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OAG Governmental Procurement Workshop Deemed a Success

Hagatna, Guam- The Office of the Attorney General held a governmental procurement workshop this past Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at the Guam Economic Development Authority conference room.

The workshop, titled *Acquisition of Professional Services: Developing a Request for Proposal and Conducting a Procurement*, provided government agencies a better understanding of acquiring professional services through request for proposals (RFP) and the personal liability incurred if the RFP's are handled incorrectly.

Directors and staff members from the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Department of Youth Affairs and the Governor's Office attended the first workshop.

"We feel that this was a successful workshop because those who were in attendance asked a lot of thoughtful questions and gave us great feedback on the evaluation forms," said Assistant Attorney General Deborah Rivera.

According to the anonymous evaluation forms, the presenters were "articulate, versatile and knowledgeable" on the procurement process and "provided clarification on procurement laws, regulations and procedures." Feedback also included interest in workshops beyond RFP's, but still within the scope of procurement.

"What is really great about this is that agencies want to learn more, they want to attend workshops for things like Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Invitation for Bid (IFB)," said Assistant Attorney General John Weisenberger. "We intend on holding workshops for those subject matters later on down the road. For now, we want to educate other agencies on the material included in Workshop No. 101."

"I would like to thank GEDA for allowing us to use their conference room, they really worked with us on this," said Attorney General Rapadas. "We would also like to thank the attendees; they were very attentive and stuck with us during the all-day conference."

Procurement Workshop No. 101 will be held again sometime in April for other government of Guam agencies and their staff. The exact date is dependent on scheduling and availability of a conference room.

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Agencies who are interested in attending Workshop No. 101 or any other successive workshop thereafter are asked to contact: Maria Blas at 475-3324 ext. 140 or at mblas@guamattorneygeneral.com. Inquiries may also be directed to: Carlina Charfauros at 475-3324 ext. 712 or to ccharfauros@guamattorneygeneral.com.

The OAG has recently updated its website to include information, forms and other resources to aid departments in the procurement process. Agencies are encouraged to visit our website at: www.guamattorneygeneral.com .

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