



OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Office of the Public Auditor proposes to adopt Rules of Procedure for Procurement Appeals. Procurement Appeals became a mandate of the Office of the Public Auditor by P.L. 28-68. The proposed Rules of Procedure are mandated by 5 GCA §5701 and are necessary for the smooth, efficient, and fair implementation of procurement appeals.

The appeals process will consist of filings by the parties, a hearing by the Public Auditor, and a decision. There will be administrative costs to OPA of processing, recording, transcribing, copying, and personnel, including a licensed attorney to serve as Hearings Officer. Costs to the appellants and government of Guam agencies include document and magnetic media, copying fees, and the optional expense of counsel to represent them if not represented by the AG's office. The costs and risks to the general public do not exceed the existing costs and risks of appealing to the Superior Court of Guam in procurement matters, and there is the potential that these costs would be reduced. There are no agency filing or hearing fees proposed at this time.

The Office of the Public Auditor determines that the economic impact to the general public of the promulgation of these Rules of Procedure will not exceed \$500,000. Pursuant to 5 GCA §9301(i) exemption, an economic impact statement is not submitted.

Submitted this 16th day of May, 2006.

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