Notice

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of Procurement by A.S.C.A. §§ 12.0208(b) and 12.0214, the Office of Procurement hereby promulgates Rule # 2022-0003 in order to increase the threshold for small purchases. Interested persons who wish to submit comments or request a hearing on this matter may submit comments in person to Elizabeth Puni at the Office of Procurement located in Tafuna or by mail to Office of Procurement, American Samoa Government, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799.

Rule # 2022-0003

The Office of Procurement amends A.S.A.C. §10.0214 as follows:

"10.0214 Duties of the Attorney General.

- (a) The Attorney General, or such officer as the Attorney General may designate, shall serve as legal counsel and provide legal services to the chief procurement officer.
- (b) The Attorney General shall approve all government contracts for construction, leases of real property, other goods and services exceeding \$10,000\$25,000, as to legal sufficiency prior to execution, regardless of the authority for execution and administration."

The Office of Procurement amends A.S.A.C. §10.0231(c) as follows:

- "(c) Simplified Purchases
- Small Purchases. Any procurement not exceeding \$10,000 with a dollar value of \$10,000.01 to \$25,000 including purchases made using imprest funds shall be competed by soliciting three (3) quotes which may be done by the requesting department, the Office of Procurement, or joint effort between the two made using simplified small purchase procedures promulgated by the chief procurement officer.
- (2) Micropurchases. One quote only is required for any procurement for \$10,000 or less, but and Departments shall rotate vendors.
- (3) Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a <u>simplified</u> small purchase under this subsection and circumvent other source selection rules required under this section."

Approved,

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Chief Procurement Officer

Office of Procurement