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The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Dear Governor Calvo:

I am pleased to award funding to the Government of Guam through the Office of Insular Affairs' Coral Reef/Natural Resources Program. Funds will be used for the following invasive species control and eradication efforts for the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle and Little Fire Ant:

- \$74,516 for the Department of Agriculture for an outreach program for prevention, control and management of the Little Fire Ant infestation on Guam as detailed in the proposal dated July 3, 2017;

OIA is also awarding funding to the University of Guam for the following projects:

- \$176,553 for the College of Agriculture and Life Science to hire a post-doctoral entomologist for 2 years to work on an existing, funded project to implement effective biological control for the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) which is rapidly killing palm trees in Guam and Palau as detailed in the proposal dated July 5, 2017; and
- \$63,816 for the College of Natural & Applied Sciences to hire a field technician and purchase supplies and equipment to eradicate the little fire ant infestation throughout the island. This project will also enhance ongoing cooperation between the University of Guam, the National Park Service, the Department of Defense and the Government of Guam as detailed in the proposal dated July 3, 2017.

The grant award documents will be sent to your staff by our grant manager. Please contact me or have your staff contact Tanya Joshua at (202) 208-6008 or tanya_joshua@ios.doi.gov, point of contact for the Coral Reef/Natural Resources Program, should you have any questions on concerns regarding these grants.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to implement these grants.

Sincerely,

Nikolao Pula
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Insular Areas

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