



OFFICE OF THE FSM NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITOR

The FSM National Public Auditor Hosts a Procurement Fraud Awareness Training in Collaboration with the US DOI Office of Inspector General

The US Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior, initiates capacity building for the insular areas focusing on fraud detection, deterrence and investigation. This year's training was hosted by the Office of the National Public Auditor. It was attended by representatives from the various disciplines including the auditors, investigators, procurement officers, financial managers and prosecutors. Representatives came from the FSM National, Kosrae, Chuuk and from the Republic of Palau.

The training demonstrates to the participants a framework for ensuring that government employees have the knowledge of what fraud is, how it impacts government operations, and the role of the oversight agencies. It focuses on government contract and procurement fraud schemes; methods to improve detection, deterrence and investigation of fraud; and ethical decisions in government operations and activities. Political will must be embraced in order to keep the public's faith in government.

Instructors for this training includes Assistant Inspector General Robert Knox of the Recovery Oversight Office, Assistant Inspector General John Dupuy of the Office of Investigation, Chief of Staff Stephen Hardgrove, Special Agent Dean Tsukada, Special Agent William Wisser and Evaluator Clair Wiley. The training commenced on September 27 until September 28, 2011 at the COM-FSM main campus in Palikir, Pohnpei.

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