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## **NEWS RELEASE** Port Wins Another Transparency Award

**Piti, Guam, February 9, 2023**: The Port Authority of Guam today was awarded the First Place Platinum Award for the Fiscal Year 2021 Citizen-Centric Report (CCR).

This is the second time the Port has received the First Place "Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award" from the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter (AGA).

The award was presented today during the 2023 AGA Guam Professional Development Conference held at the Westin Resort Guam.

"Receiving this prestigious award for a second time shows our team's commitment to elevating transparency and comprehensible reporting," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "We will continue to be guided by the vision of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, who are firm believers in a direct and transparent government."

In September of 2020, the Port Authority of Guam was awarded, for the very first time, the national "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. In December of that year the Port then won the First Place Platinum "Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award" for the fiscal year 2019 report and the "Accountability and Transparency in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award" for tissuing and posting the agency's Citizen-Centric Reports on the Port website for fiscal years 2010 through 2019.

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.

"Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement," wrote AGA Guam Accountability Director Dr. Doreen Crisostomo to Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

The Port's Citizen-Centric Report is produced by the Financial Affairs Division under the direction of Financial Affairs Controller Jose B. Guevara, III with the assistance of the Port's Marketing Division. The award-winning Port Authority of Guam Citizen-Centric Report may be viewed at the Port's website at <a href="https://portofguam.com/sites/default/files/fy2021\_ccr.pdf">https://portofguam.com/sites/default/files/fy2021\_ccr.pdf</a>.