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Guam Office of Public Accountability's Auditor Michele Brillante Attended the Investigations Training in Kolonia, Pohnpei October 11, 2015

Auditor Michele Brillante was among 40 participants from throughout the U.S. affiliated insular areas that attended the 2015 Investigations Training sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General (DOI/OIG). The Investigations Training was held from September 1 to 2, 2015 in the Pohnpei State Governor's Building in Kolonia, Pohnpei. The two-day training was hosted by the Office of the Pohnpei State Auditor (OPSA) with attendance by the public auditors of Chuuk, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), and Pohnpei. Ms. Brillante's attendance was funded by a technical training grant from the U. S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. In addition to the courses led by DOI/OIG Agents Dean Tsukada and Eric May was a course on Investigation Management "Island Style" by OPSA Investigative Advisor Sophia Pretrick, outlining the island nation governments' vulnerabilities to fraud.



From left to right: Sophia Pretrick (Investigative Advisor, OPSA); Leelkan Pongliyab-Southwick (Investigator, Yap Office of the Public Auditor); Michele Brillante (Auditor I, Guam Office of Public Accountability); Ihlen Joseph (State Public Auditor, Pohnpei); Junior Patrick (Auditor-General, Republic of the Marshall Islands).