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IN THE APPEAL OF)	APPEAL NO. OPA-PA-16-002
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1-A GuamWEBZ,)	PURCHASING AGENCY'S
)	NOTICE REGARDING RECUSAL
)	
Appellant.)	
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During the status conference convened on April 18, 2016, the Public Auditor disclosed that the Appellant, 1-A GuamWEBZ, is currently under contract as the provider of Office of Public Accountability's ("OPA") website. The Appellant's contract with OPA commenced March 1, 2014 and terminates February 28, 2017, and provides that OPA pays the Appellant a sum of \$1,050 per month. Upon the request of legal counsel for Purchasing Agency Guam Community College ("GCC"), the Hearing Officer provided GCC until April 22, 2016 to file a motion requesting recusal of Public Auditor based on OPA's contract with Appellant. GCC will not be filing such a motion at this time.

GCC believes that, notwithstanding OPA's relationship with the Appellant, the Public Auditor is capable of rendering an unbiased decision in the instant appeal. Therefore, at this time, GCC will not be moving for the Public Auditor's recusal but reserves the right to raise this issue should future circumstances warrant doing so. See 2 GAR, Div. 4, § 12601.

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Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of April 2016.

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