

## OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

Public Audit Office Announces Launch Of Website

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The Office of the Yap State Public Auditor is pleased to announce the launch of its new public internet website at <a href="www.audityap.org">www.audityap.org</a>. The website offers the public convenient access to audits and other information on the programs and operations of the Yap State Government and its agencies. Information on this site is also designed to assist the people of Yap and other interested parties in enhancing their understanding and knowledge of the Public Auditor's office.

The Office of the Public Auditor serves as the audit and investigative arm of the Government and the people of the State of Yap. Acting as an extension of the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the people of Yap, our mission is achieved through conducting professional, timely, and independent audits, investigations, and reviews. Our goal is to enhance public trust in our government. The website also provides links to other websites and resources related to the mission of this office, contact information, and a hotline tip submission form.

Those who suspect anyone of fraudulent activity, or know of waste, abuse, or mismanagement of government resources, employee misconduct, or corruption by those doing business with the Government of the State of Yap can report wrongdoing online at our website or by calling the Office of the Yap State Public Auditor fraud hotline. "Since many of our investigations begin after we receive tips from the public, our goal is to make it as easy as possible for people to report suspected improper activity," said Chief Investigator Sophia Pretrick. "My division processes and reviews all of the tips we receive. If we find violations of state laws, we refer and work with law enforcement and the Attorney General's office to take the appropriate action." The public's appetite for transparency and accountability continues to grow and we welcome and encourage their participation and feedback.

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