

ONPA Staff Successfully Accepted into the ELDP Class of 2023

During the week of December 7 - 13, 2022, the Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP) kicked off their first session on the Island of Guam. Total of 26 participants from American Samoa, Guam, Saipan, FSM, Palau and the Republics of the Marshall Islands are part of the current program.

The ELDP was commissioned by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs in 2008 to assist the insular governments with developing and retaining the qualified and skilled staff needed to lead insular governments into the future. Today, the ELDP serves as the premier leadership development program for government employees throughout the U.S. affiliated Pacific Islands. (Source: <https://pitiviti.org/about-the-eldp>)

Among the participants is one of our senior auditors Trifonovitch Sound (commonly known as Jay), who had applied and was successfully accepted into the program. The program will run for a year with lots of activities and group work to be conducted among all the members or project teams.

During the first session on Guam, the participants had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers who are experienced and hold leadership positions from all over the islands. It was a great introductory session for all participants and the instructors. A dinner hosted by the Guam Ethics Commission was attended by the participants including the Governor of Guam, the Honorable Lou Guerrero and the Lt. Governor, The Honorable Josh Tenorio.

Their second in-person meeting will be in April 2023, and this time they will have it in Pohnpei State of the FSM. The ONPA is looking forward to support Jay for the remaining of the program. Congratulations again Jay!

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