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The Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) hereby announces the issuance of Report No. 2023-08 on the Kosrae Broadcast Station.

We have completed our inspection of the Kosrae Broadcasting Station which was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE) Quality Standards for Inspections and Evaluations (QSIE). This inspection was initiated based on a request from the FSM Vice President out of concern for Kosrae Broadcast Authority's (KBA) essential public service to the State of Kosrae

Based on our inspection, we concluded the following noncompliance with the Financial Management Regulations (FMR):

1. Value for money was not achieved in the procurement process.
2. Payments were processed without the Project Inspection Official's certification.
3. Full payment was issued prior to receiving the equipment.
4. Payment was made without the bank verification process.

We discussed the findings and recommendations with the Allottee and the Acting Secretary of Finance and Administration. We also requested their formal management responses, which are included in this final report.

A digital copy of the Report No. 2023-08 is available on the ONPA's official website and Facebook page, or you can directly access the report by clicking [HERE](#).

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