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PACIFIC DATA SYSTEMS, INC.,

REPLY OF PACIFIC DATA SYSTEMS,

Appellant.

INC. TO THE OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF THE COMPLETE PROCUREMENT RECORD

Appellant Pacific Data Systems, Inc. ("PDS") replies as follows to the Opposition of Guam Visitors Bureau ("GVB") to the Motion to Compel Production of the Complete Procurement Record.

ARGUMENT

GVB takes the unusual and meritless position that the procurement record need contain only documents and records generated after the issuance of an IFB. However, there is nothing in the statute, 5 GCA § 5249, or the verbatim regulation, 2 GAR § 3129, which suggest such a limitation. This is easily demonstrated by reference to 2 GAR § 3129(4), which refers to "... brochures and submittals of potential vendors, manufacturers or contractors, and all drafts, signed and dated by the draftsman, and other papers or materials used in the development of specifications ..." This quite obviously refers to documents and records generated prior to the issuance of an IFB.

Likewise, § 3129(1) refers to records of meetings including government employees "... that are in any way related to a particular procurement." Not only is this regulation unlimited as to time, transparency in the procurement process requires the disclosure of this information. The same is true regarding § 3129(2) referring to a

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log of communication between government employees and members of the public, potential bidders, and vendors or manufacturers.

In filing this Motion, PDS sought to do no more than ensure the procurement record was complete before proceeding. However, GVB's response raises a legitimate concern as to exactly why GVB is reluctant to provide a complete procurement record.

Attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Bill R. Mann is a letter from GVB counsel to undersigned counsel dated May 20, 2014. This is in response to a PDS Freedom of Information Act Request. The documents produced include correspondence between G4S and Jon Nathan Denight, the Deputy General Manager of GVB, in reference to a detailed assessment prepared by G4S of the existing CCTV system. GVB had originally refused to provide the requested documents based on what PDS believed to be a specious objection. *See* Exhibit 2 to Mann Declaration. It was only after PDS threatened litigation that GVB complied. *See* Exhibit 3 to Mann Declaration.

In any event, these documents should have been made part of the procurement record by GVB. The G4S assessment is clearly the submittal of a potential vendor under § 3129(4). In addition, it is a paper used by GVB in the development of specifications likewise required by § 3129(4). The following is a summary that clearly shows that the language used for various GVB IFB specifications actually originated from the G4S assessment.

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Source of IFB Specification wording

G4S: I). List & Operability of existing CCTV equip G4S: I). Fiber Optics Equipment ... at the Precinct G4S: I). Pan/Tilt/Zoom Cameras G4S: I). Fixed Cameras G4S: V.) Recommendation for Multilingual Signage G4S: VI.) Maintenance Plans G4S: Attachment #1 G4S: Attachment #2

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specifications.

There can thus be no doubt that many of the GVB IFB specifications were created for GVB by G4S. It should not have been necessary for PDS to obtain these documents by a FOIA Request when it was the clear obligation of GVB to include them in the procurement record.

This unfortunately raises questions about what other documents GVB may have failed to provide as part of the procurement record. For some reason, GVB has been reluctant to disclose contacts and communications with G4S prior to the issuance of the IFB. As stated in paragraph 3 of its Opposition, Jon Nathan Denight recalled his discussions with Jeffrey Muth because Mr. Muth was responsible for the original installation of the CCTV cameras by DFS. Although Mr. Denight had a good memory in that regard, he neglected to mention his communications with G4S or the extensive assessment that G4S provided to GVB which GVB utilized in preparing the

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the Public Auditor should make very clear to GVB that it must immediately produce the complete procurement record as defined by 2 GAR § 3129. PDS requests that the Public Auditor issue an Order to that effect.

DATED this 21 day of May, 2014.

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