

## **Executive Order No. 333**

### ***To Rescind Executive Order No. 277 and organize the Office of Budget and Grant Oversight***

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 9, there was established within the Office of the President the position of Federal Programs Coordinator (subsequently amended pursuant to Executive Order No. 116 as the Grants Coordinator), whose responsibility is to oversee the implementation of all grants or grant funding to the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 203, there is organized within the Ministry of Finance a Bureau of Budget and Planning headed by a Director whose responsibilities include—

- (a) monitoring and conducting funds availability analysis in order to certify the availability of funds for expenditure in accordance with 40 PNC § 401;
- (b) reviewing governmental and sectoral strategic plans to ensure they are consistent with the national master plan;
- (c) providing an aid coordination and management framework that ensures a coordinated and cohesive process in which overseas development assistance is pursued and utilized effectively to finance operational and capital requirements in line with developmental plans and strategies, and serve as the Secretariat to national level committees relating to economic development planning and financing;
- (d) establishing, developing and maintaining a general data dissemination system that provides reliable economic and socio-demographic statistics to support developmental planning and formulation of appropriate economic and fiscal policies; and

**WHEREAS**, there is established within the Bureau of Budget and Planning an Office of Planning and Statistics, the functions of which include—

- (a) reviewing and evaluating, in conjunction with the [Grants Coordinator], the ongoing and proposed utilization of U.S. federal programs with regard to their socio-economic effects and to submit relevant reports and recommendations to the National Planning Committee;
- (b) participating in close cooperation with the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, in the negotiation of foreign financial and technical assistance and to coordinate and monitor such assistance;

- (c) to provide technical assistance and support to National and State Government agencies as well as non-governmental institutions in the identification, formulation, evaluation as well as implementation, monitoring of development projects and to conduct project, program and policy planning in regard to Conventional and alternate energy; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 277, there was established within the Office of the President an Office of Budget and Grant Oversight headed by a Special Assistant to the President that advised on the development of the national budget, provide program and budget oversight, and serve as a grant clearance coordinator for the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Directive No. 10-003, issued accompanying directions for compliance with Executive Order No. 277; and

**WHEREAS**, the President has determined that all the functions of the Office of Budget and Grant Oversight are duplicated by several other agencies within the Executive Branch, thereby creating an unnecessary expense and level of bureaucracy; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in the President pursuant 2 PNC §§ 109 and 110 and the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that:

- (a) Executive Order No. 277 and the accompanying Administrative Directive No. 10-003, which issued directions for compliance with Executive Order No. 277, are hereby rescinded in their entirety;
- (b) All grant applications, including online applications, before submission to the grantor and prior to receiving the approval of the President, shall be reviewed by both the Grant Coordinator and the Director of the Bureau of Budget and Planning, who shall both certify in writing that—
  - (1) the goals, objectives, performance measures, timetables, designations of responsibility for implementation of a grant, the evaluation mechanisms, and reporting mechanisms are clearly stated in the application;
  - (2) any burdens that the grant imposes upon the Republic are justified by the benefits of the grant by utilizing a rigorous cost benefit analysis;
  - (3) a grant does not duplicate requests for assistance from other donors or from the same donor to other projects within the Republic of Palau;
  - (4) a grant is in line with Republic of Palau's national priorities; and
  - (5) any matching requirements are in line with the National Budget, including ensuring that funding priorities and spending plans and will not over-obligate the National Treasury;

- (c) As a part of its duties under subsection (b) the Office of the Grant Coordinator shall work with the Office of Budget and Planning to implement the following:
- (1) The development of a coordinated mechanism for grant submission in the Republic of Palau, including all U.S. federal programs and all assistance from other donor countries, international agencies, non-government organizations, and all applications or requests for an extension or renewal of existing grant or grant funding.
  - (2) Maintain a database of information about all existing grants in the Republic of Palau, identifying donors, recipients, purposes, amounts, grant periods, matching sources, key personnel, and reporting requirements.
  - (3) Monitor the implementation of all grant programs in the Republic of Palau in order to ensure that grant recipients are in compliance with reporting requirements and monitor the accomplishment of the objectives of the grant.
  - (4) Consult and interact with other appropriate international and non-profit agencies, governments, semi-government, and non-government organizations to identify all of the grants available to the Republic of Palau from various donor countries and organizations and disseminate such grant information to interested potential applicants.
  - (5) Work together with the Office of Planning and Statistics, the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS), the OERC, the Bureau of International Trade and Technical Assistance, and other entities offering technical assistance, to advise both National and State Government Agencies in identifying, formulating, and submitting grant applications.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this May 13, 2013 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President  
Republic of Palau