

Learning Continues for the Auditors



Putting audit assignments aside, the auditors from ONPA and Pohnpei State OPA participated in another 3-course training that was conducted by Ms. Nancy Williamson, CFE, CIA, CGAP from the USDA Graduate School during the week of November 5-9, 2011. The courses included Compliance Audit, Creative Thinking for Auditors, and Developing and Presenting Audit Findings, and they provided the auditors a chance to update and earn their required Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours.

The in-house training was a great opportunity for the auditors to learn and share ideas and experiences with one another. There were discussions, questions, practical scenarios, and ideas shared amongst the participants, which allowed for the creativity of both offices to come together. The class was also fortunate to have the benefit of learning and sharing of experiences and ideas from the National and Pohnpei State Public Auditors as well as the audit manager and audit supervisors. The active participation of everyone brought forth a successful learning week for all.

A few important highlights discussed in the training are as follow:

- Knowing how to apply creative tools to improve effectiveness and efficiency of an audit
- Recognizing Authoritative Requirements when carrying out compliance audits
- Auditor's ability to distinguish between a performance and compliance audit
- Understanding the key aspects of constructing audit findings

The participants expressed their appreciation to Ms. Nancy Williamson, the Pacific Island Training Initiative and USDA Graduate School in Honolulu, and the ONPA for the successful learning opportunity.