EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2005-26

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING FOCUS GROUPS IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL DATA; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE CULTURE; AND FINANCING AND BUSINESS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority, and the Guam Chamber of Commerce with assistance provided by private sector sponsors, partnered up to host the 2005 Economic Development Conference, the first of its kind in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the conference, “Realigning in a Resurging Economy: Resolve, Recover, Results” was held on March 30-31, 2005 at the Guam Marriot Resort & Spa; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the momentum crystallized at the conference continue through focus groups in areas of Economic and Statistical Data; Workforce Development; Regulatory Environment and Public Service Culture; and Financing and Business Services to ultimately achieve a “business friendly” environment on Guam.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Maga’ lâhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

1. Based on the recommendations of the conference participants to ensure that the momentum at the conference continues, the following focus groups in the areas of Economic and Statistical Data, Workforce Development; Regulatory Environment and Public Service Culture; and Financing and Business Services are established.

2. The four groups to be steered by the private sector shall be supported through active participation, within their legal limits, of key government agencies such as the Department of Labor, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Revenue and Taxation, the Civil Service Commission, the Guam Public School System, the Department of Land Management, the Guam Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, the Department of Administration, and the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority.

3. These focus groups shall continue to work on the four major issues discussed in the conference break-out sessions.

4. The objective of the focus groups is to formulate action plans in the above-described four priority areas that are broad-based, participatory, transparent, comprehensive, sustainable and effective and then implement these action plans through necessary means, including legislation, if required, that will ultimately result in the creation of a true “business friendly” environment in Guam.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at the Capital City of Hagåtña, Guam this 28th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Five.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga’ lâhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam