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OPA Awarded Technical Assistance Grant from Department of Interior

\$76K Grant Awarded for Employee Training and Internship

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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. The grant was awarded for OPA's training and internship programs.

Public Auditor Cruz said, "Our office is grateful for this federal funding as it allows us to continue to invest in our employees by giving them training and internship opportunities. As an employer, I take training and advancement with my employees very seriously. It is imperative we provide employees with opportunities to be kept abreast of the changing dynamic and emerging trends in the auditing profession. This federal grant gives us the funding capability to allow OPA employees to continue training with the best in the industry."

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.

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