EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2008-09

RELATIVE TO RESTRUCTURING THE CIVILIAN/MILITARY TASK FORCE TO MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GUAM COMMUNITY RESULTING FROM THE INCREASED MILITARY PRESENCE

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2007, the Department of Defense announced its plans to relocate portions of the II Marine Expeditionary Force from Okinawa, Japan to Guam, and subsequently has announced additional military force buildup plans for the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2006, Governor Felix P. Camacho signed into effect Executive Order 2006-10 establishing the Civilian/Military Task Force (CMTF) to ensure local participation in the military’s planned expansion on Guam; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the CMTF, while additional information has been released relative to the United States military’s plans for the Guam expansion, much of the information remains “notional” and “pre-decisional;” and

WHEREAS, at the direction of Governor Camacho, the CMTF has developed needs assessments for the government and the island of Guam quantifying the impact of the military’s planned expansion on our entire island community based on the limited information provided; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to augment the Civilian/Military Task Force’s effectiveness and responsiveness to the evolving military plans and their impact on the entire Guam community, revisions to the original Executive Order 2006-10 are necessary; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the original Executive Order 2006-10 include a restructuring of the CMTF organization to ensure that the entire Guam community, civilian and military, can reap the maximum benefits of the Guam buildup, which encompasses both the military expansion and the economic growth on Guam;

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

1. The restructuring of the Civilian/Military Task Force, as created by Executive Order 2006-10, to more effectively advocate for the interests of all the people of Guam.

2. The CMTF membership shall remain as designated in Executive Order 2006-10, however, the organizational structure will be augmented as follows:

   a. A CMTF Executive Committee shall be created to ensure that the policy direction provided by the Governor are carried out and that the work conducted in support of the CMTF is consistent with that policy direction.
3. There is hereby established a Guam Buildup Office, within the Office of the Governor of Guam:

   a. The Guam Buildup Office (GBO) is established within the Office of the Governor in line with a request by the United States Department of Defense to establish a Guam single point of contact for the military expansion and Governor’s letter to JGPO dated January 22, 2008, a copy attached for easy reference. The GBO should be viewed as Guam’s local counterpart to the Joint Guam Program Office (JGPO). All JGPO interaction with the government of Guam shall originate from the GBO, subject to the policy guidance of the Office of the Governor;

   b. The GBO is also tasked with monitoring all federal and international activities relative to the military expansion and providing all relevant information to the Executive Committee;

   c. The GBO will be the initial contact point for public information, official requests and any other inquiries regarding the buildup;

   d. The GBO will serve as program oversight office for the Guam Buildup planning and implementation;

   e. The GBO may manage all operational and administrative support functions for CMTF relative to the Buildup as necessary;

   f. The GBO will serve as the central clearinghouse for all communications and policy directives relative to the Buildup, providing policy synchronization, oversight, and integration planning for the Guam Buildup subject to the supervision of the Governor; and

   g. The GBO shall monitor all policies, plans and activities relative to the Buildup from the U.S. federal govt., U.S. Congress, DOD, local government, Legislature, or any other organization and provide regular reports to the Governor, the Chairman of the CMTF and the Executive Committee regarding all relevant developments relative to the Guam Buildup.

4. The functions of the CMTF include but are not limited to:

   a. Develop an integrated Guam Buildup Master Plan to implement all necessary improvements and expansions to accommodate the needs of the entire Guam community, both civilian and military, and to maximize opportunities resulting from this expansion for the benefit of all the people of Guam;

   b. The Guam Buildup Master Plan should include advice and recommendations in the following areas:

      i. Public and private support for expansion;
      ii. Maximizing positive effects and mitigating potentially adverse effects;
      iii. Infrastructure requirements;
      iv. Land and other natural resources requirements;
      v. Identify Guam’s total buildup needs and to serve as the focal point for all discussions with federal and military officials regarding Guam’s need for funding support to accommodate those needs;
      vi. Apply for federal grants-in-aid or any other federal or other funding source to implement the functions mandated by this Executive Order;
      vii. Explore all opportunities for outsourcing government of Guam buildup requirements in those areas where surge-capacity requirements will exceed future sustained demand from the government of Guam for our island community;
      viii. Improve civilian-military/federal relations.
5. The CMTF membership may be divided into subcommittees it deems necessary in order to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 27th day of May, 2008.

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

COUNTERSIGNED:

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Segunda Maga’ Låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam
Dear General Bice:

Hafa Adai! Thank you for your commitment to a mutually-beneficial buildup in Guam. I appreciate your continuous recognition of the integral role the government of Guam has in this process. Rest assured, the Civilian/Military Task Force and all officers within my Administration stand ready with your office to face challenges and accomplish joint objectives.

I am designating my Chief of Staff, J. George Bamba, as the single point of contact. He will provide a single, coordinated government of Guam position on all issues during this period. Mr. Bamba will work closely with your office, the five working groups, government of Guam offices and island stakeholders to move this process forward efficiently and to quantify the federal commitment.

This is an exciting process we are entering. I am grateful for your support and understanding of the challenges and issues the people of Guam face. My Administration is preparing at an accelerated rate in unison with federal efforts. Mr. Bamba will coordinate and channel my Administration’s positions as this process moves forward.

You may reach Mr. Bamba at (671) 475-9371, via facsimile at (671) 472-7549 or via email at cos@mail.gov.gu.

Thank you, once again, for your hard efforts. I look forward to your next visit to our island.

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Governor of Guam