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Mr. Chris E. Ostrander  
Principal Investigator  
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Dear Mr. Ostrander:

On behalf of the people of Guam, I support your proposal, "Enhancing and Sustaining the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS)," under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) program. The work PacIOOS proposes will continue to strengthen the partnership between PacIOOS and Guam, to promote a safe, healthy, productive ocean and a resilient coastal zone.

PacIOOS currently provides valuable real-time and forecasted ocean information, and promotes outreach and education by supporting student participation in research and field activities, and by providing material for the development of K-12 curriculum in public school systems in Hawai'i, the U.S. territories, and the U.S.-affiliated nations in the Pacific Islands region. I am pleased to learn about the proposed expansion of the partnership between PacIOOS and the University of Guam Marine Lab to build ocean observing capacity on our island through training, extension, and job creation.

With this in mind, I wholeheartedly support and strongly recommend favorable consideration of this project for sustained and enhanced funding.

*Senseramente,*

**EDDIE B. CALVO**  
Governor of Guam

cc: Mr. Joseph Artero-Cameron, President, Chamorro Affairs