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Hon. Robert J. Torres Chief Justice Hon. Alberto C. Lamorena, III Presiding Judge

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MEMORANDUM:

To: All Prospective Bidders

From: Administrator of the Courts

Subject: Amendment No. 4 Re: IFB 24-11; 5-Passenger SUV

Below are responses to questions submitted to my office:

1. We were preparing to participate in the subject bid based on the original Amendment 3. However, with the revision reverting the specifications to a 6-cylinder engine, I would like to inquire if you would reconsider accepting an SUV with a 4-cylinder engine, as outlined below.

The next-generation Acadia now features a 2.5-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine, which surpasses the previous 3.6-liter V6 in performance. Horsepower has increased from 310 hp to 328 hp, and torque has improved from 266 lb.-ft. to 326 lb.-ft., making the turbocharged 4-cylinder powertrain both more powerful and more efficient.

It's worth noting that the current bid specifications do not appear to emphasize the end user's need for either space or power, but rather take a firm stance on requiring a V6 based on perceived power benefits. In fact, the 4-cylinder turbo outperforms the V6 in terms of horsepower and torque, while also offering environmental advantages with fewer carbon emissions.

Additionally, this strict V6 requirement may unintentionally limit competition, as it prevents comparable models with 4-cylinder engines from being considered, creating the appearance of an unfair restriction on otherwise suitable options. I kindly ask that you reconsider the 4-cylinder option, given the enhanced performance and environmental benefits, as well as the potential for increased competition in the bidding process.

Response: The specifications for this IFB remains the same.

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Please be reminded that this Amendment shall be acknowledged in your bid. Failure to acknowledge this Amendment No. 4 shall result in disqualification from this IFB.

Should you have any questions please contact the Procurement office at **(671) 300-7994/475-3212/3175** or email at <u>mantonio@guamcourts.gov</u> and <u>kperez@guamcourts.gov</u>.

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