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### **AG Response on the Core Tech Lease Agreement**

*December 18, 2013- Tamuning, Guam-* Governor Calvo and his administration are claiming that the delay in completing the legal review of leases and/or purchase agreements involving not one, but three separate adjacent Tiyan lots or properties is due in part to Attorney General Rapadas and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) involving themselves in matters of policy or business decision-making. That claim is untrue. Nonetheless, we continue to work closely with the administration of Governor Calvo and the relevant agencies and personnel.

The OAG reviews property leases, contracts, licenses, and purchases for form and legality which also includes review for liability and statutory compliance issues. For example, there may be environmental concerns or other legal-related issues subsequently raised by certain agencies or by the review of related documents provided to us thus far. As we have previously stated, the lease and/or purchase of these properties between Core Tech and the Government of Guam that also affect third parties like the Guahan Academy, DOE's central offices, or the placement of another school must be done diligently, especially when the same agencies or their personnel bring certain facts to our attention.

The Office of the Attorney General is awaiting responses, including the expeditious transmittal of certain documents from the relevant agencies that are necessary in order for us to complete our review and approval of the agreements. We are unable to discuss these matters because they are confidential and involve attorney-client communication that only the administration or its agencies can waive.

Attorney General Rapadas has directed his staff to first prioritize the completion of the review and approval of the lease of the property currently housing the Guahan Academy Charter School.

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