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Full Compliance Rating for Office of Public Accountability's 2017 Peer Review

A peer review team from the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors has determined that the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) fully complied with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks recognizes her staff's hard work and professionalism as a major factor in achieving this rating, the highest possible rating from the peer review team.



Audit organizations are required by Government Auditing Standards to undergo an independent external quality control review every three years, commonly known as a peer review. The team reviewed OPA audits issued from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

The APIPA peer review team was led by Alice Etse, Audit Manager, Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor, who was joined by team members Ayako Yamaguchi-Eliou, Audit Manager, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Office of the Auditor General, and Geraldine Tenorio, Audit Supervisor, CNMI Office of the Public Auditor. The RMI and CNMI audit offices also engaged auditors, David John and Joaquin Borja, to observe and learn the peer review process.



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You can view the peer review reports at the OPA website www.opaguam.org. For more information, contact Yuka Hechanova, Deputy Public Auditor at 475-0390 ext. 210.

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