

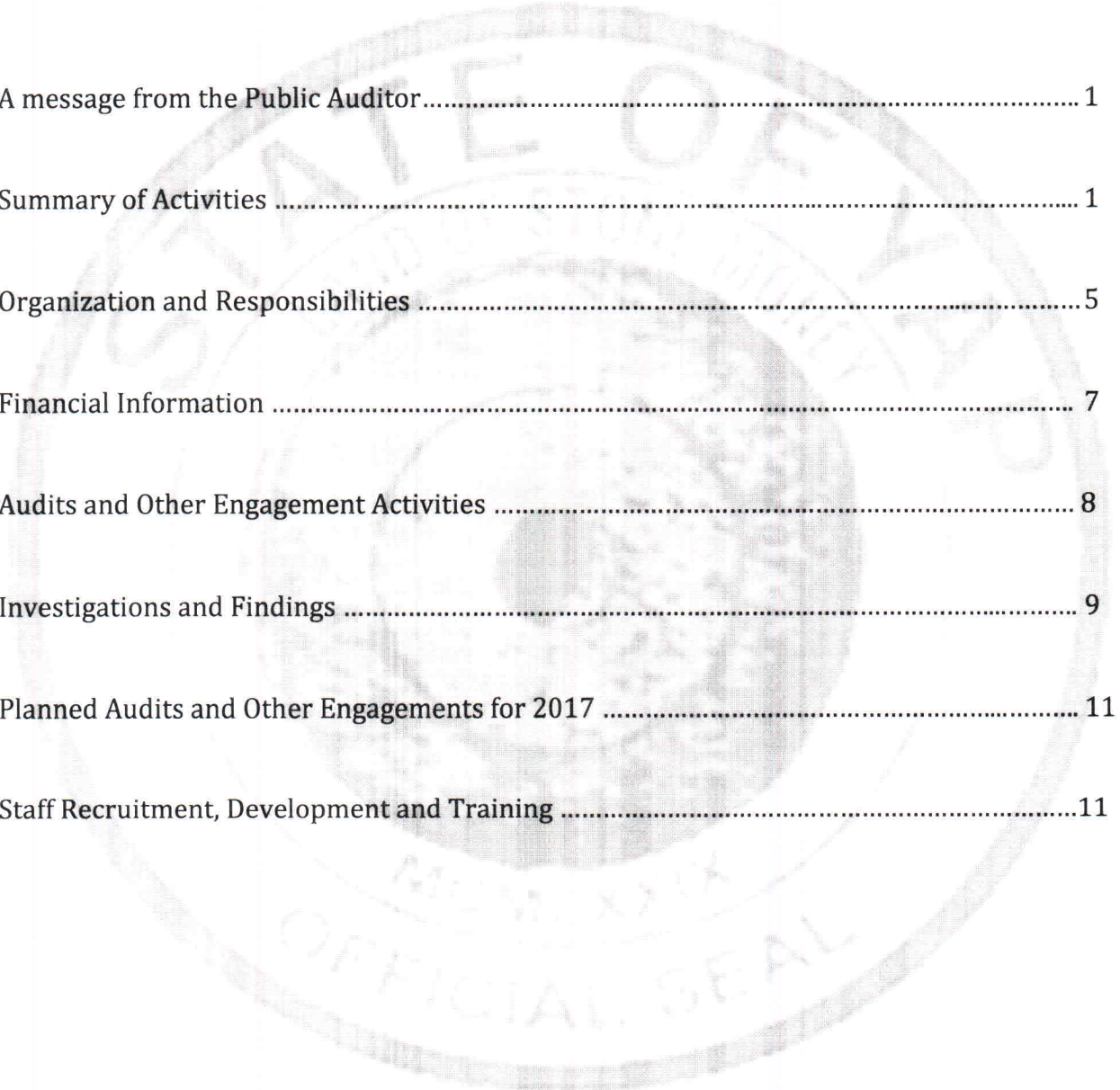
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

Yap State Government

**Annual Report
Year 2016**



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

The Honorable Tony Ganngiyan, Governor

The Honorable Theodore “Ted” Rutun, Speaker of the 9th Legislature

I am pleased to submit the 2016 Annual Report as mandated by Title 13, Chapter 7, and Section 704 of the Yap State Code, which requires the Public Auditor to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature within five days after the convening of each January regular session of the Legislature. The report focuses on the activities and performance of the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) during the period January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Our mission is to serve the public interest by providing independent assessments that promote accountability, transparency, and excellence in governance within the programs, operations, and management of the Government of the State of Yap.

To accomplish this mission, we conduct independent and objective audits, investigations, and other reviews to evaluate the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of government activities, to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and to prevent, detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Our vision is to be an agent of positive change and one that:

- ▶ Strives for continuous improvement and encourages fiscal integrity in program delivery and effectiveness.
- ▶ Is a continually learning and improving organization.
- ▶ Appreciates, challenges, respects, and honors its personnel.

The OPA strives to make a difference in the State’s performance and accountability and endeavor to fulfill its mission by conducting its work in an impartial, objective, and unbiased manner and in providing recommendations designed to bring to the attention of management opportunities for strengthening internal control and improving operating efficiency. Our performance this year has notably improved over last year’s.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

This year we continued with our backlog audits and opened seven investigation cases and completed a total of eight engagements, including five investigations and one financial statement audit, an evaluation, and a surprise-cash count inspection. We also initiate a joint performance audit with the Office of the National Public Auditor of the Yap State Department

of Health Services, and started an evaluation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Landfill project.

The Audit Division continued with its backlog financial statement audits of the component units of the State government in 2016. Yap Fishing Authority (YFA), Public Transportation System (PTS), and Gagil-Tomil Water Authority (GTWA) are consolidated into the Government-wide financial statements. The fiscal year 2014 audits of Yap Sport Council (YSC) and the Prisoners Feeding Maintenance Program were also resumed. The audit of the Southern Yap Water System was also resumed. We are still awaiting the financial records for GTWA. In all, we managed to issue one financial audit report of the Public Transportation System (PTS), the only entity with complete books and records. The others were in the process of compiling their records. We also completed our evaluation of the Yap State Department of Health Services' (DHS) mobile health clinic and conducted a surprise cash count of the Yap State Treasury. We also performed our regular year-end audit procedures of five surprise cash counts and inventory observations at the beginning of fiscal year 2017.

The Compliance Investigation Division worked on and completed five of seven activated cases. The remaining two cases, which were initiated in the latter half of 2016 remain open and on-going.

Staffing and Other Matter

OPA is currently staffed with eight employees, four of which are relatively new. A certified public accountant, accredited by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountant (PICPA), was hired in July 2016 as the Audit Manager.

In our effort to strengthen staff capacity, we continue several new initiatives in our staff development and training plan, including the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) certification, CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) and CGAP (Certified Government Audit Professional) designations. Employees are also recognized and evaluated on their anniversary dates for their dedication and achievements.

This year staff participated in training workshops and seminars hosted by PASAI (Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions), APIPA (Association of the Pacific Islands Public Auditors), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI). We also provide in-house presentations of some of the training materials to staff who could not participate in the workshops due to budgetary constraints.

Financial Highlights

Our overall budget for fiscal year 2016 is \$210,917.87, consisting only of Public Sector Capacity Building Grant funds. Actual expended plus encumbrances at September 30, 2016 was \$175,624, with \$35,293 in unexpended balance.

Our approved budget for fiscal year 2017 has been increased by \$12,900 to \$223,817.86 to accommodate the salary of the new Audit Manager of \$35,000 per annum, all from Public Sector Capacity Building Grant funds. For the first quarter ending December 24, 2016, \$78,513 has been allotted and \$54,121.02 has been expended or encumbered.

Planned Activities for Calendar Year 2017

Planned activities for Calendar Year 2017 include the mandated financial statement audits of seven component units, of which, three (Public Transportation System, Yap Fishing Authority, and Gagil-Tomil Water Authority) are included in the Single Audit of the government-wide financial statements. Other planned audit activities include the completion of several audits initiated in 2016, which include a joint performance audit with the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor (FSM ONPA) of the Yap State Department of Health Services (DHS), an evaluation of Yap Community Action Program (Yap CAP) Housing Loan Program and the Department of Works & Transportation (DPW&T) as requested by the 9th Yap State Legislature, and several unannounced cash counts.

Problems and Constraints

There are three major problems faced by the OPA in 2016. First, the OPA is still without the technical skills, knowledge, and expertise of an audit specialist to supervise and review all in-house audits to ensure compliance with auditing standards and provide on-the-job training to the audit staffs. Notwithstanding the new Audit Manager is an experienced certified public accountant accredited by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountant (PICPA), she does not possess the technical skills, knowledge, and expertise of an audit specialist required for supervising the audits. Staffs still have limited capacity to perform audits efficiently.

Second, budgetary constraints are depriving the OPA of the important trainings and the much-needed capable staffs to perform the audits.

- ❖ The staffs have not received adequate training to perform efficient and quality audit work. Training is needed to continuously improve and update staffs on matters related to audit, fraud, and investigation. This year the OPA's limited budget and restrictions on international travel have yield little chances for attending training opportunities in the nearby countries in the Pacific. For example, participation in the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions' (PASAI) workshops and conferences have been problematic for the OPA. Notwithstanding the airline tickets and accommodations at the meeting place are paid for by PASAI, the remaining expenses including stipend allowance and stop-over expenses are the responsibilities of the OPA staffs due to the restrictions on international travels.
- ❖ The audit section consists of 1 audit manager, 2 senior auditors, 1 staff auditor, and 1 audit trainee. Only the two senior auditors can perform audits from start to finish. Though the audit manager has a CPA certification from the PICPA and extensive experience in business accounting, she and the staff auditor can perform but limited

audit procedures. The audit trainee still needs close supervision and guidance. Furthermore, the total number of current staffs is insufficient to complete all financial audits of the 7 component units of the State, special audits requested by the Speaker or the Governor, and the countless number of requests from departments and agencies of the State government as required by most grantors. Presently, we are unable to fulfill all requests. We are focusing more on the mandated financial audits of the component units of the State government, especially those financial audits that are required for the Single-Audit of the State.

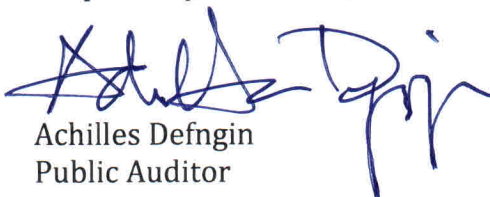
Third, a number of constraints hamper the process of our audits:

- ❖ Incomplete books and records of component units hindered our performance of mandated financial audits.
- ❖ Financial statements are not readily available.
- ❖ Transactions are not properly recorded.
- ❖ High turnover of management is one of the main causes of inadequate maintenance of proper accounting and financial records. Training new management to handle the tasks is an endless cycle.
- ❖ It appears management does not fully comply with our recommendations since most of the findings are repeated findings.
- ❖ Our joint performance audit with FSM ONPA of the Yap State Department of Health Services is delayed for a month and three weeks, today, January 13, 2017, waiting-on the decision of the Office of the Attorney General to let us continue our audit work of DHS. This is due to an indemnity and confidentiality issue over our legal right to access the information of the hospital's account receivables, off-island medical referrals, and other information deemed sensitive but important for our review of the effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of DHS operations and performance.

Despite the shortcomings we encountered in 2016, we recognize the diligent work that is carried out by the staffs here at the OPA. We would not have been able to accomplish what we have done this year without their hard work and dedication.

Finally, I am very grateful for the continued support from the Governor and Members of the Legislature, and their commitment to a strong public audit office. I look forward to working together with the agencies, departments, and offices of the State Government during the New Year, to remind managers of the importance of ethics in government, and to enhance public trust in our government.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Auditor

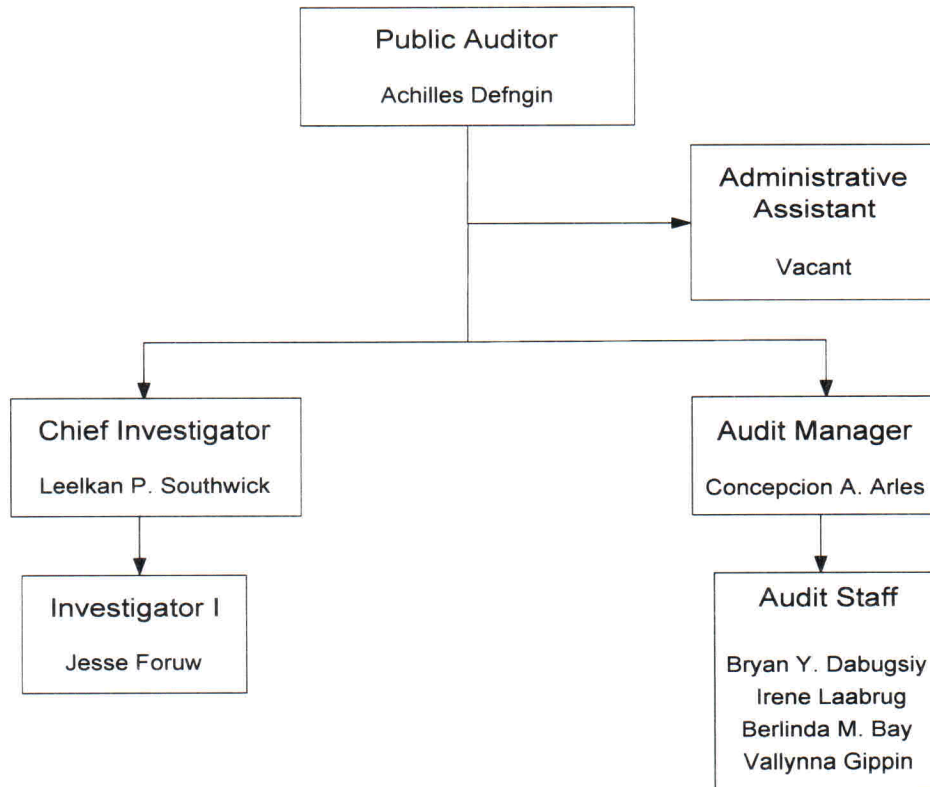
January 13, 2017

Organization and Responsibilities

The Office of the Public Auditor is established under provision of Article IX, Section 8 of the Constitution of the State of Yap which states, "There shall be regular and independent audits of State agencies and revenues." All work is conducted pursuant to the authority vested in the Public Auditor as codified under Title 13, Chapter 7, and Section 703 of the Yap State Code, which states in part:

"The Public Auditor shall inspect and audit all accounts, books, and other financial records of the State Government, to include but not limited to, every branch, department, office, political subdivision, board, commission and agency, and other public legal entities or non-profit organizations receiving public funds from the State Government, and to prepare written reports of such inspections and audits for presentation to the Governor and the Legislature."

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The OPA serves as the audit and investigative arm of the Government and the people of the State of Yap. Acting as an extension of the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the people of

Yap, our mission is achieved through conducting professional, timely, and independent audits, investigations, and reviews. Our goal is to enhance public trust in our government. The Office of the Public Auditor is comprised of two divisions: Audit and Compliance Investigation

1. The Audit Division conducts financial statement audits of the State's component units and entities receiving government funds, and performance audits, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, often referred to as the "Yellow Book." The auditors follow the *Quality Standards for Inspections and Evaluations issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)* for our inspections and evaluations.

2. The Compliance Investigation Division's (CID) primary functions are administrative and criminal. The division investigates criminal and civil misconduct, allegations of serious violations of the law and government rules and regulations. CID also works to identify systems and accountability weaknesses in the State's financial administration and gathers evidence of noncompliance activity. Administrative investigations focus on violations of policies and such issues as misuse of government resources and official time, preferential treatment, abuse of authority, nepotism, and travel irregularities. CID uses the *Quality Standards for Investigations (QSI) issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)*, which provide a framework for conducting high quality investigations. Investigations conducted by CID usually are the result of allegations received from:
 - Government agency management and employees
 - Referrals from the Audit Division
 - Referrals from the Office of the National Public Auditor
 - The Legislature
 - The general public
 - Other parties, such as contractors

The OPA has been at the forefront of the State's efforts to fight government waste, fraud and abuse. The Compliance Investigation Division maintains a working arrangement between the OPA and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the Division of Public Safety (DPS). The CID also works closely with other subject matter experts and other national and local law enforcement agencies when appropriate.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

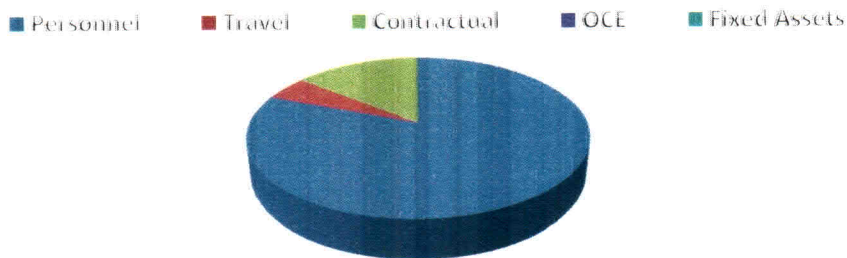
Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2016

Our budget for fiscal year 2016 consists of Public Sector Capacity Building Grants of \$210,917.87. The detailed financial information presented below is compiled from the advices of allotment obtained from the Office of Planning and Budget and Fundware reports provided by the State Finance for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016:

Description	Budget	Actual Expenditure	Prior Year Encumbrance	Current Year Encumbrance	Balance (Over)/Under
Personnel	\$ 133,216	\$ 104,603.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,612.83
Travel	27,527	25,768.17	-	-	1,758.83
OCE	24,854	18,146.36	-	6,691.30	16.34
Contractual	25,320	20,245.00	-	170.00	4,905.00
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 210,917	\$ 168,762.70	\$ -	\$ 6,861.30	\$ 35,293.00

The unexpended balance of \$35,293.00 of our fiscal year 2016 budget consists mostly of the personnel budget:

2016 Unexpended Balance



Quarter Ended December 24, 2016

Our budget for fiscal year 2017 was approved for \$210,917, regardless of JEMCO’s recommendation and approval to increase the audit manager’s salary by \$12,900 and the OPA’s total budget to \$223,817.86. The increase was recommended to attract a new audit manager who has the technical skills, knowledge, and expertise to supervise and review all

in-house audits to ensure compliance with auditing and accounting standards and provide on-the-job training to the audit staffs.

The OPA is funded entirely from the Compact Public Sector Capacity Building Grants. The financial information presented below was accumulated from the advice of allotment provided by the Office of Planning and Budget and from the Fundware reports provided by the State Finance as of quarter-ended December 24, 2016, representing allotments and expenditures to date:

Description	Budget	Actual Expenditure	Prior Year Encumbrance	Current Year Encumbrance	Balance (Over)/Under
Personnel	\$ 130,264	\$ 26,650.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,613.58
Travel	28,825	-	-	-	28,825.00
OCE	24,874	4,680.50	-	1,136.10	19,057.40
Contractual	25,320	7,164.00	-	14,490.00	3,666.00
Fixed Assets	1,635	-	-	-	1,635.00
Total	\$ 210,918	\$ 38,494.92	\$ -	\$ 15,626.10	\$ 156,796.98

AUDITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Audit Division continued with its backlog financial statement audits of the component units of the State government in 2016. Yap Fishing Authority (YFA), Public Transportation System (PTS), and Gagil-Tomil Water Authority (GTWA) are consolidated into the Government-wide financial statements. The fiscal year 2014 audits of Yap Sport Council (YSC) and the Prisoners Feeding Maintenance Program were also resumed. The audit of the Southern Yap Water System was also resumed. We are still awaiting the financial records for GTWA. In all, we managed to issue one financial audit report of the Public Transportation System (PTS), the only entity with complete books and records. The others were in the process of compiling their records.

We also completed our evaluation of the Yap State Department of Health Services' (DHS) mobile health clinic and conducted a surprise cash count of the Yap State Treasury. We also performed our regular year-end audit procedures of five surprise cash counts and inventory observations at the beginning of fiscal year 2017.

INVESTIGATIONS AND FINDINGS

The Compliance Investigation Division's (CID) primary investigative functions are administrative and criminal. The division investigates allegations of violations of the law and government rules and regulations. CID also works to identify systems and accountability weaknesses in the State's financial administration and gathers evidence of noncompliance activity. Administrative investigations focus on violations of policies and such issues as misuse of government resources and official time, preferential treatment, abuse of authority, nepotism, and travel irregularities. CID uses the Quality Standards for Investigations (QSI) issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), which provide a framework for conducting high quality investigations. Investigations conducted by CID usually are the result of allegations received from:

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CID works closely with the Audit Division, Attorney General, and other subject matter experts. When appropriate, CID works with the Division of Public Safety (DPS) and other national and local law enforcement agencies. CID also maintains a hotline. This is a telephone line dedicated to receive tips and complaints about government programs and operations which concern, for example:

- Violations of law or regulations
- Gross waste of funds
- Abuse of authority
- Substantial and specific dangers to public health and safety

The Hotline number is 691-350-8310, and is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, via answering machine. All calls to the Hotline remain absolutely confidential. In addition, there is also an on-line complaint form on our website at www.audityap.org/fraud.php.

CID has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to work collaboratively and mutually with regard to criminal investigations that relate to government finances and resources. When CID receives allegations of fraud, waste, and mismanagement, it conducts a preliminary inquiry to determine if there is justifiable suspicion to refer the matter to the OAG.

During 2016 CID worked on seven cases; three were initiated in 2015 and four were opened in 2016. Of the seven cases, two remain in an ongoing investigation. Three of the completed cases were referred to OAG for further action.

Case No.	Allegation	Finding	Status/Disposition
YCID 15-05	Misappropriation and Non-compliance with FMR	Evidence of violation	Referred to AG; Mgmt Advisory Issued
YCID 15-06	Acts Affecting Personal Financial Interest	Evidence of violation	Referred to AG; Mgmt Advisory Issued
YCID 15-07	Violation of Disbursement Procedures	No violation	Closed
YCID 16-01	Violation of Procurement Procedures	No violation	Closed
YCID 16-02	Misappropriation and Violation of Disbursement Procedures	Evidence of violation	Finalizing report and referring to AG
YCID 16-03	Payroll Fraud	Ongoing	Ongoing
YCID 16-04	Abuse of Authority and Extortion	Ongoing	Ongoing

CID conducted its 5th annual Fraud Awareness Briefing workshop on December 9, 2016, at the Yap Small Business Development Center. The workshop was open to the public, and attracted over 60 participants from both the public and private sectors. Attendees worked with the presenters to discuss the topic of fraud and corruption, their impact on Yap State,



and ways to detect and prevent them within their respective offices and organizations. Yap High School senior and 1st prize winner of an essay contest sponsored by OPA was invited to read her winning essay during the workshop. The winner was

awarded with a certificate and a “Keep Calm and Fight Fraud” T-shirt, along with a check for \$100.00. Ten runner-up winners were each awarded a T-shirt and certificate. The theme of the essay was, “How Corruption Impacts Our Island and Ways to Help Prevent Corruption”. The workshop concluded with a photoshoot of the participants.

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continuous improvement, and encourages fiscal integrity in government program delivery and effectiveness.

PLANNED AUDITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS FOR 2017

Annual Financial Audit Calendar

We are mandated to perform financial statement audits of seven component units every year before May 31st; of which, three (Public Transportation System, Yap Fishing Authority, and Gagil-Tomil Water Authority) are included in the Single Audit of the government-wide financial statements. As such, audits of component units have priority over other requests for audits.

Requested Audits

We plan to continue our evaluation of Yap Community Action Program (Yap CAP) Housing Loan Program as requested by the 9th Yap State Legislature. We will continue our cash count of the revenue collection of the Department of Resources & Development's Division of Agriculture & Forestry and other government entities handling cash collections, and follow-up with the implementation of previous years' cash count recommendations.

We also plan to complete our audit of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Yap State Public Landfill Project and similar requests by grantors and State Agencies. Also included in our plan is an overdue request from a previous Yap State Legislature to audit the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T). We have been planning two performance audits of the DPW&T.

Other Audits & Investigations

We plan to complete our joint performance audit with the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor (FSM ONPA) of the Yap State Department of Health Services (DHS).

STAFF RECRUITMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Staff Movement

We currently have eight staffs on board, four of which are relatively new employees. This year we managed to hire a certified public accountant accredited by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountant (PICPA) to supervise and review all in-house audits to ensure compliance with auditing and accounting standards and provide on-the-job training to the audit staffs.

In our effort to strengthen staff capacity, we implemented several new initiatives to our staff development and training plan. It is critical to have a process of continuous development

and evaluation of staff to assist in maintaining a workforce that has adequate skills and competence. Our staff is encouraged to seek and obtain professional certification. All staff members, except for the audit manager and the public auditor, have earned their first International Computer Driving License (ICDL) certification in either computer data base (Microsoft Access) or presentation (Microsoft Power Point), and are presently studying and working toward achieving their next ICDL certification in either Access or Power Point. CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) and CGAP (Certified Government Audit Professional) designations remain important to our profession. The goal is for 100% of our staff to have at least one certification of CFE or CGAP. We also started an employee anniversary appreciation and evaluation program to recognize dedication and achievement. Each employee is evaluated every year for work performance and recognized with a special celebration for dedicated services at the third, sixth, and tenth anniversary dates during which time the individual receives a framed certificate of appreciation.

This year we worked on other areas to improve our overall performance. Some of our staff participated in training workshops and seminars hosted by PASAI (Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions), APIPA (Association of the Pacific Islands Public Auditors), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI). We also provide in-house presentations of some of the training materials to staff who could not participate in the workshops due to budgetary constraints.

Development and Training



Public Auditor Attends the 19th PASAI Congress Meeting in Pohnpei, FSM

Yap Public Auditor joined delegates from 19 Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) member countries for a meeting in Pohnpei, FSM, for the 19th PASAI Congress held on 2-5 August, 2016. In attendance were FSM President Peter Christian,

DOI/OIG Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall, and Ms. Lyn Provost, PASAI Secretary General and Auditor General of New Zealand.

Fighting corruption and poverty was the theme of the Congress. SAI Heads discussed the challenges and successes of their roles in combating these prevalent issues in the Pacific. Key solutions considered were advocating for legislative changes, working more closely with other government agencies, increasing public awareness of the issues and engaging them in the fight against corruption and poverty.

OPA Senior Auditor Attends Workshop on International Public Sector Accounting Standards in Nadi, Fiji

Yap OPA's Senior Auditor joined 27 other auditors from thirteen audit institutions at a workshop on International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), held in Nadi, Fiji from June 20 – 24, 2015. The workshop was sponsored by the Pacific Association of Supreme

Audit Institution (PASAI) in collaboration with the University of the South Pacific (USP).

The increasing global trend towards adopting IPSAS as the basis for preparing government financial statements requires auditors to be prepared and be conversant with such developments and proposed changes to governments' financial reporting framework. Professional competency is an essential requirement for an auditor, and such competency should be relevant and up to date given any changes in accounting standards adopted by governments as a basis for preparing financial statements.



In addition to the knowledge and skills acquired by OPA staff through participation in this workshop, Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits were also earned. CPE's are required by Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) for every Yap OPA auditor.

Public Auditor and Staff Attends 27th Annual APIPA Conference in Pohnpei, FSM

The Public Auditor and several OPA staff attended the 27th annual conference of the Association of the Pacific Island Public Auditors (APIPA) hosted by the Pohnpei State Office of the Public Auditors. As with past APIPA conference, the Pacific Island Training Initiative (PITI) assisted in organizing and instructor selection among other things. Hundreds of people from all over the Pacific were present during the APIPA conference including; all FSM States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI), Guam, Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Department of the



Interior's Office of the Inspector General. The conference gave auditors within the region the opportunity to network, share ideas and common work experience, and discuss the opportunities and challenges faced in promoting accountability and transparency in the government.

The APIPA conference is vital to the office capacity building through which necessary knowledge and skills are learned and/or updated to help OPA effectively carry out its mandates, as well as helping the office maintain its Continuing Professional Education credits (CPE) required under the Generally Accepted Government Accounting Standards (GAGAS). The conference covered such topics as auditing, finance, government accounting, grants management, and fraud.

PASAI Conducts Strategic Plan Workshop at Yap OPA

The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) continues its support of audit institutions within the Pacific region, which includes a workshop conducted by PASAI's Director of Practice Development Sinaroseta Palamo-Iosefo, from August 8-12, 2016. Ms. Palamo-Iosefo worked with the staff to develop their knowledge and experience in developing the office's strategic plan, which involved envisioning a desired future for the organization and creating a plan to make that vision a reality. During the week, Ms. Palamo-Iosefo discussed the strategic planning process with the staff as well as the components of a strategic plan. At the end of the workshop, OPA had completed a first draft of its 5-year strategic plan, which will be finalized in the early months of 2017.

OPA Senior Auditor Attends Communications Workshop in Port Vila, Vanuatu

The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) held its regional communications workshop in Port Vila, Vanuatu from 5-9 September, 2016, the first of several communications programs for Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in the Pacific region. A Senior Auditor from Yap OPA joined 17 other participants from 13 SAIs at the workshop, which was hosted by the Auditor General of Vanuatu.

This regional workshop is important for SAIs as they need to demonstrate their ongoing relevance to citizens, leaders and other stakeholders to achieve greater audit impact. SAIs can show their relevance by appropriately responding to the challenges of citizens, the expectations of different stakeholders and the emerging risks and changing environments in which audits are conducted. This can be achieved if SAIs have a meaningful and effective dialogue with stakeholders about how their work facilitates improvement in the public sector.



As with most other trainings and workshops sponsored by PASAI, the senior auditor not only acquired relevant knowledge and skills to effectively carry out his duties and responsibilities, but also earned needed Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits as required by auditing standards.

OPA Audit Manager Attends Workshop on Building Capacity to Effectively Audit the Management of Public Assets in Port Moresby, PNG

Yap OPA’s Audit Manager joined 21 representatives from 14 audit institutions at a workshop hosted by the Auditor-General’s Office of Papua New Guinea (PNG), together with the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI). The workshop, themed “Building Capacity to Effectively Audit the Management of the Public Assets”, was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 21-25 of November 2016.

The workshop emphasized that the risks to the governments of Pacific Island countries and territories for poorly managed public resources are significant and material. Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) play an important role to improve the management of public resources,

which is critical for the ability of the government to deliver key services to its citizens. The workshop covered a range of technical topics including linking audits to standard development goals and strategic audit planning of asset management audits.



The Audit Manager brings back a wealth of information to be shared with the staff in an in-house training. In addition to the knowledge acquired, the Audit Manager gains CPE credits from the workshop.