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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached amended Procurement Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC §9104(a). The regulations will become effective ten (10) days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC §9105(b)).

AUTHORITY: The proposed Procurement Regulations are promulgated under the authority of 1 CMC § 2303(d) which provides the Public Auditor authority to promulgate procurement regulations and administer the procurement function of OPA.

TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The proposed Procurement Regulations are set forth to provide the regulations and procurement of goods and services by OPA.

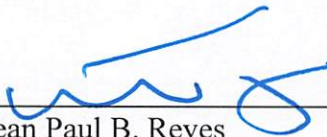
THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: The proposed Procurement Regulations set forth the procedural guidelines for OPA procurement of goods and services.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These proposed Procurement Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed adoption of the OPA Procurement Regulations to Dora I. Deleon Guerrero, Temporary Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, at P.O. Box 501399 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, or email to mail@opacnmi.com. Comments, data, views, or arguments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

Submitted by: 
Dora I. Deleon Guerrero, CPA
Temporary Public Auditor

8/4/2026
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Jean Paul B. Reyes
Special Assistant for Administration

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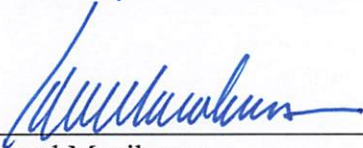
Esther R.M. San Nicolas
Commonwealth Registrar

8.11.2026

Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval), the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published (1 CMC § 2153(f)(publication of rules and regulations).

Dated the 10, day of August 2026.



Edward Manibusan
Attorney General

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§ 130-30-220 Small Purchases

(a) Any procurement not exceeding the amounts established herein may be made in accordance with small purchase procedures, established in this section. However, procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase.

(b) Bidding is not required for purchases under \$10,000. ~~Purchases that use Government-sourced funds (local funds) or any combination of both local and federal funds may be made according to the small purchase procedures of this subsection:~~

(1) For purchases that do not exceed \$ 10,000.00 at least one price quote shall be obtained. However, where practicable, the Procurement Officer shall seek to obtain more than one price quote.

(2) A blanket purchase order may be used to make purchases without securing a price quote when the purchases do not exceed \$1,000.00. The goods or services that may be purchased under a blanket purchase order must be defined (i.e. office supplies) and shall not be used for equipment. The Procurement Officer shall promptly submit to the Public Auditor copies of receipts for all purchases made under a blanket-purchase order. The Public Auditor may instruct the Procurement Officer to explain the need for the goods or services and how the prices paid were reasonable.

(3) For purchases that exceed \$10,000.00, but which are less than or equal to \$50,000.00, a minimum of three vendors shall be solicited to submit written or electronic quotations. The quotations shall be recorded and placed in the procurement file. If fewer than three vendors submit quotations, the Procurement Officer shall certify, in writing, to the Public Auditor that fewer than three vendors responded and shall provide written proof of the request. If fewer than three of the solicited vendors submit quotes, the Public Auditor may either approve the request or direct the Procurement Officer to solicit additional quotes.

(4) The Procurement Officer shall limit to \$50,000.00 per fiscal year the total amount of purchase orders made in accordance with the small purchase procedures of this subsection (a) that the Procurement Officer issues to any single non-governmental vendor, unless the Public Auditor approves, in writing, of the proposed expenditures that would exceed the limit.

(c) ~~Purchases that use only federal funds may be made according to the small purchase procedures of this subsection:~~

~~(1) For purchases that do not exceed \$10,000.00, at least one price quote shall be obtained. However, the Public Auditor may require the Procurement Officer to obtain more than one price quote.~~

~~(2) For purchases that exceed \$10,000.00, but which are less than or equal to \$250,000.00, a minimum of three vendors shall be solicited to submit written or electronic quotations. The quotations shall be recorded and placed in the procurement file. If fewer than three vendors submit quotations the Procurement Officer shall certify, in writing, to the Public Auditor that fewer than three vendors responded and shall provide written proof of the request. If fewer than three of the solicited vendors submit quotes, the Public Auditor may either approve the quote, instruct the Procurement Officer to solicit additional quotes, or require that the purchase be procured pursuant to § 130-30-205 or other applicable provisions of the regulations in Chapter 130-30.~~

~~(d)~~(c) Any lease or purchase of vehicles shall be procured pursuant to § 130-30-315. Any lease or purchase of machinery and equipment in excess of the amounts allowed in this section shall be procured pursuant to § 130-30-205 or other applicable provisions of the regulations in Chapter 130-30.



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NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU NI MAN MAPROPONI PARA U MA ADAPTA I REGULASION PROCUREMENT SIHA PARA I UFISINAN I PUBLIC AUDITOR

MA INTENSIONA NA AKSION PARA U MA ADAPTA ESTE I MAN MAPROPONI NA REGULASION SIHA: I Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas, Ofisinan i Public Auditor (OPA), ma intensiona para ma adapta komu petmaniente i regulasion siha ni mañechetton i man maproponi na Regulasion Procurement siha, sigun gi Akton Administrative Procedure 1 CMC § 9104(a). I Regulasion siha para u ifektibu dies (10) dihas despues i adaptasion yan publikasion gi halom i Rehistran Commonwealth.

ATURIDAT: I man maproponi na Regulasion Procurement ma diklára gue pápa' i aturidat i 1 CMC §2303 (d) ni mapribeniyi aturidat i Public Auditor para u ma diklára regulasion procurement siha yan ma dirihi i fonsion procurement i OPA.

I TEMA YAN SUSTANSIAN I PALABRA SIHA: I man maproponi na Regulasion i Procurement ma pega mo'na para u mapribeniyi fuetsao na regulasion yan procedures gi kosas yan setbisio i procurement siha guinen OPA.

SUHETU NI MASUMARIA YAN ASUNTU NI TINEKKA: I man maproponi na Regulasion Procurement siha ma pega mo'na i procedural guidelines para i procurement OPA gi kosas yan setbisio siha.

DIREKSION PARA U MA PO'LU YAN PARA PUBLIKASION: Esti i man maproponi na Regulasion siha debi na u mapublikia gi halom i Rehistran Commonwealth gi seksiona ni man maproponi yan ñuebu na ma adapta na regulasion siha, 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1), yan u ma pega gi kumbinienti na lugát siha gi halom i civic center yan i ufisinan gubietnamentu siha gi kada distritun senadot, parehu Englis yan prinsipat na lingguáhin natibu. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

PARA U MAPRIBENIYI UPIÑON SIHA: I man intirisao na petsona siha siña manahalom upiñon siha ni man maproponi na adaptasion i Regulasion Procurement OPA guatu gi as Dora I. Deleon Guerrero, Temporary Public Auditor, gi P.O. Box 501399 CK. Saipan, MP 96950, pat email address mail@opacnmi.com. Upiñon, data, views, pat agumentu siha debi di u manahalom trenta (30) dihas guinen i fetcha ni mapublikia i nutisia (1 CMC §9104 (a)(2)).

Nina'hålom as: _____
Dora I. Deleon Guerrero, CPA
Temporary Public Auditor

8/4/2026
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Rinsibi as: _____
Jean Paul B. Reyes
Special Assistant for Administration

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Pine'lu yan
Ninota as:



Esther R.M. San Nicolas
Commonwealth Registrar

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Sigun i 1 CMC § 2153(e) (I Abugâdu Hinerâl ma aprueba i regulasion siha na para u macho'gui kumu fotma) yan i 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (hentan inaprueban Abugâdu Hinerât) i man maproponi na regulasion siha ni mañechettun guini ni man ma ribisa yan man ma aprueba kumu fotma yan sufisienti ligât guinen i CNMI Abugâdu Hinerât yan debi na u mapupblika, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (pupublikasion areklamenlu yan regulasion siha).

Mafetcha guini gi diha 10, gi August 2026



Edward Manibusan
Abugâdu Hinerâl



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MILLE EBWE FÉRI REEL ADÓPTÁL REGULATION: Llól Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) e aisiisitiw mille esemmwel ebwe liiwel llól permanent regulations e appasch llól Procurement Regulations, sáangi awewe me reel Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC §9104(a). Regulations nge ebwe bweletá llól seigh (10) ráál mwuril yaar adóptáli me atolongol llól Commonwealth Register (1 CMC §91 05(b)).

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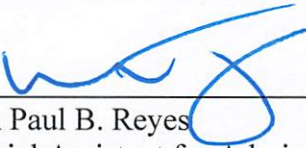
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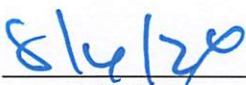
YÓÓMW AIYEGH ME MÁNGÁMÁNG: Schóó kka re intersów rebwe iischilong meeta yáar mángámáng reel adóptál fféer kka OPA Procurement Regulations sáangi Dora I. Deleon Guerrero, Temporary Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor llól P.O. Box 501399 CK. Saipan MP 96950, me ngare email address reel mail@opacnmi.com. Alongal aweewe kkal nge eyoor 30 ráál rebwe atootolong sáangi igha re atowowul notisia yeel ngaliir aramas towlap (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

Proposed regulations kkal nge aa aprebáli sáangi Temporary Public Auditor wóól August 4, 2026.

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Dora I. Deleon Guerrero, CPA
Temporary Public Auditor


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Sáangi ówtol 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG e aprebáli regulations ebwe fééri) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (AG e amweschúl appreba kkaal) reel proposed regulations kka e appasch bwe ra árághil me aweewel me apprebáali e legal me allégh sáangi CNMI Attorney General bwe ebwe atowowul bwe aramas towlap rebwe repiyálil (1 CMC § 2153(f)(publication of rules and regulations).

Ráálil llól August 10, 2026.



Edward Manibusan
Attorney General