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In response to the **THIRD** Core Tech protest filed last Friday afternoon July 15, 2016, in connection with construction of the new **Simon Sanchez High School**, along with rehabilitation of the 35 other public schools. Phil Flores of the Guam Educational Facilities Foundation, Inc. (GEFF) stated, “We are disappointed that CoreTech continues to delay the Simon Sanchez High School project for its own selfish interest and at the expense of Guam’s public school students. This is just another delay tactic by CoreTech intended to put pressure on the Government of Guam to change its mind and award a contract to CoreTech”

Flores went on to say, “The latest protest by Core Tech is unconscionable. Core Tech and its counsel have already been warned once by the government of Guam with regard to their prior meritless protest and potential “ethical breach.” A January 19, 2016 letter from the Department of Public Works to Core Tech President Ho Sang Eun states:

DPW also wants to notify you of its concerns with CTI’s legal counsel having written the Guam legislature while the protest was under consideration. The department considers this to be in blatant disregard of RFP § 3.2 (Single Point of Contact) and clearly intended to improperly influence the Contracting Officer’s decision. This serves to place CTI and its counsel on notice that the next time either one of them improperly contacts a government official during the procurement process that DPW will consider such an ethical breach and take the appropriate action, which depending on the facts may include disqualifying CTI or Cville& Tang’s then client from the procurement under consideration.

The Attorney General’s Office, DOE and DPW handled the entire procurement process carefully and GEFF was the most qualified offeror for the project. The GEFF organization has successfully developed, built, financed, and maintained other schools such as Okkodo High School, Adacao Elementary, Liguana Elementary, and Astumbo Middle School.

Flores continued, “Core Tech lost the Simon Sanchez High School project, and is now abusing the procurement process for its own selfish financial interests, at the expense of the people of Guam, and especially the Simon Sanchez High School community.”

GEFF is ready and able to immediately move forward with providing the Simon Sanchez High School students with a facility which they can be proud of. However, this latest tactic by Core Tech has put an indefinite halt to the project, leaving the Simon Sanchez High School community in a very unfortunate position and delaying the opening of the new school by another year.