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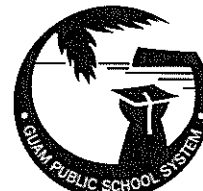
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Progress Report

Grant Title: Territories & Freely Associated States Educational Grant (T&FASEG)

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Grant Award No.: S256A060004

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Administering Division: Curriculum and Instruction

Date of Report: September 30, 2007

Program Number: 21.06.20.XX.XXXX.9602

The activities from the period running July 01, 2007 through September 30, 2007 are summarized below:

GOAL 1: TO IMPROVE LITERACY AMONG THE EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENT POPULATION THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRIANGULATION OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS THAT WILL HELP MAKE BETTER DECISIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM.

- **Objective 1.1: By September 2008, a rigorous, evidence-based process will be in place to determine the effectiveness of the Reading First program for student in lower grade levels.**

- Fourth Quarter Progress:

- No Activity occurred for this objective.

GOAL 2: TO ENHANCE INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF ALL CHILDREN THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTENT AREA SPECIALIZED TEACHER (CAST) PROGRAM THAT WILL CREATE A POOL OF HIGHLY TRAINED TEACHER LEADERS FOR THE TRAINING OF OTHER TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

- **Objective 2.1: 70% of CAST members (24 elementary, middle and high) will pass their PRAXIS II exam.**

- Fourth Quarter Progress:

- The rebid RFP to develop and implement a professional development model and to provide technical assistance for CAST members to take the pre/post PRAXIS II was reviewed by a panel of evaluators on August 21,

2007 and a recommendation to award the successful bidder is in the process was forwarded to GPSS Procurement Office to initiate the award contract.

- The implementation in the recruitment process and meetings with prospective CAST members has taken place in the early Fall of School Year 2007-2008 after no application was received in late spring of School Year 2006-2007.
- The CAST orientation meeting was held for prospective CAST members on August 30, 2007 to address roles, responsibilities and professional development training in SY 2007-2008.
- The pre and post PRAXIS II exam will be scheduled and implemented before and after the professional development courses and trainings as reflected and are part of the re-bid RFP's scope of work.

➤ **Objective 2.2: Training of Trainers: By the end of SY 08-09, at least 45% of all teachers will have participated in a specialized training in either a content area of study or effective teaching strategies conducted by the CAST Trainers.**

○ Fourth Quarter Progress:

- The RFP to develop and implement a professional development model for the CAST Trainers was re-bid after no proposal was received. The re-bid RFP was successful in attracting one proposal for consideration in Aug. 03, 2007
- The technical proposal was reviewed by selected evaluators. The evaluators concluded that the bidder meets all requirements as specified in the RFP and recommends that the cost proposal be reviewed. The cost proposal was reviewed and the reduction in the proposed cost was negotiated and agreed upon on August 21, 2007. The evaluator's recommendation to accept the renegotiated cost proposal is forwarded to the Procurement Office to initiate an award to the successful bidder.

➤ **Objective 2.3 : By the end of SY08-09, the K-12 Content Standards and Performance Indicators in math, language arts, social studies, and science will be revised and meet checklist criteria**

○ Fourth Quarter Progress:

- An RFP was drafted and the scope of services finalized and completed in September 2007, and the RFP is scheduled to be issued for solicitation in October 30, 2007, since this activity is scheduled to be implemented in the second budget year.

GOAL 3: TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES BASED ON THE USE OF VARIOUS EVALUATION TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES THAT IDENTIFY AREAS OF STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES FACING SCHOOL LEADERS.

- **Objective 3.1: By July 2009, 90% of prospective new leaders will have received training.**

- Fourth Quarter Progress:

- Monthly and weekly meetings were held by the Leadership Committee comprised of school administrators and the Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Elementary and Secondary, to develop and plan the leadership academy for school leaders for the Fall of SY 2007-2008.

- **Objective 3.2 : By July 2009, 90% of leaders will have developed and implemented viable action maps and documented changes and/or improvements in leadership practice.**

- Fourth Quarter Progress:

- Monthly and weekly meetings were held by the Leadership Committee comprised of school administrators and the Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Elementary and Secondary, to develop and plan the leadership academy for school leaders for the Fall of SY 2007-2008.

- **Objective 3.3 : By the end of SY 08-09, 90% of school leaders will employ a standards based format process for evaluation.**

- Fourth Quarter Progress:

- No Activity occurred for this objective.