

Guam OPA Wins National Award for Website

For Release (May 18, 2009) -- The Guam Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is proud to announce that its website, www.guamopa.org, has won the Association of Local Government Auditors' (ALGA) prestigious Silver Award for Best Website.

The award was presented during ALGA's annual training conference in San Francisco and accepted by OPA Analyst and Website Administrator Vincent Duenas on OPA's behalf on May 5, 2009. ALGA's Awards Committee Chairman, Bill Cook, and Awards Committee Member Ms. Pam Weipert made the presentation.

Member websites were judged in four categories: usability, accessibility, design, and uniqueness. Additionally, a wildcard for extras or exceptional areas was also considered. According to the judges, comprised of ALGA members, the "Guam [website] scored the highest in uniqueness and was very strong in content and design." The judges praised the website's information and search capability, its usability and accessibility, and its animation and visual appeal, adding that its Ethical Tool Kit was "impressive."



2009 Silver Award for Best Website Presentation (L-R): Vincent Duenas – OPA Analyst, Pam Weipert – ALGA Awards Committee Member, and Bill Cook – Awards Committee Chairman

ALGA is a professional organization established in 1989 to improve local government auditing by disseminating information and ideas about financial and performance auditing and providing training and a national forum to discuss auditing issues. ALGA currently lists more than 2,000 members representing a wide diversity of audit organizations. Its Website Award Program encourages audit shops to improve their websites, provides guidelines for improvements, and rewards excellence.

Winning the Silver Award was a "pleasant surprise," said Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks, adding that "to be recognized by your peers is truly an honor." OPA's website, its winning attributes, and its award will be featured in an upcoming edition of Local Government Auditing Quarterly, a quarterly publication focusing on local government auditing.

Guam OPA expresses much appreciation to A.J. Rosario, Ron Brigman, and iCON Corporation – www.iconguam.com – for providing the website design, and to the entire OPA staff for their continued diligence in updating the content of the website and maintaining the vision of "Auditing for Better Government."

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