Serv. Corp. v. Gen. Serv. 23 Agency, 2019 Guam 29. Factual issues decided by the Public Auditor "are ordinarily not to be relitigated," see id. ¶ 8; Teleguam Holdings LLC v. Guam, 2018 Guam 5 ¶ 32. Such findings, however, may be "clearly 24 erroneous" and therefore subject to reversal if unsupported by substantial evidence. Substantial evidence is more than a mere scintilla, but less than a preponderance; it means such relevant evidence as a reasonable 25 mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion. See 2019 Guam 29 (citations omitted). ² DPHSS grades food establishments according to the number of demerits recorded at inspections for food 26 found to be unwholesome or adulterated, or for employees with communicable disease found to be working at the food establishment. See 10 G.C.A. §§23102 (inspections to detect unwholesome or adulterated food), 27 23103 (prohibition on employees with communicable disease at food establishments), 23106 (ratings: "A" – 10 or fewer demerits; "B" – 11 to 20 demerits; "C" – 21 to 40 demerits; "D" more than 40 demerits). 28

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an adverse judgment from the Superior Court, then appealed to the Guam Supreme Court, where it lost. 2019 Guam 29.

SH received a "C" rating and a Letter of Warning from DPHSS after its food establishment inspection on April 3, 2019. At the time, SH was performing under a DPHSS emergency procurement for April 2019 meal services for the elderly (the "*Manåmku*' meals emergency procurement"). Section 12.9 of the *Manåmku*' meals emergency procurement contract provided that it could be terminated by DPHSS in the event of a "C" rating.³ Although DPHSS inspected SH, neither it nor the CPO took steps to terminate the *Manåmku*' meals emergency procurement contract. On April 5, 2019, SH withdrew from the *Manåmku*' meals emergency procurement contract due to instances of late food deliveries, which GSA allowed. GSA also assessed penalties against SH for the late deliveries.

BASIL reported to the CPO about SH's "C" rating on that same day, April 5, 2019. The CPO testified that she was aware of the "C" rating only after BASIL reported it. After SH withdrew, the CPO issued a purchase order to BASIL under the emergency procurement, and BASIL continued to provide meal services on an emergency procurement through November 2019.

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THE *MANÅMKU'* MEALS IFB

On September 25, 2019, GSA issued Invitation for Bid No. GSA-056-19 for Nutrition Services for the Comprehensive Management, Operations, and Maintenance of the Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate meals, and Home-Delivered Meals Components (the "*Manåmku'* meals IFB"). The procurement was for the same meal services as the emergency procurement, but for a term of three years with two 1-year options.

 ³ The language in Section 12.9 of the emergency procurement contract was litigated in Basil's appeal in 2019 Guam 29. At *id.* ¶¶ 14-21, the Guam Supreme Court held that there was no right to cure failed inspections as Basil had argued.

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	Section 15 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Manåmku' meals IFB provides the
2	following:
3	DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDERS: The CPO reserves
4 5	the right for securing from bidders information to determine whether or not they are responsible and to inspect plant site, place of business, and supplies and services as necessary to determine their responsibility in accordance with Section 15 of these
6	General Terms and Conditions.
7	Section 16 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Manåmku' meals IFB provides the
8	following:
9 10	STANDARD FOR DETERMINATION OF LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER : In determining the lowest responsible offer, the CPO shall be guided by the following:
11	a) Price of items offered.
11	b) The ability, capacity, and skill of the Bidder to perform.c) Whether the Bidder can perform promptly or within the specified time.
13	d) The quality of performance of the Bidder with regards to awards previously made to him.
13	e) The previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with laws and regulations relative to procurement.
15	f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the Bidder to perform.g) The ability of the bidder to provide further maintenance and services for the subject of the award.
16	h) The compliance with all of the conditions in the Solicitation.
17	The Mandatory Federal Programs Forms section of the Manåmku' meals IFB identified six
18	Mandatory Federal Program Forms that were required to be completed, submitted, and signed and
19	further provided that "Failure to complete and submit the forms will automatically disqualify the
20	Bidder's submission to this IFB, as being non-responsive." The mandatory forms also provided
21	that, "Failure to comply with this [Required Signature] provision will automatically disqualify the
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23	Bidder's submission to this IFB, as being non-responsive."
24	As one of the Mandatory Federal Program Forms, the B-4 certification required by the
25	Manåmku' meals IFB required bidders to warrant that it had not been "debarred, suspended, declared
26	ineligible or voluntarily excluded" to be a contractor during the previous three-year period. Section
27	2.5 (a) and (b) required evidence of the latest graded Food Inspection Report issued by DPHSS for
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1	the past 12 months preceding the submission of the bid. Otherwise, the Bidder would agree to an
2	inspection from DPHSS and that it must receive at least a "B" grade ("B" rating) before it can
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4	receive the award. The <i>Manåmku'</i> meals IFB also required the Bidder to list citations in the areas
5	of procurement, questioned costs, material weaknesses, and the organization's noncompliance with
6	contract provisions.
7	Included in the Manåmku' meals IFB was an Affidavit Regarding No Gratuities and
8	Kickbacks that is required in all bids pursuant to 2 G.A.R., Div. 4, Chap. 11, §11107(e). Paragraphs
9	2 and 3 of the Affidavit provides as follows:
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11	2. To the best of the affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors or employees have violated, [or]
12	are violating the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 G.A.R. Division 4 §11107(e). Further affiant promises, on behalf of offeror, not to
13	violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 G.A.R. Division 4 §11107(e).
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15 16	3. To the best of the affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors or employees have offered, given or agreed to give, any Government of Guam employee or former Government of
16 17	Guam employee, any payment, gift, kickback, gratuity or offer of employment in connection with the offeror's proposal.
18	See Affidavit re No Gratuities and Kickbacks dated Oct. 9, 2019 by SH and BASIL. Both bidders
19	made specific representations denying violations of prohibitions against gratuities and kickbacks at
20	the time it submitted its Affidavit.
21	After a series of amendments, the bid opening was scheduled for October 24, 2019 and a
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23	requirement was removed to provide information about Department of Labor claims made against
24	the bidder.
25	GSA received BASIL's and SH's bid on October 24, 2019. BASIL's bid was \$1,014,000
26	for congregate meals and \$2,806,630 for home-delivered meals for a total bid amount of \$3,820,630.
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SH's bid was \$1,070,550 for congregate meals and \$2,718,661 for home-delivered meals for total bid amount of \$3,789,211.

On October 25, 2019, GSA recommended that SH be awarded the bid, subject to the approval of the DPHSS Director, and the procurement record was then certified by the procurement office and the CPO.

On October 30, 2019, GSA received the concurrence from the Director of DPHSS that SH met the specifications of the *Manåmku'* meals IFB.

On November 8, 2019, GSA sent a Notice of Intent to Award to SH and Bid Status to BASIL indicating that their bid was rejected due to "high price".

On November 12, 2019, BASIL filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with GSA, requesting the bid documents submitted by SH in response to the *Manåmku'* meals IFB. Through its FOIA request, BASIL noted the produced documents demonstrate that SH failed to fully disclose important information required by the IFB.

On November 22, 2019, BASIL protested that SH was ineligible to receive the award because SH was not the lowest responsible bidder. GSA found BASIL's protest was without merit and denied BASIL's protest on November 30, 2019. GSA also made a written determination that the failure by BASIL and SH to submit the previous three years' inspection reports was a minor informality, and the Deputy Attorney General reviewing the protest signed off on the determination.

On December 16, 2019, BASIL appealed the CPO's decision to deny the protest to the Public Auditor (OPA-PA-19-011).

On January 24, 2020, with the pending OPA-PA-19-011 appeal, the Pacific Daily News reported that the Government's War Claims Processing Center was located at the Hakubotan Building in Tamuning. BASIL filed a FOIA request with the Governor's Office requesting all

records related to, and/or discussing the use of, the former Hakubotan building in Tamuning to the Government of Guam for use as the War Claims Processing Center.

On January 29, 2020, SH submitted its bid on IFB No. GSA-001-20, which was for the Department of Corrections meal services (the "DOC meals IFB"). SH submitted their DOC meals bid after the media reported the use of the Hakubotan building for the War Claims processing.

On January 30, 2020, BASIL received a copy of a January 22, 2020 letter from SH to the Governor in response to the FOIA request. The letter indicated that SH was donating to the government "the temporary utilization of approximately 5,000 square feet of commercial space located on the first floor, utilities, and access to the building's parking lot for the Guam War Claims Center".

BASIL submitted a second protest on the *Manåmku'* meals IFB with GSA on February 7, 2020, on grounds that SH provided a favor to the Government of Guam in violation of 2 G.A.R., Div. 4, §11107(4), which prohibits favors to the government.

On February 8, 2020, GSA denied BASIL's second protest, which was based on 5 G.C.A. \$5630 (a) and (b). BASIL received the CPO's Notice of Denial of its protest on February 12, 2020. In OPA-PA-20-003, BASIL contends that GSA failed to address 5 G.C.A. \$5630(d) and 2 G.A.R., Div. 4, \$11107 in her decision.

On February 25, 2020, GSA awarded the DOC meals IFB to SH.

On February 27, 2020, BASIL filed a second appeal regarding the government's *gratis* use of the Hakubotan building (OPA-PA-20-003). The Public Auditor on March 13, 2020 issued an Order Consolidating Appeals OPA-PA-19-011 and OPA-PA-20-003. On May 26, 2020, a Status Conference was held for OPA-PA-19-011 and 20-003.

1	On June 10, 2020, GSA filed a Motion for Summary Judgment in the consolidated appeal.
2	On July 8, 2020, GSA filed a second Motion for Summary Judgment.
3	On July 29, 2020, a Hearing on GSA's Motions for Summary Judgment was held. Hearings
4 5	on the consolidated appeals were then taken up on October 5 to 7, 2020.
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7	IV. ANALYSIS
8	A. BASIL'S PROTEST THAT SH'S "C" RATING RENDERED IT A NONRESPONSIBLE/NONRESPONSIVE BIDDER WAS UNTIMELY
9	BASIL's protest expired fourteen days after BASIL became aware of SH's "C" rating. This
10	was no later than fourteen days after April 5, 2019, when BASIL informed the CPO of the "C"
11	rating. An aggrieved protestant may protest at any phase of a procurement. 2 G.A.R., Div. 4,
12	§9101(c)(2); 2020 Guam 14 ¶ 84. The jurisdiction for a protest, therefore, lapsed long before
13	BASIL's protest to the CPO on November 22, 2019.
14 15	That portion of BASIL's consolidated appeal protesting that SH was a non-responsible
16	and/or nonresponsive bidder is dismissed.
17	B. BASIL'S PROTEST THAT SH FAILED TO INCLUDE INFORMATION
17	RELATED TO ITS "C" RATING IN ITS <i>MANÅMKU'</i> MEALS IFB RESPONSE WAS UNTIMELY
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	Under DFS Guam L.P. v. The A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority Guam Opinion,
20	it is necessary to evaluate additional facts as they come to determine whether a protest is timely.
21	2020 Guam 14 ¶ 89 (Timeliness "depends on the cumulation of facts available to the protester.").
22 22	More facts accumulated at the time of the submission of bids on October 24, 2019 as the contents
23 24	of the competing bids were opened. Section 3109 of the Procurement Regulations, which governs
24 25	Competitive Sealed Bidding, states that public disclosure of opened bids is allowed unless the parties
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have a CPO determination regarding confidential proprietary rights.⁴ It is unclear whether GSA would have permitted BASIL's inspection notwithstanding the regulation; the parties showed no evidence of GSA's disclosure procedures; and BASIL did not protest on this basis. Therefore, BASIL did not avail of this provision allowing public disclosure. Instead, BASIL filed a FOIA on the date of the award and waited until November 22, 2019 to file its protest.

It was not until BASIL could be said to have a duty of inquiry that it could be charged with knowledge of a fact. Goodman v. Simonds, 61 U.S. 343 (1857). That occurred at the time it could be charged with knowledge that SH's bid submission was potentially deficient. BASIL had a duty to inquire so that it could preserve its protest, but it did not. The earliest possible time when BASIL could have obtained such information was during SH's bid opening on October 24, 2019. BASIL's protest was without jurisdiction after fourteen days.

BASIL's consolidated appeal protesting that SH failed to include information and certifications regarding its "C" rating in its bid submission to the *Manåmku'* meals IFB is dismissed.

C. MANÅMKU' PROTEST THAT THE MEALS IFB BASIL'S PROCUREMENT WAS IN VIOLATION OF GUAM PROCUREMENT LAWS WAS TIMELY

On November 30, 2019, the CPO provided a written determination denying BASIL's protest

that SH's failure to submit information on its "C" rating and the required certifications were a "minor

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⁴ See 2 GAR Div. 4 §3109 (1)(2) (The opened bids shall be available for public inspection except to the extent the bidder designates trade secrets or other proprietary data to be confidential as set forth in Subsection 3109(1)(3) of this section. Material so designated shall accompany the bid and shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate public inspection of the nonconfidential portion of the bid. Prices and makes and models or catalogue numbers of the items offered, deliveries, and terms of payment shall be publicly available at the time of bid opening regardless of any designation to the contrary.); See also §3109(1)(3) (Confidential Data. The Procurement Officer shall examine the bids to determine the validity of any requests for nondisclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary data identified in writing. If the parties do not agree as to the disclosure of data, the Procurement Officer shall inform the bidders in writing. If the parties do not agree as to the disclosure of data, the Procurement Officer shall inform the bidders in writing what portions of the bids will be disclosed and that, unless the bidder protests under Chapter 9 (Legal and Contractual Remedies of this Guam Procurement Regulations, the bids will be so disclosed. The bids shall be opened to public inspections subject to any continuing prohibition on the confidential data.)

1	informality" sic. See Determination of the CPO, November 30, 2019. The Procurement Appeal of
2	that CPO decision was timely filed on December 16, 2019.
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4	Section 5001 of the Procurement Law guides how the law is to be applied:
5	Purposes, Rules of Construction. (a) Interpretation. This Chapter shall be construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes and policies.
6	(b) Purposes and Policies. The underlying purposes and policies of this Chapter
7	are: (1) To simplify, clarify, and modernize the law governing procurement by this
8	Territory; (2) To permit the continued development of procurement policies and practices;
9	(3) To provide for increased public confidence in the procedures followed in public procurement;
10	(4) To ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system of this Territory;
11	(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;
12	(6) To foster effective broad-based competition within the free enterprise system;(7) To provide safeguards for the maintenance of a procurement system of quality
13	and integrity; and (8) To require public access to all aspects of procurement consistent with the sealed
14	bid procedure and the integrity of the procurement process.
15	With years of litigation between the government and BASIL, determining that food establishment
16	inspection grades is a mere formality must be evaluated for its consistency with Section 5001 of the
17	Procurement Law, and implicates <i>inter alia</i> subsections (3), (4), (6), (7), and (8).
18	Section 5003 of the Procurement Law requires the parties involved in the negotiation,
19	performance, or administration of territorial contracts to act in good faith. Section 5002 states that
20	the principles of law and equity, including the Uniform Commercial Code of Guam, the law
21	merchant, and law relative to capacity to contract, agency, fraud, misrepresentation, duress,
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23	coercion, mistake, or bankruptcy supplements Guam Procurement Law unless the Procurement Law
24	provides for the result. "Good faith" under Guam's Uniform Commercial Code means honesty in
25	fact in the conduct or transaction concerned. 13 G.C.A. §1201(19). Every contract imposes a duty
26	of good faith and fair dealing in its performance and its enforcement. See Restatement (Second) of
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28	Contract §205. The duty obliges parties not to destroy the reasonable expectations of the other party

and also applies to the government throughout the procurement process. If the government conducts a procurement in an arbitrary, capricious, or irrational manner, then it has breached the implied contract to consider all bids fairly and honestly. The government is said to breach the implied contract of good faith and fair dealing if its consideration of offers is arbitrary and capricious toward the bidder-claimant. *See Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. v. United States*, 70 Fed. Cl. 700, 738 (Ct. Cl. 2006) (citations, quotations omitted).

Four factors determine whether a breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing has occurred in procurement: 1) absence of a reasonable basis for the administrative decision; 2) the amount of discretion afforded to the procurement officials by applicable statutes and regulation; 3) proven violations of pertinent statutes or regulations; and 4) subjective bad faith. There is no requirement that each of the four factors be present to find a breach. *Id.* (citations, quotations omitted).

A rejected bidder bears a heavy burden of showing that a contracting officer's decision had no rational basis because the officer engages in what is inherently a judgmental process. *Id.* at 720-21 (citations, quotations omitted). However, the agency must treat each offeror equally, applying a consistent standard for evaluating each proposal because uneven treatment goes against the standard of equality and fair-play that is a necessary underpinning of the government's procurement process, amounting to an abuse of the agency's discretion. *Id.* at 721 (citations, quotations omitted). The procuring agency is presumed to be acting in good faith. Otherwise, the proof must be almost irrefragable, which is equivalent to the "clear and convincing evidence" standard. *Id.* (citations, quotations omitted). "Clear and convincing evidence means testimony that is so clear, direct, weighty, and convincing as to enable the trier of fact to come to a clear conviction, without hesitancy, of the truth of the precise facts in issue." *Storehaven Corp. v. Taitano*, 2001 Guam 16 ¶

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The Public Auditor finds that GSA did not treat BASIL as equally as SH and applied an inconsistent standard to evaluate each proposal that goes against fair play. When the issue of DPHSS food establishment inspection grades was cause for termination of BASIL's contract, forcing it to seek procurement appeal and judicial review, while GSA treated inspection grades and certifications on them as a minor informality and waived the requirement for SH. The Public Auditor, therefore, finds the waiving of the food establishment inspection information and certifications to be an abuse of discretion as a violation of the implied contract of good faith and fair dealing.

If it is found that an agency's decision is not rational, then the bidder must be prejudiced by the Government's conduct. *Id.* (citations omitted). To prevail in a protest, the protester must show not only a significant procurement process error, but also that the error prejudiced it. *Id.* (citations, quotations omitted). The CPO, in denying BASIL's protest, waived the requirement to benefit SH, a competing bidder but did not apply it to benefit BASIL. Section 2.5 (a) of the *Manåmku'* meals IFB speaks to a "B" rating or better within the last 12 months. The CPO in her decision to waive the requirement weighed SH's recent conduct as a minor informality against BASIL's, which occurred in 2016, and which was cause for termination of the 2016 contract and was a serious-enough violation of the 2016 contract to litigate. BASIL was prejudiced by the CPO's waiver.

The Public Auditor's jurisdiction shall be utilized to promote the integrity of the procurement process and the purposes of Guam Procurement Law. 5 G.C.A. § 5703 (f). The Public Auditor herein determines that the contract for the *Manåmku'* meals IFB in favor of SH is to be terminated.

The CPO's decision that the food inspection information and certifications were a minor informality involved no conduct by SH. As a remedy, if after an award it is determined that a solicitation or award of a contract is in violation of law and the person awarded the contract has not

1 acted fraudulently or in bad faith, the contract may be ratified and affirmed, provided it is determined 2 that doing so is in the best interests of the Territory; or the contract may be terminated and the person 3 awarded the contract shall be compensated for the actual expenses reasonably incurred under the 4 contract, plus a reasonable profit, prior to the termination. 5 G.C.A. §5452 (a). The Public Auditor 5 6 herein decides that SH is to be compensated for actual expenses reasonably incurred, upon which it 7 will be awarded a reasonable profit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). SH shall submit evidence of 8 costs to the Public Auditor within ten days of this Decision for accounting. 9 D. BASIL'S PROTEST THAT SH GRANTING THE GOVERNMENT FREE USE OF THE HAKUBOTAN BUILDING, FREE UTILITIES, 10 AND FREE PARKING IS A VIOLATION OF THE PROCUREMENT LAW'S ETHICAL STANDARDS WAS VALID 11 BASIL became aggrieved on the date it can be charged with knowledge of the fact that SH 12 13 had given Hakubotan property rights gratis. On January 30, 2020, the Governor's Office responded 14 to BASIL's FOIA request. The protest was timely submitted to the CPO on February 7, 2020. 15 BASIL received the CPO's denial of its protest on February 12, 2020, and this appeal was timely 16 filed on February 27, 2020. 17 BASIL alleges breach of ethical conduct in SH's allowing the government gratis use of the 18 Hakubotan building as a gratuity, kickback, or favor for the territory: 19 5 G.C.A. §5630. Gratuities and Kickbacks. 20 (a) Gratuities. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former 21 employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, 22 recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, 23 rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any 24 proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract; or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. 25 (b) Kickbacks. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or 26 offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated 27 therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order. 28

(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.

(d) Favors to the Territory. For purposes of this Section, a favor is anything, including raffle tickets, of more than *de minimis* 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 warranty periods.

GSA argues that the Governor is allowed to accept charitable donations:

5 G.C.A. §22408. Charitable Donations. The Governor is authorized to accept monetary donations, from any individual or organization, which shall be deposited in a separate fund by the Treasurer of Guam. Such donations shall, upon authorization by the Governor, be used and expended in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which they were made. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Governor on behalf of the Government of Guam from accepting donations of property from any individual or organization.

The Public Auditor finds that the CPO was without authority to apply Government Operations'

General Fiscal Policies and Controls. They are outside of the laws enlisted in Guam Procurement

- Law's Supplementary General Principles of Law section. See 5 G.C.A. §5002 ("Unless displaced
- by the particular provisions of this Chapter, the principles of law and equity, including the Uniform
- Commercial Code of Guam, the law merchant, and law relative to capacity to contract, agency,

fraud, misrepresentation, duress, coercion, mistake, or bankruptcy shall supplement the provisions

of this Chapter").

Additional considerations support this finding. First, there is no exception to the prohibition on Favors for the Territory found in Guam Procurement Law or other authority provided by GSA. Mechanically, the CPO was in error to supplement the application of the Favors to the Territory prohibition with Fiscal Law, when deciding on the *gratis* use of the Hakubotan building and whether

it was a violation of the Ethical Standards. Second, it is possible to construe the "Charitable Donations" statute in the Fiscal law together with the "Favors to the Territory" prohibition in the Procurement Law as allowing the Governor to accept charitable donations so long as the donation does not violate the Guam Procurement Law Ethical Standards. Lastly, GSA put forth no evidence of the Governor's acceptance of the use of the Hakubotan building including utilities and parking as a charitable donation. In addition, that she would accept it as an exception to the prohibition against Favors for the Territory.

Having determined the CPO's error, a gratuity comprises anything of more than a nominal value, including any tangible or intangible benefit in the nature of favors, transportation, or accommodation, present or promised, unless the government receives consideration of substantially equal or greater value. *See* 5 G.C.A. §5601(f); 2 G.A.R., Div. 4, §11101(6). Section 5630(d) of Guam Procurement Law expressly declares it a breach of ethical standards for any person who is or may become a contractor, or any person associated therewith, to offer, give or agree to give any employee or agent of the Territory, a favor or gratuity "during the pendency of any matter related to procurement, including contract performance warranty periods." *See* id (emphasis supplied). SH gave a favor of more than a nominal value to the Territory when SH allowed the government free use of 5,000 square feet of the Hakubotan building, including the utilities and parking. This occurred during the pendency of the *Manåmku'* meals and DOC meals procurements. Assuming that it made a similar representation in the DOC meals IFB, as required by Guam Procurement.

Therefore, the Public Auditor finds that SH violated Guam Procurement Law Ethical Standards. The prohibited *Hakubotan* favor to the government was a breach of Guam Procurement

Law and SH represents it did not to give gratuities or kickbacks. Any similar affidavit in the DOC meals IFB would falsely represent that SH did not violate the prohibition against kickbacks and gratuities.

As a remedy, BASIL requested the CPO debar or suspend SH from being a government
 contractor. However, the CPO concluded there was no violation and did not commence such
 proceedings when it denied BASIL's protest. The authority for a proceeding to debar or suspend a
 contractor is found at 5 G.C.A. §5426(a):

After reasonable notice to the person involved and reasonable opportunity for that person to be heard, the CPO, the Director of Public Works or the head of a purchasing agency, after consultation with the using agency and the Attorney General, shall have authority to debar a person for cause from consideration for award of contracts. The debarment shall not be for a period of more than two (2) years. The same officer, after consultation with the using agency and the Attorney General, shall have authority to suspend a person from consideration for award of contracts if there is probable cause for debarment. The suspension shall not be for a period exceeding three (3) months. The authority to debar or suspend shall be exercised in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Policy Office.

No notice to SH of debarment or suspension proceedings has been issued. However, an appeal was

17 taken by BASIL on February 27, 2020 of a decision required from the CPO in accordance with

18 5 G.C.A. §5426(c), and jurisdiction is now properly with the Public Auditor.⁵

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E. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS ON APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AFTER CPO'S DENIAL IN ERROR

As SH provided a Favor to the territory in violation of Guam Procurement Law's Ethical

22 Standards, the Public Auditor now *deconsolidates* this appeal so that each will proceed separately.⁶

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 ⁵ See 5 G.C.A. §5426(e) (Finality of Decision. A decision under Subsections (c) or (f) of this Section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or an appeal is taken to the Public Auditor in accordance with §5706 of this Chapter). See also 5 G.C.A. §5706 (Conferring jurisdiction to the Public Auditor to resolve contract controversies). Together, the statutes confer appellate jurisdiction to the Public Auditor over decisions by the CPO concerning debarments and suspensions.

 ⁶ The power to consolidate cases includes the power to deconsolidate them. *E.g. In re Student-Athlete Name and Likeness Litigation*, 2010 WL 5644656; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., 617 F.3d 635 (7th Cir. 2015).

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Accordingly, OPA Appeal No. OPA-PA-19-011 is decided except for award of SH's costs and reasonable profit. OPA Appeal No. OPA-PA-20-003 remains undecided and is unconsolidated.

Section 5426(f) states that any member of the public may petition the CPO to take action under the authority of §5426(a) to debar or suspend a contractor for Ethical Standards violations. BASIL's protest was a petition to the CPO for debarment or suspension. The CPO denied the petition and BASIL appealed in OPA-PA-20-003, in pursuit of its administrative remedies.

BASIL will receive a reasonable notice and meaningful opportunity to be heard on its appeal. A copy of this Decision will also be served on SH, together with an Order to show cause why it should not be debarred or suspended for violation of the Ethical Standards of the Procurement Law. SH will have thirty (30) days from the date of the order to show cause to respond, after which a hearing on the order to show cause will be set, with a Decision to follow.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Public Auditor determines the following:

A. BASIL's protest that SH was not the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in IFB No. GSA-056-19 is untimely and that portion of the consolidated appeal is dismissed.

B. BASIL's protest that SH failed to include certifications and information related to its April 3, 2019 "C" rating in IFB No. GSA-056-19 is untimely and that portion of the consolidated appeal is dismissed.

C. Basil's protest that the CPO's waiver of minimum health inspection grades violated the Procurement Law when the CPO determined that information in the *Manåmku'* meals IFB was a minor informality is timely, and BASIL's appeal to the Public Auditor on such basis was timely. The CPO abused her discretion by granting a waiver of requirements related to food establishment grades because she applied the requirement unequally, thereby prejudicing BASIL. The remedy for the violation is post-award. The contract with SH is to be terminated, and SH shall submit evidence of costs for accounting. SH will be awarded a reasonable profit of \$100.00 on top of those accounted costs.

D. BASIL's protest that SH's allowing the government to use the Hakubotan building free of rent and utilities was a violation of ethical standards as a prohibited Favor for the Territory and is valid. The CPO erred in concluding that it was a Charitable Donation, which it was not.

E. OPA Appeal No. OPA-PA-20-003 is deconsolidated from this consolidated appeal. A decision, in that case, is pending a hearing on an Order to show cause why SH should not be disbarred or suspended for violation of the Procurement Law's Ethical Standards.

The parties shall bear their respective costs and attorney's fees.

This is a Final Administrative Decision for Appeal No. OPA-PA-19-011. The Parties are hereby informed of their right to appeal from a Decision of the Public Auditor to the Superior Court of Guam in accordance with Part D of Article 9 of 5 G.C.A. §5481(a) within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a Final Administrative Decision. A copy of this Decision shall be provided to the Parties and their respective attorneys, in accordance with 5 G.C.A. §5702, and shall be made available for review on the OPA website at www.opaguam.org.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2020.

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