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### **Guam OPA Awarded Technical Assistance Grant from Department of Interior** *\$76K Grant Awarded for Employee Training and Internship*

Hagåtña, Guam – Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz is pleased to announce the Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA) has been awarded a \$76,000 Technical Assistance Program (TAP) grant by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs. The grant was awarded for OPA’s training and internship programs.

Public Auditor Cruz said, *“Our office is thankful for this federal funding as it allows us to continue to invest in our employees by providing them with top-notch training and internship opportunities. A major component of this grant allows our auditors to train side-by-side with the Department of Interior’s Office of the Inspector General and their team of auditors and investigators. Our partnership with DOI-OIG and this training program date back to 2004 and we have seen the direct impact this partnership has had on our office and our audits. After completing the program, our auditors come out federally-trained, which is a huge plus for the OPA and our island. As an employer, I take training, advancement, professional growth, and development with my employees very seriously. It is imperative we provide our employees with these opportunities to be kept abreast of the changing dynamic and emerging trends in the auditing profession.”*

TAP funding provides for the development in areas such as accountability, financial management, economic development, education, energy, management control initiatives, disaster assistance, natural and culture resources, capacity building, public safety/emergencies, health initiative, and invasive species management.

The OPA appreciates the continued support provided by the Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs.

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