

Resolution No. 19-05

Relative to Authorizing the Chairperson to Establish a Committee to Negotiate and Execute a Public-Private Partnership and Lease for the Guam Aquaculture and Development Center

WHEREAS, the Research Corporation of the University of Guam (RCUOG) was established by Public Law 32-114 as a public corporation; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Guam Aquaculture and Development Training Center (GADTC) located off route 15 was transferred from the Department of Commerce to the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Land Management transferred Lot No. 2517-17, Fadian, Municipality of Mangilao (formerly Municipality of Barrigada) by quitclaim deed (Instrument No. 872209) to UOG on October 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, GADTC is a bio-secure facility that houses the University's basic and applied research in aquaculture. Current products of GADTC include high-health (Specific Pathogen Free) shrimp post-larvae and brood stock, improved strains of tilapia fry and Claris catfish fry; and

WHEREAS, although functional, the facility is in a general state of disrepair and requires an influx of capital to realize its potential; and

WHEREAS, it costs the University approximately \$300,000 per annum, not including faculty salaries, to operate GADTC; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2017, The Board of Regents (BOR) approved Resolution 17-31 Relative to Making a Determination of Need for an Exceptional Term Contract for the Renovation of GADTC. This resolution and its subsequent submission to the legislature comply with Public Law 32-040 Relative to the Duration of Commercial Leases for Public Real Property and Related Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 32-114 authorizes RCUOG to enter into leases on behalf of the University and to coordinate activities for the purpose of relating the University's research work to the economic development of Guam; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2019 RCUOG issued RFP 19-01 seeking proposals for a Public-Private Partnership for the development of the Guam Aquaculture Development and Training Center; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2019 a proposal was reviewed by an ad hoc evaluation committee comprised of five individuals representing the University of Guam, RCUOG, and the Guam Economic Development Authority, which found the proposal to be responsive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, subject to the enactment of Bill 76-35, the RCUOG Board of Directors authorizes the Chairperson to develop and execute a public-private partnership and lease for the GADTC property with the responsive proposer for the purposes of expanding the island's aquaculture industry and to establish a revenue stream for the University based on its research products.

Adopted this 21st Day of June 2019.

Dr. Thomas W. Krise, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Dr. Cheryl Sangueza, Secretary