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## *OPA AND THE PALAU OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR PERFORMED PEER REVIEW OF THE POHNPEI STATE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR*

From March 19 – 23, 2018, the Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA) and the Republic of Palau (Palau) Office of the Public Auditor conducted a peer review of the Pohnpei State Office of the Public Auditor. Audit organizations are required by the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States to undergo an independent external quality control review every three years. To ensure compliance, the Pohnpei State Office of the Public Auditor contracted the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) to perform the external quality control review, also known as the peer review.

The APIPA peer review team was led by Satrunino Tewid, Public Auditor, Palau Office of the Public Auditor, and joined by Maria Thyrza Bagana, Auditor, Guam OPA. The Palau and Guam audit offices engaged Genesis Roberto, Audit Manager, and Michele Brillante, Accountability Auditor, respectively, to observe and be trained on the peer review process.



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