



Management Letter

Guam Preservation Trust

For the year ended September 30, 2012

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

March 7, 2013

The Board of Directors
Guam Preservation Trust

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Guam Preservation Trust (the Trust) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we considered its internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

During our audit, we noted the following deficiencies in internal control (as described above) and other matters:

Outstanding Encumbrances

The Trust has some outstanding encumbrances that are over one year old. We recommend that the Trust revisit these outstanding encumbrances to ensure the projects are still active and in compliance with the terms of the grant agreement.

Amounts Due from Government of Guam

The Trust does not obtain or prepare monthly reconciliation of amounts due from the Government of Guam Building Permit Fund (GovGuam). Accordingly, the audit procedure of confirming amounts due from GovGuam results in discrepancies requiring audit adjustments.

In order to report accurate financial statements, we recommend that the Trust perform a monthly reconciliation of its reported receivable or obtain written confirmations directly from accounting staff within the Government of Guam's Department of Administration.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of Management and the Board of Directors of the Trust, others within the organization, and the Office of the Public Accountability, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is also a matter of public record.

We would be pleased to discuss the above matters or to respond to any questions, at your convenience.

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