EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-003

RELATIVE TO CREATING A GUAM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Guam and the Micronesian Region face challenges that are unprecedented in their histories such as the extreme effects of climate change, population growth and migration and biosecurity risks; and

WHEREAS, challenges facing the Western Pacific Region including Guam must be met by an effective program that strengthens research and education and applies such research and education to the challenges of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, there has been heavy interest in educational investments for students from the region and Asia, as reinforced during the Vietnam trade mission and interest expressed by companies in developing agriculture, aquaculture and manufacturing on Guam, all of which would benefit from investments in science, technology, engineering and math; and

WHEREAS, Guam and the surrounding islands are emphasizing the growth of Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in the K-12 grades and the development of technical job and entrepreneurial business training and education opportunities that come from STEM in post-secondary institutions like the community colleges and the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam needs to develop a coordinated plan for STEM that produces employment and business opportunities in technical and science fields; and

WHEREAS, as the only U.S. accredited university in the region, the University of Guam (UOG) possesses the status, credentials and staff to lead a Region-wide needs-based planning effort to address educational and economic opportunities resulting from improvements in science and technology; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam understands the necessity of coordination with regional partners, the military, the private sector and educational leadership in order to develop an informed science and technology policy that will simultaneously increase knowledge and strengthen economic self sufficiency.
NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD J. B. CALVO, I Maga’låhen Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby ORDER as follows:

1. The creation of a Guam Science and Technology Committee, co-chaired by the President of the University of Guam and and a Representative appointed by the Governor from the private sector.

2. The membership of the Guam Science and Technology Committee shall include:
   - The Superintendent or designee, Guam Department of Education
   - The President or designee, Guam Community College
   - The SBPA Dean, University of Guam
   - The General Manager or designee, Guam Power Authority
   - The Administrator, or designee, Guam Economic Development Authority
   - The Director or designee, Department of Labor
   - The Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Information Technology
   - The Executive Director, Center for Micronesian Empowerment
   - Two Additional Representatives from the private sector appointed by the Governor
   - A Representative of the Guam Legislature Appointed by the Speaker
   - A Representative designated by the Commander, Joint Region Marianas.
   - A Representative(s) from the Micronesian Region (including CNMI)??

3. The Guam Science and Technology Committee is charged with the development of the Guam Science and Technology Plan (Plan) by providing a forum for considering options and offering guidance related to the achievement of the science and technology goals. The Plan shall address the full range of options, with a focus on developing Guam’s workforce in STEM related areas. The Plan shall also include recommendations to ensure early implementation of the Plan.

4. The Plan shall be submitted to the Governor of Guam within 120 working days from the effective date of this Executive Order.

5. The Committee will recommend policies for adoption by the Governor of Guam and the Guam Legislature and will also review research plans of the University of Guam.

6. The University of Guam shall provide staff support to the Guam Science and Technology Committee.
7. The University of Guam and the Guam Economic Development Authority shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement that allows GEDA to act as real property development manager for UOG real estate.

8. All Departments, Agencies, Offices, Government Corporations, Boards and Commissions of I Gobietnon Guåhan shall participate in meetings and activities of the Guam Science and Technology Committee as necessary to establish the Plan.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 10th day of May, 2013.

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I Maga’låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

RAYMOND S. TENORIO
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Lieutenant Governor of Guam