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April 6, 2022

Board of Directors Guam Visitors Bureau:

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 (the "financial statements"), in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("generally accepted auditing standards") and have issued our report thereon dated April 6, 2022.

We have prepared the following comments to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management of GVB is responsible.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, the management of the Office of Public Accountability - Guam and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record.

Yours truly, Jeloite Hawlell F

cc: The Management of Guam Visitors Bureau

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS, GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Our responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, have been described in our engagement letter dated April 6, 2022. As described in that letter, the objectives of a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the aforementioned standards are:

- To express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of statement of net position of GVB as of September 30, 2021, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and of cash flows for the year ending September 30, 2021 (the "financial statements"), are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("generally accepted accounting principles"), in all material respects, and perform specified procedures on the required supplementary information for the year ending September 30, 2021. Our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards include forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with the oversight of the Board of Directors are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or the Board of Directors of their responsibilities.
- To express an opinion on whether the supplementary information that accompanies the financial statements, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole; and
- To report on GVB's internal control over financial reporting and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters for the year ending September 30, 2021 based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in generally accepted government auditing standards.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether caused by fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we considered internal control over financial reporting relevant to GVB's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of GVB's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of GVB's internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.



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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GVB's significant accounting policies are set forth in Note 2 to GVB's 2021 financial statements. In 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance, which postponed the effective dates of GASB Statement No. 84, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93 by one year and GASB Statement No. 87 by 18 months; however, earlier application of the provisions addressed in GASB Statement No. 95 is encouraged and is permitted to the extent specified in each pronouncement as originally issued. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, management has elected to postpone implementation of these statements.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, GVB implemented the following pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, which improves guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported.
- GASB Statement No. 90, Majority Equity Interests An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 61, which improves the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units.
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 and reporting requirements related to the replacement of Interbank Offered Rates such as the
 London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for hedging derivative instruments. The provision
 removing LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the evaluation of the
 effectiveness of derivative instruments is effective for the year ending September 30, 2022.

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In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. GASB Statement No. 97 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

In October 2021, GASB issued Statement No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. This Statement establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 98 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

We have evaluated the significant qualitative aspects of GVB's accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures and concluded that the policies are appropriate, adequately disclosed, and consistently applied by management.



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ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are ordinarily based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and on assumptions about future events. Significant accounting estimates reflected in GVB's 2021 financial statements include management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts, which is determined based upon past collection experience and aging of the accounts, and management's estimate of depreciation expense, which is based on estimated useful lives of the respective capital assets. During the year ended September 30, 2021, there were no significant changes in accounting estimates or in management's judgments relating to such estimates.

UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Our audit of the financial statements was designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. We have attached to this letter, as Appendix B to Attachment I, a summary of uncorrected misstatements that we presented to management during the current audit engagement pertaining to the prior period, that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

MATERIAL CORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Our audit of the financial statements was designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Material misstatements were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures and were corrected by management during the current period. We have attached to this letter as Appendix A to Attachment I, a summary of misstatements corrected by management

OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF GVB

When audited financial statements are included in documents containing other information such as GVB's Annual Report, we read such other information and consider whether it, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or the manner of its presentation, in the financial statements audited by us. In the event that GVB issues an Annual Report or other documentation that includes the audited financial statements, we will be required to read the other information in GVB's Annual Report and inquire as to the methods of measurement and presentation of such information. If we note a material inconsistency or if we obtain any knowledge of a material misstatement of fact in the other information, we will discuss this matter with management and, if appropriate, with the Board of Directors.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

We have not had any disagreements with management related to matters that are material to GVB's 2021 financial statements.

OUR VIEWS ABOUT SIGNIFICANT MATTERS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ACCOUNTANTS

We are not aware of any consultations that management may have had with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters during 2021.



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SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO OUR RETENTION

Throughout the year, routine discussions were held, or were the subject of correspondence, with management regarding the application of accounting principles or auditing standards in connection with transactions that have occurred, transactions that are contemplated, or reassessment of current circumstances. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence were not held in connection with our retention as auditors.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES ARISING FROM THE AUDIT DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT

Throughout the year, routine discussions were held, or were the subject of correspondence, with management. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence did not involve significant findings or issues requiring communication to the Board of Directors or the Office of Public Accountability - Guam.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

In our judgment, we received the full cooperation of GVB's management and staff and had unrestricted access to GVB's senior management in the performance of our audit.

MANAGEMENT'S REPRESENTATIONS

We have made specific inquiries of the GVB's management about the representations embodied in the financial statements. In addition, we have requested that management provide to us the written representations GVB is required to provide to its independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards. We have attached to this letter, as Attachment I, a copy of the representation letter we obtained from management.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER

COVID-19

As discussed in Note 13 to the financial statements, GVB determined that the COVID-19 pandemic may negatively impact its business, results of operations and net position. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

CONTROL-RELATED MATTERS

We have issued a separate report to you, dated April 6, 2022, on GVB's internal control over financial reporting and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters, which was based upon the audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

We have communicated to management, in a separate letter, also dated April 6, 2022, other deficiencies involving GVB's internal control over financial reporting that we identified during our audit.



April 6, 2022

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We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the statements of net position of the Guam Visitors Bureau ("GVB"), a component unit of the Government of Guam (GovGuam), as of and for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, of operations, and changes in fund balance, and of cash flows for the years then ended, which collectively comprise GVB's basic financial statements for purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations or changes in fund balances, and cash flows, as applicable, of GVB in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

We confirm that we are responsible for the following:

- The preparation and fair presentation in the basic financial statements of financial position, in accordance with GAAP.
- b. The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control:
 - Relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
 - To prevent and detect fraud.
- c. The review and approval of the financial statements and related notes, and we acknowledge your role in the preparation of this information. Specifically, we acknowledge that your role in the preparation of the financial statements was a matter of convenience rather than one of necessity. We have reviewed the financial statements preparation assistance provided by you and acknowledge that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our review was based on the use of the financial statement disclosure checklist for general purpose financial statements obtained from the Government Finance Officers Association. Additionally, we agreed with the adjusting entries included in Appendix A.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

- 1. The basic financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition:
 - a. The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
 - b. Net position components (net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.





- c. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified in the category of custodial credit risk.
- d. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
- e. Required supplementary information is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
- f. Applicable laws and regulations are followed in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- g. GVB's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available is appropriately disclosed and the related net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- h. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities, including special and extraordinary items.
- i. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in the GASB Codification Section 2200.159 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- j. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- k. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- l. GVB has followed GASB Codification Section 1800.178 regarding which resources (restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent for expenditures to determine the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- m. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- n. Fund balance restrictions, commitments, and assignments are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 2. GVB has provided to you all relevant information and access as agreed in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
- 3. GVB has made available to you:
 - a. All minutes of the meetings of Board of Directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - b. All financial records and related data for all financial transactions of GVB and for all funds administered by GVB. The records, books, and accounts, as provided to you, record the financial and fiscal operations of all funds administered by GVB and provide the audit trail to be used in a review of accountability. Information presented in financial reports is supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.





c. Contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence that has taken place with federal agencies.

4. There has been no:

- a. Action taken by Entity management that contravenes the provisions of federal laws and GovGuam laws and regulations, or of contracts and grants applicable to GVB.
- b. Communications with other regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices or other matters that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 6. Management has not performed a risk assessment, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. However, management has made available to you their understanding about the risks of fraud in GVB and do not believe that the financial statements are materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 7. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting GVB involving:
 - a. Management.
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in GVB's internal control over financial reporting.
 - c. Others, where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 8. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting GVB's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- 9. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that we are aware of or that legal counsel has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C50, *Claims and Judgments*.
- 10. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
- 11. Management has identified and disclosed to you all laws and regulations that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
- 12. We believe that we have properly identified, reported, and classified each component unit of GVB and each organization that meets the criteria established in GASB Codification Section 2100.
- 13. GVB has maintained an appropriate composition of assets in amounts needed to comply with all donor restrictions.
- 14. We believe that any reclassification between net position classes is correct.





Except where otherwise stated below, immaterial matters less than \$51,000 collectively are not considered to be exceptions that require disclosure for the purpose of the following representations. This amount is not necessarily indicative of amounts that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the basic financial statements.

- 15. Except as listed in Appendix B, there are no transactions that have not been properly recorded and reflected in the financial statements.
- 16. We believe the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatements detected in the current year that relate to the prior year presented, when combined with those misstatements aggregated by you during the prior-year audit engagement and pertaining to the prior year presented, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021 taken as a whole. A summary of such uncorrected misstatements has been attached as Appendix B.
- 17. GVB has no plans or intentions that may affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- 18. Regarding related parties:
 - a. We have disclosed to you the identity of GVB's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
 - b. To the extent applicable, related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees (written or oral) have been appropriately identified, properly accounted for, and disclosed in the financial statements.
- 19. In preparing the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, management uses estimates. All estimates have been disclosed in the financial statements for which known information available prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that both of the following criteria are met:
 - a. It is reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect on the financial statements of a condition, situation, or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements will change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events.
 - b. The effect of the change would be material to the financial statements.

20. There are no:

- a. Instances of identified or suspected noncompliance with laws, regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, or other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
- b. Known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and that have not been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
- c. Known actual or likely instances of abuse that have occurred that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
- d. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB Codification Section C50, *Claims and Judgments*.





- 21. GVB has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets, nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 22. GVB has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that may affect the financial statements.
- 23. No department or agency of GVB has reported a material instance of noncompliance to us.
- 24. GVB has identified all derivative instruments as defined by GASB Codification Section D40, Derivative *Instruments*, and appropriately recorded and disclosed such derivatives in accordance with GASB Codification Section D40.
- 25. Other than those described in Note 13 to the financial statements, No events have occurred after September 30, 2021, but before April 6, 2021, the date the financial statements were issued that require consideration as adjustments to, or disclosures in, the financial statements.
- 26. Regarding required supplementary information:
 - a. We confirm that we are responsible for the required supplementary information.
 - b. The required supplementary information is measured and presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
 - c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- 27. Regarding supplementary information:
 - a. We are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
 - b. We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
 - c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- 28. In 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance, which postponed the effective dates of GASB Statement No. 84, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93 by one year and GASB Statement No. 87 by 18 months; however, earlier application of the provisions addressed in GASB Statement No. 95 is encouraged and is permitted to the extent specified in each pronouncement as originally issued. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, management has elected to postpone implementation of these statements.
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- 36. In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements. This statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 94 will be effective for fiscal year ending *September 30, 2023*.
- 37. In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset an intangible asset and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 96 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.
- 38. In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. Management does not believe that this statement, upon





implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 97 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

- 39. In October 2021, GASB issued Statement No. 98, The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This Statement establishes the term *annual comprehensive financial report* and its acronym *ACFR*. That new term and acronym replace instances of *comprehensive annual financial report* and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 97 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 98 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.
- 40. We have appropriately identified and properly recorded and disclosed in the financial statements all interfund transactions, including repayment terms.
- 41. Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances, line of credit, or similar arrangements have been properly disclosed in the financial statements.
- 42. We have disclosed to you all new or changes to the existing pension and other postretirement benefits.
- 43. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances. These amounts have been appropriately recognized and displayed as assets, liabilities, and, where applicable, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, net position and changes in net position in the statement of net position in accordance with GASB Codification Section P20, Pension Activities Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria Defined Benefit; GASB Codification Section P21, Pension Activities Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria Defined Contribution; GASB Codification Section P22, Pension Activities Reporting for Benefits Not Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria Defined Benefit; GASB Codification Section P23, Reporting Assets Accumulated for Defined Benefit Pensions Not Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria; and GASB Codification Section P24, Pension Activities Reporting for Benefits Not Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria Defined Contribution.
- 44. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure postretirement liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances. These amounts have been appropriately recognized and displayed as assets, liabilities, and, where applicable, net position and changes in net position in the statement of net position in accordance with GASB Codification Section P50, Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria Defined Benefit; GASB Codification Section P52, Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions Reporting for Benefits Not Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria Defined Benefit; and GASB Codification Section P53, Reporting Assets Accumulated for Defined Benefit Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions Not Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria.
- 45. We have no intention of terminating any of our pension plans or taking any other action that could result in an effective termination or reportable event for any of the plans. We are not aware of any occurrences that could result in the termination of any of our pension plans to which we contribute.
- 46. No evidence of fraud, possible irregularities, or dishonesty in fiscal operations of programs administered by the Department has been discovered.





- 47. The Department has disclosed all contracts or other agreements with the Entity's service organization.
- 48. There are no control deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that could adversely affect GVB's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial information.
- 49. We are aware of the requirement to disclose to you any change in GVB's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during GVB's most recent fiscal year that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, GVB's internal control over financial reporting. However, no such disclosure has been made as no changes in GVB's internal control over financial reporting have occurred.
- 50. We have communicated with the marketing committees and are not unaware of any unreported in-kind contributions.
- 51. GVB is responsible for determining and maintaining the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful notes, loans, interfund receivables, and accounts receivable, as well as estimates used to determine such amounts. Management believes the allowances are adequate to absorb currently estimated bad debts in the account balances.
- 52. GVB has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by Guam or federal law. Such obligation, expenditure, receipt, or use of public funds was in accordance with any limitations, conditions, or mandatory directions imposed by Guam or federal law.
- 53. Money or similar assets handled by GVB on behalf of GovGuam have been properly and legally administered and the accounting and recordkeeping related thereto is proper, accurate, and in accordance with law.
- 54. GVB is involved in litigation, which is inherent to the operations of GVB. Management is of the opinion that liabilities of a material nature will not be realized.
- 55. GVB leases commercial space for its Japan offices which require a refundable security deposit. As of September 30, 2021 and 2020, the security deposit was \$133,230. Annual rental commitment as of September 30, 2021 is \$137,039 for the next year.
- 56. GVB entered into various marketing representation contracts in Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Philippines, Taiwan and the United States. Additional contracts were also entered for market research, community brand building support services and other marketing efforts. At September 30, 2021, the minimum future contract fees were \$3,976,966.
- 57. GVB entered into various beautification project contracts for island road maintenance, bus shelter maintenance, Tumon landscaping, sidewalk cleaning, holiday illumination projects, and the design and building of medians. At September 30, 2021, the minimum future contract fees are \$582,301.
- 58. GVB entered into a contract to provide visitor safety to Tumon and parts of Hagatna. At September 30, 2021, the minimum future contract fees are \$2,523,490.





- 59. GVB entered into various contracts for professional services such as tour guide and inspector fees, equipment maintenance fees, quality assurance inspector fees and audit fees. At September 30, 2021, the minimum future contract fees are \$448,934.
- 60. In 2018, GVB signed a memorandum of agreement with the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) to manage the construction of the Palacio Building. Funding of \$5 million will come from the Hot Bond, maintained by GEDA. A total of \$352,000 was used for initial planning and construction costs as of September 30, 2021 and 2020. During the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, no collections or additional expenses were incurred. Ownership of the building has not been determined at this time.
- 61. It is the policy of GVB to record the cost of sick leave when leave is actually taken and a liability is actually incurred. Generally, sick leave is paid only when an employee is absent due to illness, injury or related-family illnesses. Under the Defined Contribution Retirement System (DCRS), an employee may convert into cash up to 50% of the accrued sick leave liability. For this reason, a sick leave liability is recorded. The accumulated amount of unused sick leave at September 30, 2021 and 2020 are \$446,612 and \$597,415, respectively, of which \$40,003 and \$42,891 may be convertible by DCRS employees upon retirement as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- 62. GVB received vendor invoices of \$421,857 as of September 30, 2021 for which management indicates that no authorization of services occurred and accordingly, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statement.
- 63. During the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, GVB contracted and purchased goods from businesses that are associated with GVB Board Directors totaling \$58,994 and \$138,467, respectively.

Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez President and General Manager

Gerry Perez Vice President

Iosie Villanueva

Director of Finance & Administration





APPENDIX A

Guam Visitors Bureau SUMMARY OF CORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS September 30, 2021

Entry Description	Assets	Liabilities	Net Position at Beg of Year	Expenditures (Income)
To adjust net position liability Dr. Pension expense Cr. Deferred inflows from pension Cr. Deferred outflows from pension	213,553	(212,999)		(554)
2) To reconcile amounts due to/from GovGuam Dr. Revenue - GovGuam Appropriations Dr. Other income Dr. Other income - Federal Dr. Bond Refinancing Saving Cr. Accounts receivable - GovGuam Cr. Accounts receivable - Others	(3,229,580) (11,104)			1,995,850 20,161 186,670 1,038,003
3) To adjust sick leave Dr. Accrued Sick Leave Cr. Salaries		155,982		(155,982)
4) To adjust OPEB liability Dr. OPEB expense Dr. OPEB Liability Cr. Deferred Inflows of OPEB Liability Cr. Deferred Outflows of OPEB Liability	(171,700)	743,452 (963,797)		392,045
5) To reverse unallowed expense Dr. Accounts Payable Cr. Contractual Services - TAF Projects		100,000		(100,000)





(3,198,830)	(177,362)	ı	3,376,192

APPENDIX B

Guam Visitors Bureau SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS September 30, 2021

Entry Description	Assets	Liabilities	Net Position at Beg of Year	Expenditures (Income)
To adjust deferred outflows – pension Dr. Deferred outflows from pension Cr. Pension expense	56,155			(56,155)
	56,155		-	(56,155)

