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Dear Doris Flores Brooks:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the Government of Guam, Office of Public Accountability's report, *OPA Report No. 17-09, Department of Public Works Village Streets Management Strategy*, won the 2017 Exemplary Knighton Award in the Extra-Large Shop Category.

ALGA was founded in 1985 to serve auditors who specialize in working with local governments. ALGA members represent approximately 300 local government audit organizations. Unlike the majority of auditors who work within a single industry, local government auditors must work in an environment that encompasses a wide variety of industries. Local government auditors are committed to helping their governments improve service delivery to citizens while doing so more efficiently and effectively with the limited resources available. In making the award, the judges commented:

The Government of Guam's audit received the exemplary award for numerous reasons. The audit team demonstrated innovation through the use of a video to effectively communicate the findings of the audit in addition to the audit report. The audit report was also well organized and the message was evident and clear throughout the report. Audit conclusions were firmly supported by evidence which was gathered using innovative methods such as physical surveying of village streets and benchmarking with best practices. There was excellent use of pictures and graphs to provide sufficient and persuasive evidence to support conclusions and finding. The report scope also had potential for high impact given that a tax increase was helping fund street repairs and construction projects.

To encourage increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors, ALGA created the Knighton Award in 1995 to recognize the best performance audit reports produced by local government audit shops in the previous year. Each year, local government audit organizations submit their best performance audit report to be evaluated against five criteria: (1) an audit scope that has the potential for significant impact, and is responsive to the needs and concerns of decision-makers and/or the public; (2) audit conclusions that are persuasive, logical, and firmly supported by the evidence, which was gathered using appropriate research methods and tools; (3) audit recommendations that are feasible, and will make government programs more effective and efficient; (4) audit results that are communicated in a clear, concise way; and (5) an audit scope, methodology, recommendations, or report format that is innovative. Judges from peer organizations determined that the Government of Guam, Office of Public Accountability's report was among the best of 2017.

Congratulations for receiving this award!

Sincerely,

Tina Adams, President
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