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**OPA AUDITORS RECEIVE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER
CERTIFICATION**

Hagåtña, Guam – The Guam Office of Public Accountability (OPA) is pleased to announce that Accountability Auditor III Jerrick Hernandez and Accountability Auditor I Selina Onedera-Salas have completed the Ethics, Education, Examinations and Experience Requirements administered by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). The AGA’s Certification Committee approved their applications, earning Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Onedera-Salas the professional designation as Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM).

CGFM is a professional certification awarded by the AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Mr. Hernandez earned his Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership degree from Gonzaga University in May 2019 and Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting degree from the University of Guam in June 2008. He received the Certified Government Audit Professional designation in February 2013, the Certified Internal Control Auditor designation in January 2017, and the Certified Fraud Examiner designation in September 2022. He has been with OPA since April 2009. He started as an intern and is now serving in an Audit Supervisor capacity, leading audit teams in conducting performance audits and monitoring and providing oversight in the issuance of financials audits. He is also the primary auditor responsible for administering procurement appeals.

Ms. Onedera-Salas holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Before joining the OPA in April 2021, Selina served as a Budget Policy Analyst with the Guam Legislature’s Office of Finance and Budget for 12 consecutive years.

Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Onedera-Salas join Accountability Auditor IIIs Maria Thyrza Bagana and Joy Esperanza, and Administrative Services Officer Marisol Andrade as CGFMs at the OPA.