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Graduate School USA Audit and Ethics Training for ASG Personnel Opening Ceremony

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From left to right: Acting Territorial Auditor Tofa Sualauvi Sua, Mr. Drummond Kahn, and Acting Governor Talauega Eleasalo Va'alele Ale before the audit and ethics training opening ceremony.

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, the Graduate School USA, with funding support from the Department of the Interior and in conjunction with the Territorial Audit Office (TAO), is hosting a government-wide training for ASG personnel, and will continue until Thursday, January 26th

at the Governor Rex Lee Auditorium. The three-day training will be an 8-hour course each day and participants will receive eight (8) CPE credits for each completed course.

Each day will discuss the following:

- Assessing Controls for Government Employees
- Assessing Controls in Performance Audits
- Ethical Decision-Making for Government Employees

“May this experience renew our shared commitment to ethical decision-making in government and audit best practices,” stated Acting Governor Talauega E. V. Ale in his special remarks. He continued, “My only request is that you take the lessons you learn today, and make them meaningful in your departments and agencies. This is the second of this training under this administration, and that reflects the commitment to honor the solemn obligation we have as public servants to ensure that we spend and utilize public funds for the benefit of all American Samoa.”

Mr. Drummond Kahn, a Certified Internal Auditor, is the instructor of the three-day training session. He currently serves on the faculty of the Graduate School USA, training auditors and financial managers in the U.S. and overseas. Since 1990, Mr. Khan has served in federal, state and local government auditing positions, was named one of the 15 Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing, received the Grank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award, and was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Local Government Auditors. Accompanying Mr. Khan in the Ethics training scheduled for this Thursday, is Office of the Governor Legal Counsel Terry VanEaton. Prior to this position, Counsel VanEaton served as an attorney in the Compliance Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue, and an Assistant Attorney General in the Prosecution Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam.

Assessing Controls for Government Employees and in Performance Audits explores the relationship of controls to risk and to processes and systems, the prerequisites for good controls, and techniques for assessing the design and implementation of controls. Ethical Decision-Making for Government Employees explores the ethical hazards and dilemmas facing officials and reviews methods of analyzing and resolving them.

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