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Appellant.

Docket No. OPA-PA-15-014 Docket No. OPA-PA-15-017 Docket No. OPA-PA-16-001

ORDER CONSOLIDATING APPEALS, ORDER RE: EMERGENCY MOTION TO CONTINUE PRE-HEARING, and SCHEDULING ORDER

ORDER CONSOLIDATING APPEALS

On December 7, 2015, Morrico Equipment, LLC ("Morrico") filed a Notice of Procurement Appeal with the Office of Public Accountability ("OPA"), wherein Morrico appeals the decision of purchasing agency Guam Solid Waste Authority ("GSWA"), dated November 22, 2015, denying Morrico's protest of GSWA's rejection of its bid for the procurement solicitation for rear loader refuse packer bodies under Invitation for Bid ("IFB") No. GSWA004-15. That appeal is docketed as OPA-PA-15-014. Morrico filed a request for hearing on the appeal. On December 23, 2015, GSWA filed a motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction and for recusal.

On December 24, 2015, Morrico filed with the OPA another Notice of Procurement Appeal, docketed as OPA-PA-15-017. In that appeal, Morrico is appealing GSWA's decision dated December 10, 2015, denying Morrico's protest of GSWA's purported cancellation of IFB No. GSWA004-15. Morrico filed a request for hearing on the appeal. A pre-hearing for this matter and for OPA-PA-15-014 is scheduled for January 7, 2016. At this time, no filing deadlines or hearing on the appeals have been scheduled.

On January 4, 2016, Morrico filed with OPA another Notice of Procurement Appeal, docketed as OPA-PA-16-001. In that appeal, Morrico is appealing GSWA's decision dated December 23, 2015, denying Morrico's protests of GSWA's issuance of IFB No. GSWA002-16, another procurement solicitation for rear loader refuse packer bodies, during the automatic stay of procurement and of the delivery time specification in the new IFB. Morrico filed a request for hearing on the appeal and an emergency motion to enforce the automatic stay under 5 G.C.A. § 5425(g). No pre-hearing, filing deadlines, or hearing on the appeal have been previously scheduled.

The Public Auditor has the authority to consolidate appeals for purposes including efficiency and expediency in resolving appeals. 5 G.C.A. § 5701; 2 G.A.R. §§ 12101, 12108-12109. As each of the above appeals arise from protests pertaining to GSWA's procurement solicitations for rear loader refuse packer bodies, first as IFB No. GSWA004-15 and then as GSWA002-16, and the parties are the same, the Public Auditor finds that consolidating these appeals will provide for the efficient, expeditious resolution of the appeals.

Therefore, the Public Auditor ORDERS that these appeals, OPA-PA-15-014, OPA-PA-15-017, and OPA-PA-16-001, be and are consolidated and all matters pertaining to the appeals shall be heard concurrently.

ORDER RE: EMERGENCY MOTION TO CONTINUE PRE-HEARING

GSWA moves to continue the Pre-Hearing scheduled in OPA-PA-15-014 and OPA-PA-15-017, on the basis that GSWA's counsel did not receive notice of the Pre-Hearing and that GSWA's counsel is on maternity leave and in an early stage of labor during pregnancy. GSWA requests that the Pre-Hearing be continued to February 12, 2016, or a date thereafter. Based on the reason that GSWA's counsel is in early labor, the Public Auditor finds good cause to vacate the Pre-Hearing currently scheduled for January 7, 2016, and therefore GRANTS IN PART

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1	GSWA's emergency motion. However, the Public Auditor denies GSWA's request to hold the
2	Pre-Hearing on February 12, 2016, or a date thereafter, and thus DENIES IN PART GSWA'S
3	emergency motion. Instead, the Public Auditor issues the below Scheduling Order on all three
4	consolidated appeals.
5	SCHEDULING ORDER
6	The Public Auditor ORDERS the following schedule:
7 8	1. Motions.
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11	Auditor's jurisdiction or authority to hear any of these appeals) is January 19, 2016.
12	b. Oppositions to the motions shall be filed by January 26, 2016.
13	c. Replies to oppositions shall be filed by February 2, 2016.
14	d. The Public Auditor will determine whether or not oral argument will be scheduled
15	on any motions filed.
16	2. The parties shall file the following materials for all three appeals by February 15, 2016:
17	a. Formal hearing briefs stating the parties' respective positions supported by
18	applicable authorities;
19	b. A statement of stipulated facts;
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22	d. Exhibit lists; and
23	e. Pre-marked hearing exhibits.
24	3. The Hearing on these consolidated appeals shall commence at 9:00 a.m., on February
25	22, 2016, at the Public Auditor's Hearing Room, Suite 907, DNA Building, Hagåtña
26	Guam.
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- 4. It is further ordered that GSWA shall serve a copy of this Order upon each other person or company who submitted a bid or is a prospective bidder, in order that any of the other bidders or prospective bidders may seek to participate in this appeal as an interested party.
- 5. It is ordered that GSWA file with the Public Auditor proof of service of the Order and that it is served in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph. The responsibility to serve a copy of the Order on the other bidders or prospective bidders is imposed upon GSWA because it is the entity that is most likely to have the correct names and addresses for such competing bidders or prospective bidders.

SO ORDERED this 7th day of January, 2016.

DORIS FLORES BROOKS
Public Auditor of Guam