EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-38

RELATIVE TO ENSURING THAT CONSISTENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT PRACTICES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ARE COORDINATED BY THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (BIT).

WHEREAS, Stage One of the Information Technology (IT) component of the Financial Management Modernization Project (FMMP) was successfully completed on September 10, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Bureau of Information Technology (BIT) under the Guam Finance Commission (GFC) by Executive Order 96-13 is intended to ensure that IT decisions are made consistently and in the best interests of the entire government, and not for the BIT to act as an obstacle to the computer-related modernization efforts of any agency of the government; and

WHEREAS, it was revealed that a major migration and computer upgrade project was underway at the Department of Administration (DOA); and

WHEREAS, a recommendation that the computer migration project being undertaken for DOA be combined with an overall enhancement of this system, consistent with the IT Plan and the Financial Information System (FIS) Requirements Analysis components of the FMMP, under the overall project management of Barents Group, was approved by the GFC; and

WHEREAS, the intentions of agencies of the government in seeking to move to a more cost-effective computer platforms are understandable, the manner in which these projects are implemented must be consistent across the government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby order:

1) That the BIT, through the GFC, will be the lead agency for the implementation of the (government-wide) IT Plan, and that all actions taken by government line and autonomous agencies shall be consistent with this Plan.
2) That the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the BIT, through the Executive Director of the GFC, shall have the authority to perform all such acts to ensure that this policy direction is implemented, subject to the ratification of the Commission.

3) That no purchase orders shall be used for substantive IT development work, and that all purchase orders and contracts for IT procurement shall be coordinated by, and have the prior approval, of the BIT.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 2nd day of December, 1996.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam