

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson
Conchita S.N. Taitano, Vice Chairperson
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Resolution No. 2024-18

RELATIVE TO ADOPTING THE ZERO-EMISSION AND ZERO-WASTE (ZEW) RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY GOALS DEVELOPED BY JACOBS AND WSP USA INC. FOR THE PORT OF GUAM AND INTEGRATING THESE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES INTO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMPONENT OF THE 2023 MASTER PLAN FOR THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO COMMERCIAL PORT:

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam (the Port) is committed to advancing sustainability and resiliency as core pillars of its operations, ensuring long-term environmental stewardship, operational efficiency, and alignment with local, regional, and global sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Port recognizes the importance of adopting innovative strategies to reduce its carbon footprint and achieve zero-emission and zero-waste goals; and

WHEREAS, the Port acknowledges the need for continuous improvement and adaption to address emerging environmental sustainability and resiliency challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Port has been awarded \$2,410,415 through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Ports Program under the Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition, a prestigious and highly competitive grant program funding only 55 projects across 27 states and territories; and

WHEREAS, the EPA grant reflects the collective efforts of the Port Team, with WSP serving as the Port's Owner Agent, Jacobs as its Subcontractor, and the leadership of Vice Chairperson Conchita S.N. Taitano, whose 30-plus years with Guam EPA and public service uniquely position her to advance the Port's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chairperson Taitano's contributions, including her certification through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sustainability Program and her collaboration with First Gentleman Jeff Cook on Guam's Zero Waste Task Force, have been instrumental in shaping the Port's Sustainability and Resiliency Plan and aligning it with Guam's broader environmental initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Port's Strategic Planning Division, led by Chief Planner Joe Javellana III, played a critical role in advancing the ZEW goals by collectively leveraging their expertise and aligning the initiatives with the Port's long-term strategic vision; and

WHEREAS, the Port acknowledges the vision and leadership of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, whose appointment of Vice Chairperson Taitano and steadfast support for sustainability initiatives have laid the foundation for the Port's success in securing this grant; and

WHEREAS, Guam EPA Administrator Michelle Lastimoza and her Team have provided invaluable collaboration and support, reinforcing the shared goal of creating a sustainable and resilient Port for Guam's future; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Ports Program funding will directly support the Port's Net Zero Emissions Strategy Update and Implementation Plan, which aligns with the ZEW Plan and includes the following key objectives:

1. Conducting a mobile emissions inventory to quantify and address emissions sources;
2. Updating the Net Zero Emissions Strategy to reflect current priorities and opportunities;
3. Preparing a workforce development plan to equip the Port's staff for a sustainable future;
4. Developing a resiliency strategy to assess climate risks and vulnerabilities; and
5. Creating an implementation plan to outline actionable steps for decarbonizing and electrifying Port operations; and

WHEREAS, the ZEW Plan and the EPA-funded initiatives are integral to achieving the Port's sustainability goals and improving air quality, climate resilience, and operational efficiency, all of which align with the 2023 Master Plan's sustainability component and the "Look Ahead 2024" framework; and

WHEREAS, the Port's efforts are rooted in collaboration with key stakeholders, including Guam EPA, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP), Guam Power Authority (GPA), Department of Public Works (DPW), private industry, and non-profits, to ensure the successful integration of these initiatives; and



WHEREAS, the Port is dedicated to fostering a culture of environmental responsibility through community engagement, which is a fundamental aspect of the Port's approach, reinforcing a shared vision for a cleaner and more sustainable Guam;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam hereby adopts the zero-emission and zero-waste resiliency and sustainability goals developed by Jacobs and WSP USA Inc., integrates these goals into the sustainability component of the 2023 Master Plan, and incorporates the initiatives funded by the EPA Clean Ports Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is directed to oversee the implementation of the ZEZW Plan and the EPA-funded initiatives, ensuring progress is tracked, reported to the Board, and aligned with emerging technologies, funding opportunities, and best practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors requests the support of the Governor of Guam and the Bureau of Statistics and Plans in incorporating the zero-emission and zero-waste (ZEZW) resiliency and sustainability goals developed by Jacobs and WSP USA Inc. into the 2023 Master Plan prior to its official transmittal to the Guam Legislature for review and approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson certify to, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof; and that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Guam, the Speaker of the Guam Legislature, the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, and other relevant stakeholders.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS THIS 27th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

**DOROTHY P. HARRIS
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM**

**FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES
BOARD SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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