Initially created under Public Law 12-200, the Bureau of Planning's mission was redefined during 1990 by Public Law 20-147. In 2002 it was once again redefined by Public Law 26-76 and its name was changed to the Bureau of Statistics and Plans.

Public Law 20-147, as amended by Public Law 26-76, stipulates in statute that it is the Bureau of Statistics and Plans' responsibility to undertake any planning activity that is not being carried out or that is not the function of another department. The Bureau has the legislative flexibility to appraise, coordinate, prepare and assist in the development of a wide range of plans, policies and studies that further economic, social, land use, environmental and infrastructure goals, priorities and planning activities. This flexibility is reflected in the Bureau's mission statement. It is further mandated to disseminate and make available economic, social, and physical data and information for researches, policy makers and the public.

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans' mission is to ensure Guam's resources are effectively used for the benefit of present and future generations by ensuring consistency among various plans, policies and programs.

In order to do this, the Bureau is committed to:

- Serve as a catalyst for planned and balanced economic, social, environmental and physical growth;

- Advise the Governor during the formulation of policies and on the interrelationships among laws, plans, policies and programs;

- Provide oversight during the formulation and integration of plans, policies and programs which further social, economic, environmental and physical development goals and priorities;

- Encourage private/public partnerships in the formulation and implementation of plans, policies and programs;

- Ensure the availability of information generated by the Government of Guam for policy

and plan development;

- Provide technical and support to other Government of Guam entities in order that they can meet their missions; and

- Ensure the availability of timely and accurate statistical indices that are required to make sound decisions to improve Guam's economic viability.

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