

## **ABSTRACT**

*One way to measure the success or performance of a country or region is to use a score of Local Government Performance. Papua Province is one of the provinces that has a high status of Local Government Performance in Indonesia in 2016. However, Papua Province is in the lowest performance rating. A number of regencies in the Papua Province are in the lowest rank in the ranking of the performance status of regional government operations.*

*This study aims to determine the effect of local government characteristics that are proxied as Dependency Levels on Central Government, Level of Regional Wealth, Size of Local Government and Audit Findings of BPK on the Performance of Local Governments in the Regency / City of Papua Province in 2012-2016.*

*The research method used in this study is panel data regression by using the Common Effect with the research period of 2010-2014. The total population in this study was 29 districts / cities. By using purposive sampling obtained a sample of 24 districts / cities.*

*The results of this study indicate that the Dependency Level of the Central Government, Regional Wealth Levels, Local Government Size and Audit Findings of BPK jointly influence the Performance of Local Governments. Partially, the Dependency Level of the Central Government has no effect on Local Government Performance, Regional Wealth Levels have a positive effect on Local Government Performance, Local Government Size have a negative effect on Local Government Performance, while Audit Findings of BPK do not affect Local Government Performance.*

*Key words: Performance Of Local Governments, Level of Dependency on the Central Government, Level of Regional Wealth, the size of Local Government, Audit Findings of BPK*