



Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors

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Mr. Achilles Defngin
Public Auditor
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Dear Public Auditor Defngin,

We have completed a peer review of the Yap Office of the Public Auditor for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. In conducting our review, we followed the standards and guidelines contained in the *Peer Review Guide* published by the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditor (APIPA).

We reviewed the internal quality control system of your audit organization and conducted tests in order to determine whether your internal quality control system operated to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our procedures included:

- Reviewing the audit organization's written policies and procedures.
- Reviewing internal monitoring procedures.
- Reviewing a sample of audit and attestation engagements and working papers
- Reviewing documents related to independence, training, and development of auditing staff
- Interviewing auditing staff and management to assess their understanding of, and compliance with, relevant quality control policies and procedures

Due to variances in individual performance and judgment, compliance does not imply adherence to standards in every case, but does imply adherence in most situations.

Based on the results of our review, it is our opinion that the Yap Office of the Public Auditor's internal quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* for audits and attestation engagements during the October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

We have prepared a separate letter offering suggestions to further strengthen your internal quality control system.

Respectfully submitted,

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