



# OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

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### **OPA AUDITOR RECEIVES CFE CERTIFICATION**

Hagåtña, Guam – The Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA) is pleased to announce that Accountability Auditor I Thomas Eladio Battung has completed the fraud prevention and deterrence, financial transactions and fraud schemes, investigation, and law examinations administered by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, The ACFE's Certification Committee approved his application earning Mr. Battung his professional designation of Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).



Mr. Battung is an active member of the ACFE. The ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. The CFE professional designation is accepted worldwide as the standard of excellence in the anti-fraud profession. The ACFE requires each member to adhere to the ACFE Code of Ethics and complete a minimum of 20 credit hours of Continuing Professional Education directly related to the fraud and ethics every 12-months to maintain the CFE designation.

Mr. Battung earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at the University of Guam in December 2017. He joined OPA in June 2020 and currently works on performance audits and financial audit reviews, participates in Request for Proposal for audit services with local entities, and oversees legislative mandates. Mr. Battung is the third employee in OPA's history to receive the CFE certification.

He will be joining fellow CFE and Accountability Auditor III Maria Thyrza Bagana in attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACFE Global Fraud Conference on June 19, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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