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## *GUAM OPA AND PALAU OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR PERFORMED PEER REVIEW OF THE FSM NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR*

From March 26 to 31, 2018, the Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA) and the Republic of Palau Office of the Public Auditor conducted a peer review of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) 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 FSM 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.



Yuka Hechanova, Guam OPA Deputy Public Auditor, led the peer review team. She was joined by Satrunino Tewid, Republic of Palau Public Auditor. Edlyn Dalisay, Guam OPA Accountability Auditor, was also present to observe and be trained on the peer review process.

***(L-R: Palau Public Auditor Satrunino Tewid, Guam OPA Deputy Public Auditor Yuka Hechanova, Guam OPA Accountability Auditor Edlyn Dalisay, FSM National Public Auditor Haser Hainrick, and FSM National Senior Auditor Erwihne David)***

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