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## **DIRECTIVE 2025-003**

**DATE:** August 14, 2025  
**TO:** All Departments and Agencies  
**FROM:** Governor  
**SUBJECT:** Department of Public Works Responsibility for Construction and A&E Tasks

This directive hereby provides clarification to department and agencies on the authority of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") to supervise construction and maintenance for public projects.

Per 1 CMC § 2403, the statutory duties and responsibilities of DPW include to "construct and maintain all public works and roads" and to "construct, maintain, and operate public signs, traffic signals, parking meters, public vessels, public buildings, and public works functions previously performed by chartered municipalities," unless otherwise provided by law.

While the Capital Improvement Program and the Office of Planning and Development also coordinate certain development projects, other entities and instrumentalities, such as the Office of Grants Management, do not bear statutory responsibility for supervision of construction or provision of architectural and engineering ("A&E") services.

Accordingly, all departments and agencies should coordinate construction and A&E services for public building projects with DPW.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DAVID M. APATANG', written over a horizontal line.

**DAVID M. APATANG**  
Governor

Cc: Lieutenant Governor  
Department of Public Works