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NEWS RELEASE

Port Receives another award for transparency

Piti, Guam, December 1, 2020: The Port Authority of Guam has received another award for transparency in reporting to the public on how ratepayer dollars are spent.

The Port was notified by the Association of Government Accountants Guam Chapter (AGA) of their First Place Platinum "Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award" for the fiscal year 2019 and the "Accountability and Transparency in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award" for issuing and posting the agency's Citizen-Centric Reports on the Port website for fiscal years 2010 through 2019.

"We also want to extend our congratulations on earning the Certificate of Excellence from AGA National," AGA Guam Accountability Director Dr. Doreen Crisostomo wrote on Monday to Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

The Citizen-Centric Report initiative, adopted through Guam Public Law 30-127, assists in advancing accountability and transparency in our government. This report provides information about the agency's goals, performance measures, audited financial statements, challenges and outlook of operations, and most importantly, how taxpayer or ratepayer dollars are spent in a manner that is easily understandable and accessible to our citizens.

In September of this year the Port was awarded for the very first time the "*Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award*" by the National Association of Government Accountants" for the agency's Citizen-Centric Report published in July 2020. Respicio thanked the local AGA chapter for yesterday's Platinum First Place Award for the same July 2020 Citizen-Centric Report and for the award acknowledging compliance and transparency over the past years.

"These local and national awards are a testament to our efforts to remain transparent with the people of Guam and they acknowledge our work to set new standards of transparency and accountability for the Port Authority of Guam," Respicio said. "Our transparency initiatives are guided by the vision of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio who are firm believers in openness and transparency in government."

The Port's Citizen-Centric Report is produced by the Financial Affairs Division under the direction of Financial Affairs Controller Jojo Guevara with the assistance of the Port's Marketing Division.

The Port Authority's CCR may be viewed at the Port's website at <https://www.portofguam.com/about-us/financial-information-and-statistics/compliance-reports>

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