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To: Guam Non-Profit Organizations

Re: FY 2025 Budget

Hafa Adai,

Payu-Ta, Inc. is a private non-profit organization and is the umbrella association of the non-profit organizations in Guam. Payu-Ta also represents Guam and is a member, along with 18 other island states, of the Pacific Island Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO). Payu-Ta received a grant from PIANGO to help increase citizen's participation in Guam's budgeting process as part of a public finance initiative.

With respect to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17 to enhance participation of Public Private Partnerships between the Government, the Private Sector and Non-profit /Civil Society Organizations, Payu-Ta is focused on strengthening and unifying its position regarding policy decisions affecting the community. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Government is our Governor of Guam, and the CEOs for the for-profit sector are CEOs of companies. For the non-profit sector, Payu-Ta is the process of organizing the non-profit sector, so that non-profits are well represented and have a seat at the table when it comes to policy decision-making processes. Under the chapeau of Public Finance Management, Payu-Ta's support a vision that helps coordinate a perspective from the community....our vision of a "CEO" from a non-profit organization's perspective is Citizen Empowerment as Owners, since citizens pays taxes to fund the government and citizens are, in fact, Guam's employers, as we pay the civil servant salaries to include our elected officials.

With the overview, we are in the process of issuing a survey to Guam's citizens to seek their input to the FY 2025 Government of Guam budget, and we have contracted Adztech Advertising & Public Relations to issue, consolidate and summarize the survey responses, with the aim to submit a report to the Guam Legislature. We would appreciate your support to help spread the survey within your consumers, board members, staff and their families so that we can maximize the citizens' input to the legislature.

It is our hope that you will find this process helpful in demonstrating the value of the non-profit sector input, as well as in creating the foundation for future non-profit collaboration to solidify our voice at the table in-line with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 17. If you have any questions, please contact me at eddy.reyes@ftfcinc.com or on 671-777-1144.

Thank you for your kind indulgence.

Very Respectfully,

Eddy J. Reyes
Chairperson

Age:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and above

1. Do you know how your tax dollars are being spent?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Do not care

2. Where do you want your tax dollars being spent? (Select three items)

- Education
- Healthcare
- Infrastructure (power, water, sewer improvements, facility improvements, etc.)
- Public Safety (crime and illegal drug prevention, more police officers, etc.)
- Social Services (childcare, substance abuse treatment, housing vouchers, etc.)
- Economic Development (development of new industries, more jobs, agriculture investments, etc.)
- Environmental Protection (protecting water resources, waste alternatives, etc)
- Other: _____

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with how the government is spending your tax dollars?

- 1 (Very Dissatisfied)
- 2 (Dissatisfied)
- 3 (Neutral)
- 4 (Satisfied)
- 5 (Very Satisfied)

4. Do you want more say on how your tax dollars are being spent by the Government?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

5. The budget proposal is available on-line at www.ofbg Guam.org/ . Do you believe the budget document is too difficult for you to understand and would you like a more simplified version of how your money is being spent?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

6. **Would you like to have more advanced and simplified information on future budget proposals and be able to provide comments on how you would want your tax dollars to be spent?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
7. **How would you like the government elected officials to inform you and collect information from you on future budgets and how you want your tax dollars to be spent? (Select all that apply)**
- Public Town Hall Meetings
 - Online Surveys and Polls
 - Social Media Platforms
 - Direct Emails or Letters to Officials
 - Participation in Community Groups
 - Other: _____