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Guam OPA Announces Appointment of Accountability Auditor III

Certified Government Financial Manager Joins Ranks of OPA

Hagåtña, Guam – The Office of Public Accountability (OPA) announces the appointment of Joy B. Esperanza as an Accountability Auditor III. Joy proudly returns to the OPA after working over seven years at the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) as an Auditor II, Auditor III, and Auditor IV in the Internal Audit Section. Previously, she served with the OPA for over four years as an Auditor I and Auditor II and handled various government of Guam agency audits.

As an Accountability Auditor III, Joy will be performing complex professional auditing work, including performance, financial, operational, and compliance audits. She will be serving as an auditor-in-charge and provide guidance to the other accountability auditors, as well as assist with our procurement appeals.

Joy is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and has been featured in the *50 Under 40: Emerging Leaders in the Government of Guam* in 2020. Joy has previously served as the Secretary for the AGA Guam Chapter for two terms and currently serves as the By-Laws Committee Co-Director. She earned her bachelors of business administration in accounting (cum laude) from the University of Guam in 2009.

Public Auditor Benjamin Cruz stated, *“We are pleased that Joy has rejoined our team here at the OPA. She brings over 14 years of auditing experience with her prior service at the OPA and GDOE combined. We identified a need for more experienced auditors to lead our audit teams and Joy helps us fill that gap. She also adds additional credibility to the OPA with her CGFM and I know she’ll serve as a mentor to our junior staff. We are excited to have her rejoin our team.”*

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