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**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT**  
***I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***

This Independent Contractor Agreement (“Agreement”), effective **February 27, 2026**, is entered into by and between ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan***, whose mailing address is 163 W. Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, and **FPI Strategies** (“Contractor”), whose mailing address is **406 Joseph Cruz Ave., Agana Heights, Guam 96932** (hereafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”).

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Parties that Contractor provide services to the **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs**, under the direction of Senator **Jesse A. Lujan** (“Member”), and ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** shall pay for said services from the **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs’s** budget;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Parties that Contractor be deemed an independent contractor, *not* an employee and, therefore, *not* entitled to any benefits otherwise available to employees of the government of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Parties that Contractor *not* be entitled to payment for any services rendered until such time as all signatures are affixed to this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree to the terms and conditions as set forth below.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1.0. **Specified Deliverables.** In consideration for the amount and payment terms specified below, Contractor shall provide the following specialized services to the Member:

- (i) Contractor shall develop legislation in written or conceptual development as requested by the Member; and

- (ii) Contractor *shall* provide the Member with data-driven recommendations and consultation on key issues including identifying best practices, evaluating existing programs and formulating policies to address current and emerging challenges; and
- (iii) Contractor *shall* prepare press releases, media responses and other *public* communication materials to ensure consistent and effective dissemination of committee activities to the community; and
- (iv) Contractor *shall* manage social media platforms; and
- (v) Contractor *shall* compile Committee Reports; and
- (vi) Deliverables outlined in Section 1.0 (i) and (vi) of this Agreement may be available to up to four (4) Members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* inclusive of the Member. All provisions governing Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure of and/or relating to this Agreement shall be extended to and binding of the Parties of this Section by virtue of their engagement of any services pertinent to this Section.

2.0. **Payment Terms.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall pay Contractor the total amount of [Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100] (\$37,500.00) for the specialized services identified in Paragraph 1.0 above, in equal monthly installment amounts of [Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100] (\$7,500.00). Payments shall commence on said basis after the effective date of this Agreement. Contractor shall be paid on the first (1st) of every month for the duration of this contract.*

2.1. **Availability of Funds.** This Agreement is expressly subject to the availability of funds of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

3.0. **Contract Period.** This Agreement is effective **February 27, 2026** and *shall* remain in effect through **July 31, 2026**, unless otherwise earlier terminated in accordance with this Agreement.

4.0. **Representations and Warranties.**

4.1. **Capacity.** Contractor represents and warrants that it has the legal capacity to enter into this Agreement.

4.2. **Licensure.** Contractor represents and warrants that it holds and will continuously maintain any and all licenses and permits necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement for the duration of this Agreement, and will comply with all Guam laws pertinent to such licenses and permits.

4.3. **Lobbyist Status.** Contractor represents and warrants that it is not a legislative lobbyist.

4.4. **Contractor's Agents.** Contractor shall be liable for any and all of its agent's acts and omissions under this Agreement.

5.0. **Covenants.**

5.1. **Covenant not to Sue; Conflicts of Interest.** Contractor covenants not to bring, file, or maintain any claim, grievance, suit, or legal action or proceeding of any nature whatsoever where the Committee on Rules, by Rules Resolution, deems its representation to be contrary to the interest of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, or to constitute a conflict of interest in any administrative or judicial proceeding, or in any case or legal matter whatsoever. If the Committee on Rules makes such a determination, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall* transmit a copy of the resolution to Contractor. Unless *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and Contractor otherwise agree to continued representation, Contractor covenants to take necessary steps to withdraw from representation of the adverse interest against *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within fourteen days of receiving a copy of the resolution. Notice of such withdrawal *shall* be given in writing to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Failure to abide by this Paragraph *shall* constitute a breach of the entire Agreement and all rights of Contractor herein are thereafter automatically terminated.

5.2. **Assignment and Delegation.** Unless otherwise agreed to, this Agreement shall not be assignable or delegable. Contractor covenants not to assign any right nor delegate any responsibility under this Agreement without the written consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Violation of this Paragraph *shall* constitute a material breach of this Agreement, which shall terminate this Agreement and any and all rights of Contractor.

5.3. **Indemnification.** In addition to other legal remedies, in the event that an action is filed against *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* because of the acts or omissions of Contractor and its agent(s), Contractor covenants to defend, indemnify and hold harmless *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for any judgment rendered against it that is the result of Contractor and/or its agent(s) acts or omissions.

6.0. **Notices.** Unless otherwise indicated, all notices shall be delivered under this Agreement via U.S. Mail; hand-delivery, with receipt confirmation; or e-mail, with receipt

confirmation, to *each* of the following persons at either of the following addresses:

	<i>I Liheslaturan Guåhan</i>	<b>Contractor</b>
Persons Receiving Notice	Executive Director Member/Committee Chairperson Legislative Counsel	FP1 Strategies
Physical Address	Guam Congress Building 163 W. Santo Papa Hagåtña, GU 96910	406 Joseph Cruz Ave. Agana Heights, Guam 96932
Mailing Address	(Same)	P.O. Box 1855 Hagatña, Guam 96932
E-mail Address	<i>joann.camacho@guamlegislature.gov</i> <i>senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov</i> <i>legislativecounsel@guamlegislature.gov</i>	<i>lakiesha@duck.com</i>

7.0. **Waiver.** No term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement shall be deemed waived unless executed in writing by the waiving party. No payment by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to Contractor *shall* constitute an acknowledgement that services rendered were appropriate. Failure to exercise a right under this Agreement *shall not* be deemed a waiver to exercise that right in the future.

8.0. **Integration.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to matters stated herein. All prior discussions and agreements with respect to these matters, except to the extent stated in this Agreement, shall be of no further force and effect.

9.0. **Amendments.** No amendment to this Agreement, including deletion or additions, may be made except via written addendum signed by the Parties or as otherwise stated herein.

10.0. **Termination.**

10.1. **Mutual Termination Right.** This Agreement may be immediately terminated upon written notice at any time and for any reason by either party. Termination *shall* be effective as of the date specified in the written notice of termination.

10.2. **Automatic Termination.** This Agreement *shall* automatically terminate upon any of the following events: (i) assignment of the Agreement without the prior

written consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; (ii) Contractor's failure to maintain or renew the appropriate licenses required in order to perform this Agreement; (iii) Contractor's failure to pay the applicable federal or local government taxes arising from this Agreement, e.g., Guam gross receipts tax; or (iv) death of Contractor; (v) dissolution or termination of Contractor who is a business partnership, joint venture, corporation, or any other type of business entity.

11.0. **Payment Upon Termination.** Upon termination under any provision of this Agreement—whether automatic or otherwise—Contractor *shall* be entitled to the value of services rendered to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* up to the date of termination, less any and all damages incurred or anticipated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* arising out of or deriving from Contractor's breach or anticipatory breach of this Agreement.

12.0. **Governing Law.** The laws of Guam *shall* govern the construction, interpretation, and resolution of any disputes under this Agreement.

13.0. **Remedies.** In addition to any other remedies available under law, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall* have the right to withhold any amounts that may be due Contractor in order to mitigate any and all damages incurred and anticipated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* arising out of or deriving from Contractor's breach or anticipatory breach of this Agreement.

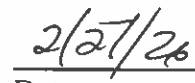
14.0. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of this Agreement *shall* remain in full force and effect.

15.0. **Signatures Required.** This Agreement *shall not* be effective, and Contractor *shall not* be entitled to any monies from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, *nor shall* it be binding upon *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, until such time as all identified signatures are affixed herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement in Hagåtña, Guam on the date set forth below.


CONTRACTOR:

  
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La'Kiesha D. Pereda  
For: FP1 Strategies

  
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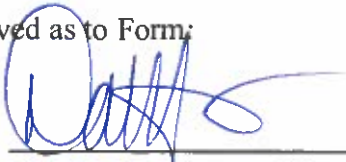
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**I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:**

  
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**Jesse A. Lujan**  
*Authorizing Senator*

2.27.26  
Date

Approved as to Form:

  
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**Darleen Eustaquio Phillips**  
*Legislative Counsel*


3/12/26  
Date

Certification as to Availability of Funds and as to Expenditure of Funds in Accordance with the Budgetary Requirements of the Standing Rules:

  
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**Agnes A. Cruz**  
*Certifying Officer*

3/16/2026  
Date

Executed by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Frank F. Blas, Jr.**  
*Speaker*

3/16/26  
Date

Attested by:

  
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**Sabrina Salas Matanane**  
*Legislative Secretary*

3/16/26  
Date

Countersigned by:

V. Anthony Ada  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Date 3/17/24

FOR USE BY CENTRAL OPERATIONS STAFF OF I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

Allotment Number: 06302-544  
Authorized Amount: \$37,500  
Contract Number: 2638CO020

GUAM LEGISLATURE  
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