

# The Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers • Architects • Land Surveyors (PEALS)

## Citizen Centric Report FY2023

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to safeguard the life, safety and welfare of the general public by ensuring that the professionals adhere to established law and promote their professions within the guidelines of ethical practice.



### ABOUT US:

Hafa Adai! The Guam Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors was established to oversee the licensing of Engineers, Architects, Landscape Architects and Land Surveyors. The Guam PEALS Board carries out its mission through the regulation of these professions by:

1. Ensuring those entering the practice meet minimum standards of competency in education, experience and examination.
2. Requiring licensing for any person or firms who practice or offer the practice of engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, land surveying and construction management.
3. Establishing standards of practice, enforcing the laws, codes and regulations governing the professional services.

### Board Composition:

The Guam PEALS Board is composed of Seven (7) members. Five (5) members shall be registered under the provision of 22 GCA Chapter 32. The Director of Public Works and One (1) Public member. All members except the DPW Director are appointed by the Governor to served a term for four (4) years. Of the five (5) registered members; two (2) shall be registered architects, two (2) shall be registered engineers and one (1) shall be a land surveyor.

### Board Structure

#### 2023 Board Members and Staff

Cedric Q.T. Cruz ,RA AIA  
Chairman

Zenon E. Belanger, PE  
Vice Chair

Paul L. Santos, PLS  
Secretary/Treasurer

Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, PE  
Member

Architect Member  
Vacant

Cath Yann C. Gogue  
Public Member

Vincent P. Arriola, DPW  
Director  
Member

Catherine S. Gutierrez  
Executive Board Administrator

Marie N. Villanueva  
Administrative Assistant

Nixon N. Isaac  
Board Investigator

Thomas Keeler, Esq  
Legal Counsel

## Administration and Support

# WHAT WE DO

### LICENSES

- Registered Architect (RA)
- Landscape Architect (LA)
- Professional Engineer (PE)
  - ◆ Civil Engineer (CE)
  - ◆ Control System Engineer (CSE)
  - ◆ Electrical Engineer (EE)
  - ◆ Environmental Engineer (EnvE)
  - ◆ Fire Protection Engineer (FPE)
  - ◆ Mechanical Engineer (ME)
  - ◆ Structural Engineer
- Professional Land Surveyor

- We provide administrative support to our registrants based on regulations governing the practice of engineering, architecture, landscape architect and land surveying
- We review application and determine eligibility based on education and experiences
- We administer examination
- We interpret and execute practice act, correspondence, reports, fiscal accounting and budgeting personnel
- We are also clearing Building Permits by verification of license on Construction documents
- We participate in the annual meetings for the National

### ENFORCEMENT

- We investigate complaints, issue citations, and penalize individuals and firms engaged in unlawful practice.
- We enforce laws and standards the practice of engineers, architects, landscape architects and land surveyors.
- We update rules and regulations as per national standards and technological advances.

### EXAMS

- ◆ Architect Registration Exam (ARE)
- ◆ California Special Seismic Exam
- ◆ Fundamental of Engineer Exam (FE)
- ◆ Professional Engineer Exam (PE)
  - \*Civil
  - \*Control System
  - \*Electrical
  - \*Environmental
  - \*Fire Protection
  - \*Mechanical
  - \*Structural
- ◆ Professional Land Surveying Exam
  - \*Fundamental of Surveying
  - \*Principal of Surveying
  - \*Guam Land

FY2023 REGISTRANTS	
Landscape Architect	8
Professional Engineer	630
Registered Architect	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>744</b>
Certificate of Authorization	130

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER	
Architectural Engineer	1
Civil Engineer	375
Chemical Engineer	6
Control System	1
Electrical Engineer	71
Environmental Engineer	12
Fire Protection Engineer	28
Industrial Engineer	1
Mechanical Engineer	74
Structural Engineer	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>630</b>

	ON-ISLAND	OFF-ISLAND
<b>LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>REGISTERED ARCHITECT</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>52</b>

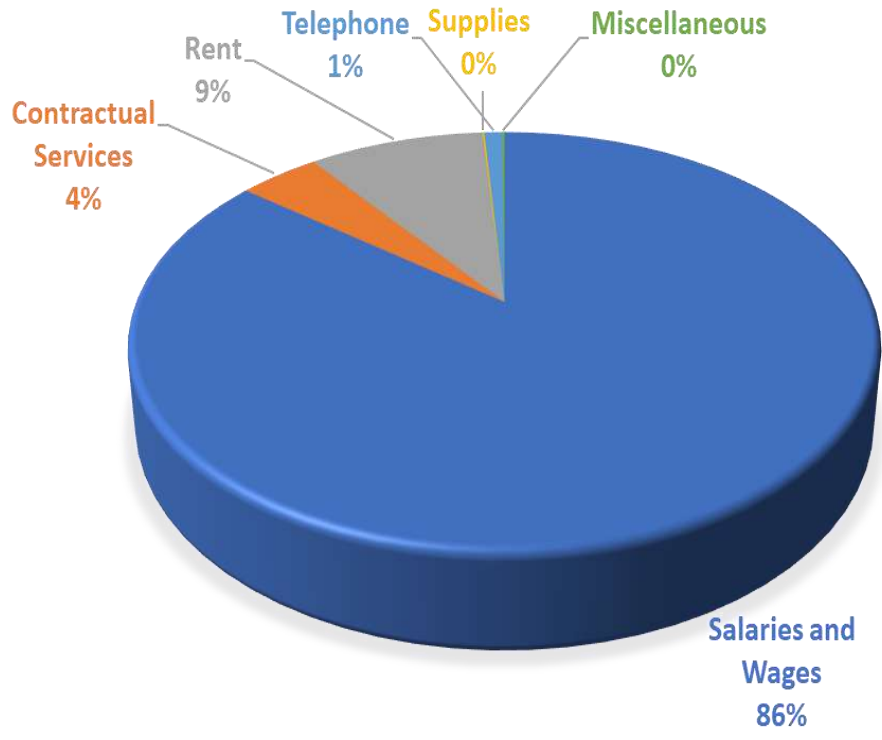
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# OUR FINANCE

The PEALS Board's revenue are generated from the fees collected for applications, fines, permit clearances and registrations.

	BUDGET	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
FY 2023	\$273,064	\$276,569	\$290,753

<b>Salaries and Wages</b>	\$233,710
<b>Contractual Services</b>	\$11,410
<b>Rent</b>	\$24,864
<b>Supplies</b>	\$230
<b>Telephone</b>	\$2,500
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$350



# CHALLENGES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

## OUR CHALLENGES:

- ◆ Decrease in Registration
- ◆ Limited Revenue
- ◆ Amending the PEALS Laws, Rules and Regulations
- ◆ Partnership and Collaboration in Investigation
- ◆ Cooperation in enforcement of the PEALS mandate
- ◆ Maintain Online Registration

## OUR FUTURE OUTLOOK:

- ◆ Amend PEALS laws and update Rules and Regulations
- ◆ Upgrade and promote Land Surveying Practice
- ◆ Promote awareness, outreach programs, and continuing education for registrants
- ◆ Keep PEALS membership with NCEES and NCARB
- ◆ Increase licensing fee

Your feedback is important to us!

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations.

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March 26, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr  
Speaker, 38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
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Re: FY2023 Citizen Centric Report (CCR) – PEALS Board

In accordance with Title 1 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 19 § 1922 (a), the Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors (PEALS) hereby submits its FY2023 Citizen Centric Report.

We also confirm that a copy of the report has been submitted to the Office of Public Accountability and will be available on the PEALS Board website at [www.guam-peals.org](http://www.guam-peals.org).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or require further information.

Respectfully,

Catherine S. Gutierrez  
Executive Board Administrator



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## PEALS Board FY2023 Citizen Centric Report

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Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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Hafa Adai,

Please find attached the Guam PEALS Board Fiscal Year 2023 Citizen Centric Report (CCR). Additionally, a copy of the CCR will be made available on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you,

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 **FY23 CCR Letter.pdf**  
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 **PEALS Board FY2023 CCR.pdf**  
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