# GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON THE AUDIT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Felix P. Camacho Governor of Guam:

We have audited the financial statements of the Government of Guam Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) and of those funds related to the Government of Guam Limited Obligation Infrastructure Improvement Bonds, 1997 Series A for the year ended September 30, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Tourist Attraction Fund's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Tourist Attraction Fund's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2004-01.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

# Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether TAF's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information and use of management of the Government of Guam Tourist Attraction Fund, the Office of the Public Auditor of Guam, federal awarding agencies, pass-through entities, the cognizant audit and other federal agencies, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

September 16, 2005

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# Schedule of Findings Year Ended September 30, 2004

### Finding Number 2004-01 – Receivable

<u>Criteria</u>: In accordance with current Government of Guam policy, receivables should be carried at the amount of collections received thirty days after fiscal year end.

Condition: Receivables were not adjusted for collections received thirty days after fiscal year end.

<u>Cause</u>: There appears to be weak internal controls over ensuring adjustments to receivables are being made.

Effect: Receivables may be misstated. However, the account was adjusted through the audit process.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Department of Administration should ensure that receivables are adjusted for collections received thirty days after fiscal year end, in accordance with existing policy.

<u>Auditee Response and Corrective Action Plan</u>: Agree. DOA will perform corrective actions prospectively. Calendar has been marked to adjust receivables based on October 2005 collections.