



NEWS RELEASE

Subject: 26th Annual Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) Conference

The Guam Office of Public Accountability is pleased and honored to host the 26th Annual APIPA conference on August 3 to 7, 2015. This year's theme is "Achieving Partnerships In Public Accountability." APIPA brings together over 250 auditors and finance officers throughout Micronesia to receive valuable continuing professional education to help improve accountability and transparency and achieve good governance. For the past 26 years, APIPA has offered reliable and professional service to the people of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Yap, the Virgin Islands, and Western Samoa. APIPA is made possible by the on-going and generous support of the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs.

The five-day conference will be held at the Lotte Hotel Guam and Westin Resort Guam. It will host instructors and visiting professionals from the United States and Guam to discuss and offer a wide range of ideas and courses, such as Audit, Government Finance, Grants Management, Leadership, and other courses to help strengthen the needs of professionals to readily support and provide extended services to their organizations.

APIPA is especially pleased to welcome the Honorable David Walker to the 2015 conference. Mr. Walker served as the seventh Comptroller General of the United States from 1998 to 2008, under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He will be delivering the plenary address to APIPA participants entitled, "Economic and Fiscal Realities and the Need for Government Transformation" on Monday, August 3rd at the Lotte Hotel Guam. Mr. Walker will also be speaking to the Rotary Club at the Hyatt Regency Guam on Wednesday, August 5th.



APIPA began in January 1989 through a Memorandum of Understanding by five Pacific island nations audit organizations. It was formed to establish an organized body to promote efficiency and accountability in the use of public resources of emerging nations in the Pacific Region.