



NEWS RELEASE

The Guam Office of Public Accountability Receives Full Compliance Rating For 2014 Quality Control Review

October 3, 2014. Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks proudly announces that the Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA) received a peer review rating of full compliance for its 2014 peer review, the highest level of compliance given to audit organizations. Mrs. Brooks credits the full compliance to the commitment and professionalism of her hardworking and dedicated staff striving for excellence and accountability in our government. This is the fifth full compliance rating OPA has received since the Public Auditor was elected in 2000, and the second time no management letter was issued.

As required by *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, audit organizations performing audits must undergo an independent external quality control review every three years. As part of OPA's efforts to ensure compliance with GAS, the Public Auditor contracted with the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) to perform the external quality control review, commonly known as the peer review.

The APIPA peer review team consisted of team leader Stoney Taulung, Public Auditor of Kosrae State, Federated States of Micronesia; Alice Etse, Senior Auditor of the Office of the Pohnpei State Auditor, and Charles W. Hester, a former General Accounting Office Regional Director, now United States Graduate School consultant. The team conducted and completed its review in October 2014 of audits issued by the Guam OPA during the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.



Guam Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks and her staff with the Peer Review Team: Charles Hester, Consultant, Stoney Taulung, Public Auditor of Kosrae, and Alice Etse, Senior Auditor of the Office of the Pohnpei State Auditor.

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You can view the peer review reports at the OPA website www.guamopa.org. For more information, contact Joy Bulatao at 475-0390 ext. 208.