HISTORY and MISSION STATEMENT

In the early 1970s, the Bureau of Plans and Statistics was created within the Office of the Governor by Public law 12-200 or Article 2 of 5GCA to provide technical support to the Territorial Planning Council and oversee the preparation of a comprehensive development plan for long range guidance for the social, economic, and physical development of Guam. The Director of the Bureau referred to as the Director of Planning was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Guam Legislature.

In 1990, Public Law 20-147 re-defined the mission and mandates and referred to the agency as the Bureau of Planning.

In 2002, the Bureau’s name was officially changed by Public Law 26-76 to the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP) inclusive of having more mandates after absorbing duties and responsibilities from the abolished Department of Commerce and planning council. Also, other public laws and Governor’s Executive Orders granted additional roles to BSP.

As a staff agency to the Office of the Governor, the objectives to carry out BSP’s goals can be summarized by its mission statement.

The mission of BSP is to ensure Guam’s resources are effectively used for the benefit of present and future generations by appraising, coordinating, preparing, and assisting in the development of a wide range of plans, policies, studies and statistics that further economic, social, land use, environmental and infrastructural goals, priorities and planning activities.

HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the published reports and completed activities in 2012 are highlighted:

- Released the Guam Statistical Yearbook ending year 2011 including historical, social, and economic statistics reflecting the island’s economic development and performance over time.
- Published the Consumer Price Index that measured average change in prices of goods and services purchased by households over time.
- Published the Import and Export Trade Data Reports of goods brought in to Guam and originated from Guam for sale or trade.
- Released the Population and Housing Units by Census Designated Place compiling the 2010 Guam Census data made available in conjunction with U.S. Census Bureau.
- Implemented U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) Grants by financially assisting subrecipients for residential substance abuse treatment program, safe neighborhood activities, forensic evidence, and law enforcement initiatives.
- Prepared the Annual Compact Impact Report for Governor Eddie Baza Calvo to submit to U.S. Department of Interior tracking accrued costs for providing educational and social services to immigrants of the Federal States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of Marshall Islands. These Immigrants are also referred to as Freely Associated States (FAS) citizens.
- Sponsored the Guam International Coastal Cleanup in 2012 to collect and tabulate all types of trash found in the coastal areas.
- Sponsored the Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop for building professionals.
- Developed Tsunami Inundation Zone and Evacuation Maps for the island in coordination with Guam Homeland Security and Office of Civil Defense.
- Sponsored the Kika Clearwater Summer Camp to educate youths of natural resources, threats, and conservation efforts.

GovGuam agencies, non-profits, and sub-recipients of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant of USDOJ attend a financial management training.
In FY 2012, a total of 195 applications were reviewed for consistency with Guam’s policies and adherence with applicable federal and local statutes and Guam State Clearinghouse requirements.

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Information continues to be obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau resulting from the 2010 Census Questionnaire. Selected population and housing data were compiled for the 2010 Census Guam Demographic Profile Comparative publication. The report shows data from the 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010 Censuses. The following are selected highlights from the comparative profile.

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<td>159,358</td>
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<td>Median HH Income\textsuperscript{1}</td>
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<td>Housing Units</td>
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<td>Median Housing Value\textsuperscript{1}</td>
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\textsuperscript{1} 2009 dollars used for comparability purposes
* Data not reported or data not comparable due to reporting changes

The FY 2012 Annual Report on the Impact of the Compacts of Free Association was completed for the Governor to submit to U.S. Department of Interior for review and consideration for reimbursement. The cost for Guam to provide educational, public safety and health and welfare services to Freely Associated State citizens was $125.3 million.

In support of fisheries management and sustainability, BSP collected data and reported activities of large scale fisheries on Guam. Only 2 commercial fishing agencies are doing business on Guam. A total of 235 long liners caught 2,781 gross tonnage of fishes. Marine fisheries big eye and yellow fin tuna were the most common catch.

Over the past three years of compiling data, the annual estimates for imports range from $538 to $867 million. Of the more than twenty countries reported, the top five trading countries with Guam are the United States, Italy, France, Japan and Switzerland.

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2012 Guam Imports

Station site at Ypao Beach Park during the Guam International Coastal Cleanup on September 2012. Last year, this one day event drew 3,813 volunteers with 23,522 pounds of waste collected from across the island. Recyclable materials were routed to recycling facilities minimizing trash going to the new landfill.
In FY 2012, the Bureau applied and received 6 grant awards totaling $2,377,795. A 26% reduction was experienced as compared to FY 2011 due to federal spending cuts, the discontinuation of some grants, and the change in grant status from formula to discretionary. Approximately $783,895 were retained for personnel expenses. These amounts do not include other grants awarded on prior years that are still being implemented. The U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grants are awarded for a 2 year-grant period with a large percentage passed to sub-grantees to implement criminal justice projects, ocean and environmental initiatives.

CHALLENGES

Some challenges in 2012 continuing to 2013:

- Although Executive Order 94-09 has mandated BSP to provide administrative support to the Guam Development Disabilities Council (GDDC) for many years, the grant funding the council’s functions allowed only a small percentage for operations versus projects. BSP continues to supplement money needed by GDCC with its own appropriation from the General Fund to cover lease space and telephone service inclusive of providing administrative support already.
- Salary Increases for classified employees remain on hold for another year as a result of GovGuam adhering to fiscal discipline.
- Also, another fiscal discipline is the 15% reserve on GovGuam allotments to reduce overall deficit. “Do More With Less” remains in place since the priority of the General Fund is to pay warm bodies and obligations and not fill needed positions yet. For instance, the Chief Planner position remains vacant due to budgetary control.
- Due to federal cuts and change on formula grants to discretionary, BSP is encountering reduction on federal dollars to assist sub-recipients for needed projects.

MOVING FORWARD

To maintain balance between development and the environment in order to preserve the unique culture, traditions and beauty of the island, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans will continue ensuring Guam’s resources are used effectively for the benefit of present and future generations and ensuring consistency among various plans, policies and programs.

The BSP will continue moving forward with the following and more:

- Publish quarterly publications for Import and Export Trade Data, Consumer Price Index reports, annual Statistical Yearbook, Guam Facts & Figures At-a-Glance brochures, and other strategies needed for policy makers, leaders, researchers, and businesses to make sound policies and decisions to improve the island’s economic viability and resources sustainability.
- Provide technical support to GovGuam entities when needed in order that they meet their missions such as assisting GVB with processing data and secondary data checks on monthly visitor arrivals. Also, assist UOG with secondary data checks on the 2013 Household income and expenditure survey in determining federal cost reimbursements for school meals.
- Continue working with U.S. Census Bureau to obtain more breakdown from 2010 Census Questionnaire, info such as population densities of census designated places that could weigh on first-time homeowners to be eligible for USDA housing finance.
- Continue securing federal dollars as the State Authorizing Agency from US Dept of Justice to fund programs requested by law enforcement agencies, victim treatment institutions, and forensic laboratory.
- Provide education and environmental awareness with schools and community outreaches like the International Coastal Cleanup, Kika Summer Camp, and more.
- Serve as the catalyst for planned and balanced economic, social, environmental and physical growth through intergovernmental review of federal programs via Guam State Clearinghouse, legislative review of bills, Federal Consistency review of federal projects per agreement with NOAA, and mandated review process of elements via Comprehensive Development Plans.