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Guam Chapter of AGA Honored with Prestigious Awards for Community Service, Education, & Leadership

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 10, 2008 - The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) has honored its Guam Chapter with three prestigious awards in recognition of the chapter's outstanding community service, educational opportunities and the leadership provided by Taling M. Taitano, CGFM, CPA. AGA will present the awards at its 57th Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition to be held July 27-30 in Atlanta.

Chapter Service Award

Taling M. Taitano, who is chief financial officer for Staywell Insurance, Inc., was praised for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the Guam Chapter over the past 18 years. She has held various leadership positions and worked with local government leaders to secure funding for AGA membership and training. Taitano has helped the chapter grow, nurtured future leaders and been active in improving chapter operations.

Chapter Education Award

The Guam Chapter was recognized for its efforts to provide high-quality, diverse educational programs by working with local governments for funding, bringing CGFM Courses to Guam, co-sponsoring events with the Guam Society of CPAs and reaching out to members as far as Japan. The Guam Chapter has played a pivotal role in increasing the competencies of government accountants and financial managers in Guam and Micronesia. Singled out for recognition were education co-chairs Zeny Nace, CGFM, CPA, CFE, who is comptroller for the University of Guam and a former audit supervisor for the Guam Office of the Public Auditor, and John Phillips, CGFM, CPA, who is a Professor of Accounting at the University of Guam.

Community Service Award

The chapter was recognized for its active participation in several community service projects, including Guam Girl Scouts, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Guam, Guam Animals in Need, the Kamalen Karidat Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and island beautification projects, among other causes. Jose B. Guevara III is the chapter's community service chair and a general accounting supervisor for the Port Authority of Guam.

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