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DPW Provides Update on the Construction of the New Simon Sanchez High School-

Hagåtña, Guam – November 6, 2026 — The Department of Public Works (DPW) is providing the public with an update on the status of procurement activities for the Simon Sanchez High School project, including the demolition of the existing campus and the procurement of a new school facility.

After the termination of the last RFP, DPW implemented a two-track procurement strategy that separates demolition of the existing campus from the Public-Private Partnership (P3) procurement for the construction of a new school. This approach was designed to allow demolition activities to advance independently while the more complex construction procurement proceeds through required legal, financial, and administrative review processes.

Demolition Procurement Awaiting Final Authorization

DPW has completed the actions necessary to advance the demolition Invitation for Bid (IFB), including review and clearance of the IFB by the Office of the Attorney General. The demolition plans and specifications, prepared by the Guam Department of Education's (GDOE) architect, TRMA, are awaiting GDOE's authorization for TRMA to complete the remaining services and release the documents for publication of the IFB.

On October 9, DPW leadership met with GDOE leadership and TRMA to review the remaining steps required to proceed with the procurement. The final action needed is authorization from GDOE for its architect to complete the remaining professional services necessary for bid release.

Once that authorization is provided and the remaining work is completed, DPW is prepared to immediately advertise and administer the demolition IFB.

"We have completed the steps within DPW's responsibility to position the demolition procurement for release," said DPW Director Vince Arriola. "We appreciate the coordination among all parties involved and look forward to moving the procurement forward once the remaining authorization is provided."

New School Construction Procurement

Separately, DPW has completed preparation of the P3 Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction and leaseback of the new Simon Sanchez High School. The procurement package has undergone internal review and will require final review by the Office of the Attorney General before issuance.

DPW intends to provide the completed procurement package to the incoming administration for consideration and implementation, including completion of the remaining review requirements and subsequent procurement activities.

Pursuant to the Ma Kåhat Act, the proposal evaluation process requires participation by designated representatives from multiple government agencies including appointed agency heads. As those positions are subject to change during the upcoming transition, DPW believes it is important to ensure continuity and coordination as responsibility for the procurement moves forward.

Commitment to Project Continuity

DPW remains committed to supporting a smooth transition and providing the information, documentation, and technical assistance necessary to help advance the Simon Sanchez High School project.

The department will continue coordinating with GDOE, the Office of the Attorney General, and other stakeholders to advance the demolition procurement and ensure the construction procurement is positioned for continued progress.

DPW will provide additional public updates as significant project and procurement milestones are reached.

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