



PRESS RELEASE
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**GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION (GEC) SATISFIES CONDITIONS SET BY
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE (ES&S) REGARDING PRIOR YEARS'
OBLIGATION, AND RECEIVES LETTER OF COMMITMENT.**

As a result of the GEC's Prior Years' Obligations with ES&S in the amount of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$141,000.00), ES&S placed certain conditions on the GEC to resolve all outstanding invoices in order to receive support for the upcoming 2010 Primary and General Elections.

GEC Executive Director John Blas said "in working towards resolving the issue of prior years' obligation with ES&S, the GEC met with then Acting Governor Michael W. Cruz and members of the Legislature to discuss the possibilities of resolving the GEC's outstanding invoices".

Blas said, "the meeting with Speaker Won Pat resulted in the introduction of Bill No. 430-30 (COR) appropriating the funds necessary to pay for the prior years' obligation of the GEC".

"On June 25, 2010, I sent the GEC's letter of commitment and a copy of Bill No. 430-30 to Mr. Adam Carbullido, ES&S Customer Service Director expressing that the GEC commits to remit payment for 2008-09 outstanding invoices for ES&S services, hardware and software licensing fees and support, in the full amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$140,191.43), which shall be paid on or before October 31, 2010, and that the GEC shall remit payment for support and services rendered for the 2010 Guam Primary Election on or before September 30, 2010", Blas continued.

"On June 6, 2010, the GEC received ES&S' letter indicating that the GEC's letter of commitment meets the spirit and intent of ES&S' request to gain confidence that resolution is in sight regarding these prior year invoices, and in turn, ES&S extends their commitment to the GEC to provide products and support services needed for the upcoming Primary election", Blas said.

Blas continued, "ES&S expressed that it is their intent to continue the long and successful partnership with the GEC by continuing to conduct open, accurate, and reliable elections, and that ES&S looks forward to delivering on their promises and providing the high level of support and expertise that the GEC expects from ES&S."

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