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FRAUD PREVENTION WORKSHOP

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING
 August 24, 2016
 Wednesday
Topic: Fraud Prevention Workshop
Speakers:
 Ric Jazaie and Scott Johnson of Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP
 Time: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
 4 hours CPE credit
Meeting Place: Santa Clara County, Berger Drive Auditorium
 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA 95112
 See page 10 to register

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The invited speakers for this month's professional development meeting are Ric Jazaie, CPA, CGMA, CFE and Scott Johnson, CPA, CGMA.

The speakers will cover the fraud investigation process, walk-through and lessons learned which include evidence gathering, document analysis, and use of computer tools in fraud investigations. This workshop is a must attend for protecting financial integrity, fraud prevention and banking/card payments, especially for those in roles such as IT specialists, Collection Managers, Investment and Treasury Officers, Cashiering Managers, Investigators, Accountants, and Auditors.

Scott Johnson is the lead partner for Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP (MGO's) State and Local Government Advisory Services. Prior to joining MGO, Scott's career has spanned over 29 years of high-level organizational management and leadership experience. He has led multi-billion dollar operations for local government agencies in various capacities. For example, Scott has served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Concord, Assistant City Administrator for the City of Oakland, Director of Finance for the cities of San Jose and Milpitas, Controller-Treasurer for the County of Santa Clara and Assistant Finance Director for the City of Santa Clara.

Scott is nationally recognized as a leader in managing municipal finances, investments, debt, and budgets. He and his team have received numerous state and national awards for excellence. Scott is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). He has also served on state-wide boards and is a Past-President of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO). He is also a member of numerous national and state associations.

Ric Jazaie is a senior manager for MGO's State and Local Government Advisory Services, specializing in Information Technology audits. Prior to joining MGO, Ric's career spanned over 16 years of mid-level organizational management and leadership experience.

Ric has led multiple financial, compliance, fraud investigation, and IT audits for federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as educational institutions in various capacities. For example, Ric has served as the Internal Audit Director for the City College of San Francisco,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Grace S. Ragni, CGFM, CPA, CISA, CIA



It's the beginning of the fiscal year again! It seems it was not too long ago that we started this year, and now we are just about to start a new one. We all know what this means relative to the schedule of our accountants, particularly those involved in the preparation of the year-end financial statements. In June, despite everyone's busy schedule, the officers of the AGA Silicon Valley managed to meet and plan its activities for the coming year.

As the incoming president of AGA Silicon Valley Chapter, I hope to meet you at one of our chapter meetings. I am back to lead the chapter. I was the chapter president for the fiscal years 2009 to 2010, and was able to garner the highest AGA National Chapter Recognition Award (Platinum). With co-officers' support and our chapter's members at large, I would like to repeat, if not exceed, that performance.

I would like to thank Ben Lau, the outgoing Chapter President, for two excellent years. Recognition also goes to the rest of the team whose dedication and volunteer work are very much appreciated – Dat Nguyen, for keeping our treasury in order, Scott Diem, for the well documented minutes, Harjot Sangha, for the timely communication of our chapter activities, Kim-Le Anh, for organizing the training courses, Sydney Chui, for accepting the task of reviving the chapter's newsletter and updating the web, and Alex Guiang, for the never-ending support provided to the chapter as it relates to community service and serving as the chapter's historian. Their impressive resumes are included in the newsletter. One commonality among them is that each one has special talents and skills to offer in furthering our chapter. We are glad and grateful to have all of them form part of this promising organization.

We will start the year with a speak-up on Fraud by Scott Johnson and Ric Jazaie, both from Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP. This topic has been very popular as lessons learnt from this training could immediately be applied to our normal course of business; some of them are even applicable to dealings affecting our personal life. On future professional development meetings, I would like you to feel free to let me know what topics you are interested to have so we can try our best to bring them to you. We also encourage you to be part of the AGA Family and together, experience another fruitful and fun-filled year ahead!

Perspective: Attending AGA 2016 Professional Development Training

By: Alex Guiang, CGFM (Ret), CICA
Board Member and Past Chapter President

I recently had the opportunity to attend this year's AGA's Annual Professional Development Training (PDT) as member of the PDT Host Committee. Also in attendance from our chapter was Grace S. Ragni, our Chapter President, who represented our chapter. The PDT was held in Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California from July 17 through July 20, 2016. The PDT Host Committee members electronically scanned the attendees' badge at each session attended to ensure CPEs are awarded to them. Attendees, who reflect the diverse memberships of AGA, are from local and state governments, federal agencies, and government contractors/consultants. Like in the past PDTs I attended, I enjoyed every bit of it, met and reconnected with AGA members and government financial management leaders from all over the country. Most important of all, I got the chance to attend the educational sessions (very impressive speakers) where I was assigned to check-in/out and scan the attendees' badge. The PDT had 115 educational sessions to choose from and the attendees (around 1,500) were able to earn 24 CPE hours on specific areas of study that best suited for their continuing professional development like: accounting and auditing, behavioral ethics, business management and organization, communications, computer science, finance, management advisory services personal development, and personnel/HR.



Elaine Howle, California State Auditor, at the Opening Ceremony

The educational sessions were exceptionally pulled together by this year's PDT Technical Committee which was co-chaired by: **Elaine Howle, CGFM, CPA**, California State Auditor; **Bryan Jester**, Senior Vice President CACI International; and **Tony Scardino, CGFM**, Chief Financial Officer, USPTO. The Technical Committee, which was composed of 34 government financial managers and leaders all over the country worked with AGA's chief executive officer in developing a quality technical program for this year's Professional Development Training. They ensured that the educational sessions are responsive to the needs of government financial managers, government finance policy makers and leaders, and government contractors/consultants.

John Homan MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, 2015-2016 AGA National President and **Elaine Howle, CGFM, CPA**, California State Auditor, welcomed the attendees at the opening ceremony followed by a one-to-one interview by **Ann Ebbert**, AGA CEO on **Gene Dodaro, CGFM**, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). The U.S. Comptroller General talked on the highlights of the U.S. government's financial status.

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Like in the past PDTs, **Rene Gillman**, the Chairperson of AGA's Community Service National Fund (NCSF) Campaign spearheaded the raising of funds for the NCSF through silent auctions, raffle tickets, and participation of various AGA Chapters on the chapter challenge. Proceeds from this community service campaign are split to five charities and the NCSF. This is one way AGA gives back to the community at the national level. For the program year 2015-16, NCSF has helped 27 charities. Grace S. Ragni, Chapter President and I presented our chapter donation of \$100 to the AGA NCSF Campaign.



At the Exhibitor's Hall, there were 42 booths occupied by the AGA corporate partners and various government consultants/contractors. The Exhibitors provided information

about their services and technology to help attendees do their job more effectively and efficiency. And as a gesture of gratitude for visiting their booth, the Exhibitors offered them a small token item. At the last day of the training, AGA President's Appreciation Night was held with live band, dancing and lots of food.

Overall, it was fun and worth attending as it refreshed and updated me on the tasks of government financial managers and leaders in advancing government accountability and transparency. For those who had not attended any PDT, I encourage you to attend next year training in Boston, Massachusetts from July 9 through July 12, 2017 – see for yourself and experience the excitement of being at the PDT!

Chapter Community Service

The **Association of Government Accountants – Silicon Valley Chapter** is scheduled for a Food Sort Community Service at the Second Harvest Food Bank This will be a rewarding, fun-filled event for AGA members and non-members alike.



What: Second Harvest Food Bank, Food Sorting
When: September 10, 2016, 9AM - 12PM
Where: Cypress Center, 4001 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95134

If you are interested in joining the chapter, please email Alex Guiang at agasiliconval@sbcglobal.net by Friday, September 2, 2016. Thank you in advance for your **"GIFT OF TIME"**!

CGFM Certification

What is CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

- **Ethics** — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics;
- **Education** — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
- **Examinations** — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations;
- **Experience** — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

Why Hire a Certified Government Financial Manager?

CGFM exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. A CGFM has:

- **Increased knowledge of government financial management:** CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.
- **Better understanding of the big picture of government:** CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.
- **Greater confidence on the job:** The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.

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Special Agent/Intelligence Analyst for the FBI, and a mid-level auditor with the California Department of Finance. He has also testified on many depositions, Federal Grand Juries, and served one term with the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury investigating City's business practices.

Ric has earned his Master of Accountancy with an emphasis in Financial Forensics from Golden Gate University. Ric is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), as well as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF), and a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). He is involved with the local Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and provides lectures to the general membership on fraud risk assessments and the whistleblower programs.

Value of CGFM Certification

Below are some testimonies of the value of CGFM certification from those who hold it:

John Homan, MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA

2015-2016 AGA National President

Senior Manager, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

"When I was looking to advance my career in the government space, obtaining the CGFM became a primary focus because of the universal esteem in which it is held in federal, state and local governments, and the recognition it has garnered in the accounting profession. No other credential more directly recognizes competence in government finance and accounting than the CGFM."

Kelly Stefanko, CGFM, CPA

2015-2016 Chair, AGA's Professional Certification Board

"The CGFM is about defining your professional identity. The CGFM says that you are competent, curious and continuously improving. What do you want to stand for as a professional?"

Riley Shaul, CGFM, CPA

Chief Financial Officer, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

"I recently transferred to a new position within the state of Oklahoma. Although I have worked for the state for 20 years, this position was a change from anything within financial management that I had done in the past. The knowledge I obtained earning my CGFM certification gave me the confidence to accept this new challenge, knowing I had the skills and confidence to tackle these new responsibilities."

Beryl H. Davis, CGFM

Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office

"The CGFM certification is a widely and highly respected certification that demonstrates an individual's knowledge and skills as a public-sector financial manager. It also requires the holder to subscribe to a code of ethics. People respect the certification, and I believe that holding this certification during most of my career has enhanced my credibility as a government financial manager."

Gerry Boaz, CGFM, CPA

Technical Manager, Tennessee Division of State Audit

"Having the CGFM certification has first and foremost enhanced my salary. Beyond the pay, the CGFM has opened up opportunities I do not believe would have been possible without the certification. In this environment of intense competition for the best talent, the CGFM is a must. It helped me stand out from others and demonstrated my broad knowledge of the governmental environment; governmental accounting; financial reporting; budgeting; and governmental internal control management and auditing."

Meet Our AGA National Leaders

AGA Chief Executive Officer



Ann M. Ebberts, PMP, has been AGA's Chief Executive Officer since October 2014. Ebberts has more than 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation and shared services. She also provided project management and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grant management systems.

Ann has more than 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in the areas of financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation, shared services, and in providing project management and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grant management systems. Ann has a B.S. degree in Marketing Management from Virginia Tech, an M.S. Degree in Systems Management from the University of

Denver, and is a certified Project Management Professional. She has been a member of AGA for more than 15 years.

AGA National President



Douglas A. Glenn, CPA, is currently serving at the Department of Interior as the DCFO and Director of the Office of Financial Management. Prior to that, Glenn served as the Finance Director at NASA and the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for Financial Policy and Operations at the General Services Administration. His career includes a mix of audit, consulting, operational, and management positions.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Glenn holds a BS in Finance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a former Certified Management Accountant. He has co-authored procedures listed in Office of Management Bulletin No. 07-04, Audit

Requirements for Federal Financial Statements, and portions of the A-123 Implementation Guide. In addition, he co-chaired A-136 Committees in 2008 – 2010, served as the president of the Washington DC AGA chapter, serves as 2016–2017 AGA National President, is leading efforts around data visualization, and has landed as well as been launched from an aircraft carrier at sea.

Chapter Membership Drive

If you are not a member of AGA yet, you can sign-in as new member at this month's Professional Development Meeting. You will then receive a **\$20 discount** on your annual membership dues (\$105 for government sector).

Attendance to most of our professional development meetings is free to our AGA members. So in four meetings, you will recoup your membership dues. Take advantage of our membership drive. This is a good deal! See membership application form and member's benefits list, which are included in this Newsletter.

Bring your completed application form and payment to the meeting or send email to AGASiliconVal@sbcglobal.net for the address where to mail your completed membership application form and check payable to Association of Government Accountants.

Meet Our 2016-17 Chapter Officers and Board Members

AGA Silicon Valley Chapter received its charter membership from AGA National in 1970. For 46 years, the Chapter has been--and remains today--the educational organization dedicated to the enhancement of public financial management in the Silicon Valley.

In this issue, AGA Silicon Valley Chapter would like to introduce its Officers and Board, who volunteer their time and efforts to serve government accountability professionals in Silicon Valley and nearby areas by providing quality continuing education and networking opportunities to foster professional development.

Grace S. Ragni, CGFM, CPA, CISA, CIA
Chapter President

(Fiscal Resources Manager, Santa Clara Valley Transportation)

Grace's work experience includes years in auditing, finance, and accounting. Grace served as a lieutenant in the US Navy in support of the West Pacific Fleet. Few of her hobbies include baking and working out those calories in the gym. Grace joined AGA in 2004.

Dat Nguyen, CPA, CGFM, President-Elect
President-Elect

(Finance Director, City of Morgan Hill)

Dat has over 15 years of professional working experience, including 10 years in municipal finance. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Financial Manager. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Prior to joining Morgan Hill, Dat most recently served as Budget Manager at City of Milpitas and Financial Analyst at the former San Jose Redevelopment Agency. Dat has been serving on the Association of Government Accountants Silicon Valley chapter board since 2010.

Ben Lau, CPA, CGMA
Immediate Past President

(Director, Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP)

Benjamin has over 13 years of professional experience in providing accounting, auditing, and consulting services to government, private, and non-profit entities. He is an Assurance Director at MGO and the firm's leader in creating efficiencies in our general-purpose financial statement audits. Benjamin served as the President of the AGA Silicon Valley Chapter from 2014 to 2016.

Benjamin graduated from the University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Managerial Economics. He is a Certified Public Accountant in California and also holds the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) certification from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). He is also a member of the AICPA and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Scott Diem, CPA
Secretary

(Audit Manager, Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP)

Scott has over 7 years of experience in providing auditing, accounting, and consulting services for public sector entities, including cities, counties, housing authorities, and hospitals. His tasks have included performing audit testing, preparing audit plans, conducting training presentations, and drafting financial statements.

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Kim-Anh Le, CPA

Director – Professional Development

(Division Manager, County of Santa Clara)

Kim's career spans over 27 years in government (23 years with the County of Sacramento) and 9 years of Auditing and Financial Management in the private sector.

Alex Guiang, CGFM (Ret), CICA

Director- Community Service & Co-webmaster

Alex Guiang is retired from the City of San Jose and the then San Jose Redevelopment Agency where he managed general accounting and financial reporting for over 22 years. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager and Certified Internal Controls Auditor. He is a holder of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentration in accounting in the Philippines, as well as a certificate of Certified Public Accountant. Alex also attended the Executive Leadership Program of Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Government Financial Management Program of Rutgers University. He was also a past member of GFOA Special Review Committee for 16 years, which he reviewed comprehensive annual financial reports of various state and local governments.

Alex has been active with AGA since 1997 where he held several leadership positions in the chapter and the AGA national level. He was a past Chapter President and Regional Vice President for AGA West Coast Region. Alex said, "While I am enjoying retirement life with my wife, I continue to be active with AGA and the chapter because of my interest in the profession and it's another channel to sharpen my mind."

Harjot Sangha

Director - Communications

(Accounting Manager, City of Morgan Hill)

Harjot has been with the City of Morgan Hill for four years. His current responsibilities include Utility Billing operations, Transient Occupancy Tax compliance, and annual financial reports such as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and State Controller's Report. Harjot graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting.

Sydney Chui

Director – Newsletter/Co-webmaster

(Budget Manager, City of Milpitas)

Sydney has over 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector. She spent 7 years at San Jose State University Research Foundation learning to administer research contracts and grants funded by Federal, State, and private entities. She was also a Financial Analyst at the former San Jose Redevelopment Agency. Currently serving as the budget manager for the City of Milpitas, she oversees the annual operating budget process.

ABOUT AGA

AGA is *the* member organization for financial professionals in government. Through training and events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education, AGA helps members build their skills and advance their careers. AGA is committed to increasing government accountability and transparency and has been instrumental in assisting with the development of accounting and auditing standards and in generating new concepts for the effective organization and administration of government financial management.

Our more than 14,000 members, who include elected officials, senior executives and entry-level employees, work in government financial management professions including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, performance reporting, grants management, contract management and information systems.

- State and Local Government Members – 42%
- Federal Government Members – 28%
- Private-Sector Members – 18%
- Academics, Non-Profits, Students and Retirees – 12%

AGA Silicon Valley Chapter Treasurer's Report July 31, 2016

Cash In Bank - June 2016	\$5,020
Sources:	
Meeting registration fees	35
Uses:	
Meeting expenditures/ Donations	(142)
Cash In Bank - July 2016	\$4,913

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

Uniform Guidance Training – December 2016
Economic Forecasting – March 2017
GASB Updates – May 2017

Planning to attend the August 24, 2016 Professional Development Meeting?

Register by contacting:

Harjot Sangha –
harjotsangha@agasiliconvalley.org

Dat Nguyen, CGFM, CPA –
dnguyen@agasiliconvalley.org

Cost: AGA Members: Free
Non AGA members, \$30

Make check payable to "AGA Silicon Valley Chapter"

Please register by August 19, 2016

FROM THE EDITOR:

Members are encouraged to send news articles for our Newsletter - *The Working Papers*. We also want to know what you are doing (i.e. promotion, new job, community service, etc.). Email your article(s) by the first day of the month to the editor, AGASiliconVal@sbcglobal.net.

AGA Membership Application

I. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. By joining, you allow AGA to contact you via email regarding member-related activities.

- Full Government** — \$100/year — This class of membership is available to individuals currently working in government, academia and not-for-profit organizations.
- Private Sector** — \$160/year — This class of membership is available to sole proprietors and those working for private companies, corporations or partnerships.
- Early Career** — \$45/year — This class of membership is available to individuals with fewer than three years of professional experience who work in private or public sector.
- Student (full-time)** — \$30/year — This class of membership is available to full-time college/university students who are not gainfully employed.

Primary Chapter - SILICON VALLEY CHAPTER

Dues \$5.00

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

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Preferred Address: Home Business

Name FIRST

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LAST

Home Address

Apt/Suite#

City

State/Province

ZIP Code

Country

Home Phone

Home Email

III. Business Information

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Business Address

Apt/Suite#

City

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Business Phone

Business Email

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- Federal State County City
 Nonprofit Private Academia Student

Responsibility area:

- Academia – Full Time Academia – Adjunct Accounting Administration Auditing Budgeting
 Consulting Financial Management Grants Management Information Systems Investigation Legal
 Other Management/Admin. Performance Mgmt. Program Mgmt.

How did you hear about AGA?

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WHAT'S AGA MEMBERSHIP WORTH?

AGA membership dues are a solid investment in your career, now and for the future. With the substantial savings and benefits AGA members receive, you quickly recoup the membership fee with the potential to earn more than a **500 percent return on investment!**

Continuing Professional Education

Financial Systems Summit | 6 CPEs

CFO/CIO Summit | 4 CPEs

Webinars | 1 CPE each

UP TO
14 CPEs FREE

Publications

Journal of Government

Financial Management | \$95

Topics weekly e-newsletter | \$52

\$147
VALUE

Online Tools & Resources Library

Tools to:

- Prevent fraud
- Reduce improper payments
- Improve outcomes
- Mitigate risk
- Enhance collaboration

Annual CFO, CIO and IG Survey results

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INVALUABLE

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) Discounts

CGFM application | \$29

Annual renewal fee | \$35

Intensive Review Course registration fee | \$50

\$114
SAVINGS

Event Registration Discounts

Webinars | \$20 each

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training | \$175

National Leadership Training | \$175

Professional Development Training | \$200

UP TO **\$790**

IMMEASURABLE

Connecting

Networking and engaging in leadership opportunities

Working as a neutral third party, fostering cooperation and communication among different levels of government and with the private sector

Commenting on standards and to policymakers on behalf of government financial management professionals





GET CONNECTED

Member directory

Online searchable database

Volunteer opportunities

Chapter and national leadership, and committee opportunities

100 chapters

Network and interact with colleagues

Social media

Networking with fellow professionals through AGA's LinkedIn groups and Twitter

Vendor directory

Find and do business with industry partners



TOOLS & RESOURCES

Calendar of events

- National events
- Chapter/regional events
- Other events

Tools to:

- Prevent fraud
- Reduce improper payments
- Improve outcomes
- Mitigate risk
- Enhance collaboration

Advocacy

AGA provides input to standards-setters and policymakers on behalf of government financial management



RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Research reports

Reports assessing best practices and recommendations for future improvements in federal, state and local government accounting, auditing, and financial management

Executive reports

Reports that discuss near-term and future prospects of federal financial management in a budget-constrained environment

Survey Series reports

Government executives share key concerns, suggestions for improvement and ways to maximize every dollar

Reports include:

Chief Financial Officer survey
Chief Information Officer survey
Inspector General survey

Journal of Government Financial Management

AGA's quarterly magazine, with in-depth coverage of relevant issues affecting government financial management

Topics

Weekly newsletter focused on association activities, education and training events, members, and industry developments



CAREER RESOURCES

Education

Instructor-led, self-study and online continued professional development

Awards and scholarships

Recognition of individuals for exemplary work in the field

CGFM Certification

Demonstrate your expertise in the field

Young professionals opportunities

Specific career-building programs at national training events; scholarship opportunities; dedicated LinkedIn group

Leadership opportunities

Speaking opportunities

Writing and research opportunities



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)

National and chapter training events

Learn from and interact with industry-leading experts in person or virtually

On-site training

Affordable and convenient instructor-led training we bring to your organization

Online training opportunities

- *Journal* quizzes
- Becker on-demand courses
- CGFM study guides

CGFM training courses

On-site, instructor-led courses provide an excellent foundation in all areas of government financial management at the federal, state and local levels

