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13	BEFORE THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY PROCUREMENT APPEALS						
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15 16	IN THE APPEAL OF:	CONSOLIDATED APPEALS NOS.: <u>OPA-PA-16-007</u> AND <u>OPA-PA-16-011</u>					
17	CORE TECH INTERNATIONAL CORP.,	INTERESTED PARTY GUAM					
18	Appellant.	EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.'S RESPONSE TO					
19	Арренані.	CORE TECH'S OBJECTION TO SUBPOENA TO HENRY TAITANO					
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22		IES FOUNDATION, INC. ("GEFF") responds to					
23	Core Tech International Corp.'s ("Core Tech")	Objection to Subpoena to Henry Taitano.					
24	1. Under 5 GCA § 9225, "Each page	arty shall have these rights: to call and examine					
25	witnesses"						

Core Tech cites 5 GCA § 9217(a) in support of its position that parties or their

counsel are not authorized to issue subpoenas. However, the language Core Tech quotes - "the

hearing officer sitting alone may issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum" - does not limit

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the subpoena issuance authority to the hearing officer. The reference to "alone" refers to whether a case is heard "by the agency with a hearing officer or by the hearing officer alone at the discretion of the agency." 5 GCA § 9221. Section 9217(a), authorizes subpoenas to be issued "in accordance with the provisions of §1985 of the Code of Civil Procedure," which is now the Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 45. *See* Guam R. Civ. Proc. 45(a)(3) ("An attorney as officer of the court may also issue and sign a subpoena instead of the clerk if the attorney is authorized to practice therein."). Thus, the subpoena signed by Mr. Aguigui is proper.

- 3. GEFF has identified Mr. Taitano *only* as a supplemental and/or rebuttal witness in the event that Core Tech is somehow ultimately able to call Mr. Edward J. ("EJ") Calvo to testify, notwithstanding GEFF's objections to Core Tech's efforts to call Mr. Calvo as a witness. GEFF did not identify Mr. Taitano (or Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero) in its initial witness list because GEFF intends to present these two witnesses only in rebuttal to Core Tech's improper attempts to belatedly inject new issues in these appeals.
- 4. Core Tech, through its counsel Ms. Tang, has improperly raised issues in this appeal concerning Mr. Calvo. Not only did Core Tech fail to raise the issue in any of its procurement protests to DPW, it failed to raise the issue in its Notices of Appeal, and raised it only for the first time on August 30, 2016, just days before commencement of the Hearing. GEFF objected to Core Tech's improper attempts in GEFF's Hearing Brief filed September 2, 2016, in its opening statements on September 7, 2016, and in its Objections filed September 14, 2016.
- 5. Core Tech has articulated no proper basis for calling Mr. Calvo as a witness in these proceedings. Rather, based on Core Tech's copies of emails dated in February 2015 (*see* Core Tech Exs. 32-33) (which was several months before the July 2015 issuance of the RFP), Core Tech only speculates that Mr. Calvo allegedly tried to become involved in the instant RFP process. Core Tech then claims this was improper because Mr. Calvo allegedly had an interest in an entity (Pacific Extreme Combat), which Core Tech claims was a company with direct interest in Guam Educational Development Partners ("GEDP") (a subcontractor to GEFF).
- 6. Although Core Tech knows that its allegations are wrong and without any factual basis (see FOL Guam, LLC letter to Core Tech dated September 14, 2016, attached hereto as

GEFF Exhibit s), what Core Tech fails to disclose is that the record (including those same emails that Core Tech includes in its exhibits) raise more serious ethical issues, but this time, for Core Tech itself.

- 7. The subject RFP was signed by Mr. Leon Guerrero, Mr. Taitano's father-in-law, who was the DPW procurement officer at the time the RFP was issued. (*See* Testimony of Felix Benavente on September 8, 2016.)
- 8. Further, Exhibit 34 to Core Tech's own exhibits (at CT-34-00004) contains an April 6, 2015 email from Mr. Leon Guerrero, which clearly shows that Mr. Leon Guerrero directly participated in the procurement process for the instant RFP. That email from Mr. Leon Guerrero states as follows:

On Mon, April 6, 2015 at 2:16 PM, Glenn Leon Guerrero <glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov> wrote:

Hafa Adai Shannon,

Thank you for the quick turn around. DPW has adopted your changes (in red). I have changed some of the timelines and would like to keep the April 13 issuance date and the July 15, 2015 RFP due date. Looking for AG's approval to issue the RFP.

(Core Tech Ex. 34, at CT-34-00004.) Moreover, in another email dated April 7, 2016, contained in the same Exhibit 34, Mr. Leon Guerrero is a recipient on an email from GDOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez regarding the RFP. (*See* Core Tech Exhibit CT-34-00001.)

9. Core Tech, in its Hearing Brief (at p.18), itself quotes a statute that provides: "Specifically, §5628 of the Guam Procurement Law states that it is 'a breach of ethical standards for any employee to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement when the employee knows that: (1) the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement; (2) a business or organization in which the employee, or any member of the employee's immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement; or (3) any other person, business or organization with whom the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement."

- 10. Mr. Taitano, according to his online Linkedin resume (*see* copy attached hereto as GEFF Exhibit t, accessed at https://gu.linkedin.com/in/henry-j-taitano-0467106 on Sept. 15, 2016), began working for Core Tech as its "Director of Strategic Planning" in June 2015, one month prior to the issuance of the instant RFP in July 2015. Therefore, at that time Mr. Leon Guerrero was still actively participating in the procurement, and Mr. Taitano was a management-level employee of Core Tech. It was only sometime after the RFP was issued that Mr. Leon Guerrero purportedly recused himself. Nonetheless, he still had substantial involvement in the planning and drafting of the subject RFP up until that time, during which time his son-in-law, Mr. Taitano was simultaneously working for Core Tech.
- 11. Under the framework that Core Tech has voluntarily injected in these proceedings, and although Core Tech may not have realized it until now, Mr. Taitano's familial relationship with Mr. Leon Guerrero implicates ethical standards of conduct. And although it had never been GEFF's desire to inject this issue as part of these appeals, it was Core Tech's own vicious attempts to drag Mr. Calvo into these proceedings which, as a matter of justice and fair play, now requires that this issue be looked into further if Core Tech insists on proceedings with its baseless campaign against Mr. Calvo.

Dated: September 15, 2016.

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Re: Notice to Cease;

Core Tech Procurement Appeal

Dear Mr. Eun:

I am writing regarding recent allegations made by Core Tech International Corp. in the subject procurement appeal currently before the OPA (OPA-PA-16-007; OPA-PA-16-011) relating to the purported ownership interest of Pacific X-Treme Combat, LLC ("PXC") in FOL Guam, LLC.

Please be advised that PXC transferred all ownership in FOL Guam, LLC in 2012 and has held no interest in FOL Guam, LLC since that time. Additionally, Mr. E.J. Calvo has no current or previous involvement with FOL Guam, LLC, including management, operations, ownership or any other role, position or activity. Core Tech, its employees, managers, executives and attorneys are requested to immediately cease making any further false statements, either public or private, regarding PXC and FOL Guam, LLC and further retract previous statements and allegations that PXC or Mr. E.J. Calvo has an ownership interest in FOL Guam, LLC.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JAY LATHER

Authorized Representative





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Strategic Planning for CTI

Guam area Venture Capital & Private Equity

GEDA, Office of the Governor of Guam, Matrix

Core Tech International

Previous

Design Group

Education University of Phoenix

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Experience

Director of Strategic Planning

Core Tech International

June 2015 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Administrator

GEDA

June 2013 - April 2014 (11 months) | tamuning, guam

Oversee the programs and operations of the Guam Economic Development Authority

Special Assistant to the Governor - Social and Economic Affairs

Office of the Governor of Guam

January 2011 - April 2014 (3 years 4 months)

A member of the Governor's Senior Staff serving as a Senior Advisor on Social and Economic Affairs. Also, serves as the Executive Officer for the Governor's Coucil of Economic Advisors.

Program Management Analyst

Matrix Design Group

June 2010 - December 2010 (7 months)



Industry Development Specialist

Guam Ecomomic Development Authority December 2008 - June 2010 (1 year 7 months)

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Guam Civilian Military Task Force - Infrastructure Subcommittee November 2007 – May 2008 (7 months)

Established to advocate for the needs of the people of Guam through the development and implementation of the Guam Buildup Master Plan.

To identify resource requirements in infrastructure needed to facilitate the Guam buildup,

To ensure that all infrastructure will be holistically integrated and upgraded for the cost-benefit & quality of life of the community.

Chief Financial Officer

iCON Corporation

June 2005 - October 2007 (2 years 5 months)

Developed and implemented a financial plan that secured capital financing and provided for successful growth.

AP Process Integrity Analyist

Honeywell Aerospace

2001 - 2002 (1 year)



Oversaw the processing and internal auditing of multiple, high value, transactions

Received the "Coach of the Month" award for the successful; transfer, implementation, and training of AP processes that resulted in immediate cost savings

Awarded "Six Sigma Green Belt" certification

Skills

Project Management	Public Relation	ons Research	Deltek	Process	Improvement
Policy Executive M	lanagement	Economic Develor	oment C	ontract Ma	nagement

Education

University of Phoenix

B.S., Accounting 2000 – 2002



Arizona State University

B.S., Tourism Services 1996 – 1999



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