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## 1998/1999 AGA Washington DC Chapter Monthly Luncheon and CPE Session

Thursday, April 8  
Grand Hyatt Hotel  
1000 H Street, NW  
(At Metro Center - 11th Street Exit)

11:30 to 12:00	Social
12:00 to 1:10 pm	Luncheon Meeting (1 CPE):
	<i>Announcements</i>
	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Luncheon Speaker</i>
	<i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>
1:15 to 4:00 pm	Afternoon Session (3 CPEs):
1:15 to 2:30 pm	<i>CPE Session</i>
2:30 to 2:45 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45 to 4:00 pm	<i>CPE Session</i>

### Costs:

Luncheon:	Members	\$19.00
	Non-members	\$30.00
Luncheon & Afternoon	Members	\$40.00
CPE Session:	Non-members	\$50.00
Afternoon CPE	Members	\$30.00
Session Only:	Non-members	\$40.00

For reservations, please call the AGA Washington DC Chapter voice mail line at (703) 758-4080 and select option 1. If you prefer you can register by email to [jdonlon@gt.com](mailto:jdonlon@gt.com). Please forward your name, agency, and telephone number.

### 40th Annual Awards Presentation and 4th Annual Member Recognition Dinner Details April 22, 1999

Social:	5:00 pm
Dinner:	6:00 pm
Remarks:	7:00 pm
Dinner Cost:	AGA Members \$25.00
	Non-members \$55.00

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Wendy Comes, CGFM,  
Executive Director,  
FASAB

### Luncheon Speaker

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CPE session following the luncheon entitled "FASAB Update. Both presenters' biographies appear on page 10 of this newsletter.

### 40th Annual Awards Presentation and 4th Annual Member Recognition Dinner .....

The Chapter's 40th Annual Awards Presentation and 4th Annual Member Recognition Dinner will be on Thursday, April 22, 1999 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H. St., NW, Washington, DC. The dinner will feature remarks from Anthony A. Williams, Mayor of the District of Columbia. The social will begin at 5:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00, and the mayor's remarks will be presented at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams served as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the District of Columbia from October 1995 to June 1998. Mr. Williams was appointed by former Mayor Marion Barry, Jr. to assist the agencies and balance the city's budget. This put the District on a track for the return to self-government two years earlier than projected and delivered a surplus of \$185 million in fiscal year 1997.

Having stabilized the city's financial management, Mr. Williams resigned as CFO in June to run for mayor. Mr. Williams brought extensive experience in management and strategic planning to his role as the District's independent CFO. Under his leadership, the District achieved significant improvements in cash management, budget execution, and revenue collections. Mr. Williams' complete biography appears on page 16 of this newsletter.



## President's Message



*Eva Williams, CGFM, President*

This month's chapter luncheon meeting on April 8th will feature FASAB Executive Director Wendy Comes, CGFM, discussing a very important and always timely topic of interest to all our members—an overview and highlights of FASAB activities. Following her remarks, our afternoon CPE session will be our annual detailed "FASAB Update," presented by those with first-hand knowledge of the area—FASAB staff and chapter members Wendy Comes and Lucy Lomax.

On Thursday, April 22nd, we will hold a very special evening event that you will not want to miss—the Chapter's 40th Annual Awards Presentation and 4th Annual Member Recognition Dinner. At that time, we will recognize three distinguished groups: (1) our chapter award recipients, (2) Chapter members who have been AGA members for twenty-five years or longer (see page 9), and (3) the Chapter's past presidents. This extraordinary occasion will be made even more so by our speaker, The Honorable Anthony A. Williams, Mayor of the District of Columbia. Mayor Williams' experience and perspectives as the District's new mayor should be most informative and interesting. See Mr. Williams' biography on page 16.

Through hard work and outstanding dedication, this year's chapter award recipients have made significant contributions toward advancing government accountability. Their vision, leadership, and service have contributed greatly to the government financial community through significant financial management improvement accomplishments. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- The **Einhorn/Gary Award** will be presented to **Ms. Eleanor M. Clark, CGFM**, presently engaged in national and international government financial management consulting. Ms. Clark has been an extraordinarily active and dedicated member of AGA for almost thirty years. She has served AGA

with honor and distinction, untiringly contributing her time, energy, and talents in many key leadership positions at the chapter and national levels. In 1980, she was the first ever woman to be elected National President of AGA.

- The **Distinguished Leadership Award** will be presented to **Ms. Sallyanne Harper, CGFM**, Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- The **Distinguished Service to the Financial Management Community Award** will be given to **Mr. James E. Reid**, retired Deputy Controller of the U.S. Department of Energy.
- The **Achievement of the Year Award** will go to **Dr. Natwar M. Gandhi, CGFM**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer for Tax and Revenue for the District of Columbia.
- The **Education and Training Award** will be presented to **Ms. Virginia E. Murphy, CGFM**, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

In addition, **Ms. Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM**, is the recipient of this year's **James W. Saylor Award** for chapter service, and **Mr. Anthony G. Marasco, CGFM**, will receive the **Ronald J. Lynch Memorial Scholarship Award**. We will also honor several people with President's Awards for outstanding efforts in support of the Chapter and Community Service Awards for service to the community on behalf of the Chapter.

The Chapter Awards Committee has recommended and the Executive Committee has approved establishing a new annual award to honor an early career member's contributions in advancing government financial management and exceptional service to the Washington DC Chapter. I am especially pleased to announce that the **first recipient of the Early Career Service Award is Mr. Michael D. Sciortino**.

If you missed our March 5<sup>th</sup> all-day CPE event, you have another opportunity on Monday and Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, when we will present our session on "Enhancing Enterprise Performance - How to Use Financial Systems to Improve Performance" at the J. W. Marriott Hotel. Mark your calendar and register now!

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this month's luncheon meeting and special dinner meeting in honor of our 1999 award recipients, AGA members of at least twenty-five years, and our past presidents.

Please make your reservation early for our April 8th luncheon meeting and/or afternoon CPE session, our April 22nd Awards and Member Recognition Dinner meeting, and our May 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> Financial Systems session.

*Eva*



## Inside the Black Box: How the Statement of Financing Works .....

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA

### Background

Governmental accounting has always had a split personality: on the one hand, agencies should report resource usage on an accrual basis, as is done in the private sector, but on the other hand, there are legal restrictions that make budgetary accounting at least as important. Reconciling accrual with budgetary accounting has always been a Herculean task. Now federal agencies are required to prepare a Statement of Net Costs, which uses the accrual method; a Statement of Budgetary Resources, which is budget based; and the Statement of Financing, which reconciles the two.

### How the Statement of Financing is Put Together

The basic formula for the Statement of Net Costs is: expenses - exchange revenue = net costs. The basic budgetary formula is: expenditures - earnings = net usage of budget. One of the tasks of the Statement of Financing is to go from one to the other. The first part of this statement (lines 1A-1B4) nets lines 6, 3, and 4A of the Statement of Budgetary Resources, and represents total obligations net of reimbursements and recoveries.

Now, total obligations is not the same as expenses. To go from one to the other, unliquidated obligations (undelivered orders) must be subtracted (line 2A), as well as any expenditures used to purchase assets (line 2C). The Statement of Financing adds unfunded expenses on lines 3 and 4, including depreciation, amortization, bad debts, gains, losses, cost of goods sold, and future funded expenses. Changes to actuarial and other unfunded liabilities that are not reported elsewhere go on line 2D.

It is also true that budgetary earnings are not identical to revenues. On the last part of line 1, non-budgetary revenues are deducted. These include donations, imputed financing, transfers, and exchange revenue not in the budget (which includes reimbursement receivable from the public). Line 2B adds back unfilled customer orders, since they are not associated with revenue.

### Getting to the Bottom Line

The most frustrating problem many accountants face with the Statement of Financing is, after plugging in the values for all the accounts, coming up with some number other than the net cost. How can the formulas fail?

The formulas can work only when their assumptions are met. Before going into those, I want to note that many accounts on the Statement of Financing have no affect on the goal of moving from budgetary resources to net cost. Obligations (4801-4882) are included on lines 1A, 1B1a, and 1B4 but deducted on line 2A. Unfilled customer orders (4221-4222) are included on

lines 1B2 and 1B3, but deducted on 2B. If the balances of these accounts are properly reported in both places, then they cannot cause the net cost calculation to go awry.

One of the assumptions of the Statement of Net Costs is that all earned revenue (particularly 5100 Revenue from Goods Sold and 5200 Revenue from Goods Provided) is represented by the earnings (4251-4287) accounts. If your agency has revenues, the first thing to check is that revenues are posted simultaneously with earnings. Any revenues that are off-budget should have their own unique account or subaccount, and be reported on lines 1C-1F. One common off-budget revenue is reimbursements that are still receivable from the public. On the Statement of Financing, these are represented by account 1310 on line 1F. However, they are not the only receivables in account 1310. I have often recommended that agencies use different subaccounts for their receivables, to segregate revenue- from expense-related, and public from governmental. The amount to be reported on line 1F is the net change in receivables caused by revenue due from the public.

Another assumption is that expenditures = funded expenses + capital purchases. I have also recommended that agencies use different subaccounts for expenses that occur with an expenditure and those that do not, which would make it easier to test this assumption. For example, expense refunds that are pending from the public have to be subtracted on line 3E, since they are used in calculating net costs, but have no budgetary impact. Separate subaccounts for asset purchases and asset transfers/dispositions would also be useful, though that formula requirement can be met by calculating line 2C as the difference between expenditures and funded expenses, rather than trying to recreate the purchase amounts (if asset transfers are reported in line 1E, then they also have to be reported in 2C). Similarly, the expenses reported on lines 3 and 4 should not be associated with expenditures.

### Upcoming Events...

- 40th Annual Awards Presentation and 4th Annual Member Recognition Dinner  
April 22 at the Grand Hyatt.
- Enhancing Enterprise Performance - How to Use Financial Systems to Improve Performance  
May 10 and 11 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel.
- AGA's 48th Annual Professional Development Conference  
June 20 to 23 at the New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana (see pages 6 and 7 for details).



## Membership '99 .....

By Mike Noble, CGFM, Membership Director

### "20,000 by 2000" and "2000 by 2000"

The 1998/1999 recruitment campaign closes on April 30, 1999. **All membership applications must be received by (or post-marked to) AGA by that date to be counted towards this year's campaign.** Take a moment—think of this as a public service activity—tear out the membership application form included in this newsletter and give it to a friend, coworker, or business acquaintance. You'll be glad you did!

An update on the numbers for those of you who are counting: AGA's total membership reached an all-time high of 16,500 as of January 31, 1999. The Washington DC Chapter's total for the same period was 1615, also an all-time high. With a little more push—with very little effort, really—our membership can be 10% of AGA's total. How 'bout it, folks?

### New Members

I am happy to welcome forty-six new members and two transfers who joined the Washington DC Chapter during the month of January:

Christine D. Arrington  
 Anna R. Lewis, CGFM  
 Raymond J. Beaudet, CGFM  
 Wendy M. Lewis  
 Barbara L. Bonessa, CGFM  
 Thomas J. McDaniel, CGFM  
 Gary L. Bottorff  
 Audrey L. McLaren  
 Diane G. Charuhas  
 Julius A. Moore, III  
 James A. Childers, CGFM  
 Ray Oman  
 Jeffrey P. Chrisfield  
 Rotimi R. Omotosho, CGFM  
 Ellen S. Cimral  
 Jayprakash R. Parikh, CGFM  
 Edward R. Connor, CGFM  
 Frederick G. Richardson, CGFM  
 Gerald L. Creech, CGFM  
 William C. Ross  
 Philip J. de Gonzague, CGFM  
 Debra S. Rucker, CGFM  
 David J. Epstein, CGFM  
 Gwendolyn A. Sawyer, CGFM  
 Audrey L. Farley  
 DaSheng Shang  
 William S. Foster  
 James E. Shannon  
 Keith E. Fowler

Jeanne M. Shepitka  
 William B. Gladstone  
 Sabrina L. Springfield, CGFM  
 William R. Heckman, III, CGFM  
 Theophilus O. Tackie-Yarboi  
 Grace M. Holdaway  
 Dan Tonzi  
 Zena L. Huen, CGFM  
 Ted Vogel  
 Barry S. Kaufman  
 Lovell O. Walls, CGFM  
 JoAnn Kelly, CGFM  
 Tracia L. Ward-Rainey, CGFM  
 Kevin M. Kreutner  
 Karen Elaine Wenstrup, CGFM  
 Louise A. Kurtz  
 Kathryn J. Wick

In addition, the following AGA members transferred their memberships to the Washington DC Chapter:

Giancarlo A. Brizzi  
 Sulema Gaughran, CGFM

We are happy to have all of you as members and hope to meet you at a monthly luncheon, an educational event, or at one of the many social activities.

## Highlights of the February 23 Executive Council Meeting .....

By Judy Czarsty, Secretary

The Executive Council met on February 23, 1999. The Committee:

- Discussed Chapter award nominations for AGA national awards.
- Discussed upcoming or in-progress community service projects which include:
  - Volunteers In Tax Assistance (VITA)
  - Career Day Activities at American University
  - Chapter participation in the Cherry Blossom Parade
  - Career Awareness Program for W.T. Woodson and Howard University students
- Approved moving our next two-day educational seminar, May 10-11 sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers, to the JW Marriott. The seminar will focus on financial systems.



# Membership Application

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## II. Business Information

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (Government):  Federal  State  County  City  International\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private  Academia  Student  Retired  Private International \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility Area:  Accounting  Academia  Auditing  Budgeting  Contract Management  
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Education: Highest degree attained \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Accrediation and Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Sponsor's name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Membership Data/Dues

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*Full* - \$70.00/year • Career professionals performing financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity.

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Hotel Reservations:

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Call the New Orleans Marriott at

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April Question

Who was the first Geological Survey Director?

- a. George Otis Smith
- b. Clarence King
- c. John Wesley Powell
- d. Charles D. Walcott

March Answer

b. Yellowstone

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Community Service Corner

by Roger Von Elm, CGFM

As spring kicks off here in the Capital Region, many of the Chapter's exciting community outreach events are just around the corner. Now that the government financial statements are just about done, it's a great time to get back into working with the AGA and show your community spirit.

AGA will be participating in the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Parade on Saturday April 10. If you and your family are interested in carrying a balloon for the parade, now is your chance. Several chapter members carried the NBC balloon with members of the Downtown Jaycees last year and we have requested to have our own balloon this year. It's a fun way to get into spring so come on down to the mall and join all your fellow members walk down Constitution Avenue.

Also coming up fast is the Chapter's fourth annual Small Business Symposium being held on April 24 and May 1 at the USDA Graduate School Training Facility at L'Enfant Plaza. The symposium, which is co-sponsored by the USDA Graduate School, provides 20-25 budding entrepreneurs exposure to experts in the fields of marketing, corporate structure, taxation, accounting, and finance. The symposium, which runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm over two Saturdays, sells out every year, so

be sure to sign up right now if you are interested.

The Chapter is also volunteering for the annual American Heart Association Gala Brunch and Silent Auction. Volunteers help solicit donations for the auction, help set up display tables and decorations, monitor the auction and provide information and assistance to bidders. It's a lot of fun and a great way to help the American Heart Association with one of its biggest fund raising events in the area. The auction is scheduled for May 22 and volunteers are desperately needed for this event.

If anyone is interested in volunteering or participating in these events, please call Roger Von Elm at (202) 296-2020 (E-mail - [rvonelm@ukwdc.com](mailto:rvonelm@ukwdc.com)) or ask your agency liaison for more information.

The Washington DC Chapter would enjoy participating in the annual Cherry Blossom Parade again this year. We are looking for 20 or so "balloon wranglers" to assist with balloons during the ceremonies. The parade is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 10. If you are interested or have questions, please call Eva Williams (202) 535-9701 ext. 408 or Roger Von Elm at (202) 296-2020.



## AGA Washington Chapter Members with Twenty-Five Years or Longer ....

1950: Donald W. Bacon Raymond Einhorn T. Jack Gary, Jr.	Jeanne L. King Eugene T. Nettles Alan J. Strelser	Thomas F. Mundell Adam T. Shaw
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1952: W. Fletcher Lutz Lloyd A. Nelson	1965: John Edward Murphy	1972: Jean Bowles Charles A. Bowsher Roland W. Cyr Irby W. Fleming Stanley W. Fredericks Paul R. Frey John H. Gartner Thomas W. Novotny Robert A. Pewanick Francis E. Quinn Joyce D. Shelton
1953: John N. Buynitzky C. R. "Joe" Jauchem Maynard B. Woodbury	1966: Austin J. Ballard Nicholas Jougras Albert Shanefelter	1973: Robert E. Cavanaugh James R. Goulden Raymond A. King Marvin A. Marks W. Wayne McKeel Herbert S. Millstein Dorothy R. Norwood Joseph R. Willever
1956: John C. Ashton Robert B. Brown Francis E. Chaney Max Hirschhorn	1967: W. A. "Bill" Broadus, Jr. Dorothy W. Dews Earle A. Gumbs Albert Morris Virginia B. Robinson Edward W. Stepnick Ernst F. Stockel John E. Toole	
1957: Raymond A. Beaudet Ralph D. Dunavant Louis N. Lushina T. Darrell Verner	1968: Irvin E. Faunce Harry W. Feldman Joseph F. Reday	And, our newest crop of twenty-five year members from the class of 1974:
1958: Charles C. Lowe Francis W. Lyle Edward J. Mahoney Susumu Uyeda	1969: Blaine G. Dando George C. Davis Beatrice D. Fones Clyde G. McShan, II	Ronald L. Adolphi J. Richard Berman Evelyn A. Brown Dennis S. Mitchell Richard Alan Levine George H. Stalcup Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Thomas M. Vapniarek Eugene L. Waszily Arley R. Whitsell
1959: Sheldon O. Deno	1970: Richard Billig Edward C. Capps Eleanor M. Clark Frank L. Coveleski Gerard R. Edwards Gordon W. Harvey Kenneth W. Leland Charles L. Martin	
1960: Charles C. Martinez Frederick McGrath David Mosso Dennis J. Polivka Aaron Rosenthal Thomas M. Ryan Cornelius E. Tierney		
1963: Stanley J. Grande Ernest M. Keeling		

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## April CPE Session Presenters .....

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Prior to joining the FASAB staff in 1991, Ms. Comes worked in the utilities field. Her experience included being a consumer advocate representing both residential and federal customers, and corporate financial planning. She served as an auditor and expert witness for the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission. She represented the Navy's interests in utility rate cases around the country while employed by the Naval Facilities Engi-

neering Command. With Potomac Electric Power Company, Ms. Comes was responsible for long term financial forecasting, cash planning and bond rating agency presentations. She gained extensive experience with financial systems and financial management while with PEPCO.

Ms. Comes graduated with honors from the University of Virginia receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Management Accountants, and the Association of Government Accountants. She currently serves on the AICPA's Members in Government Committee and the Association of Government Accountants CGFM Board of Directors.

### M. Lucy Lomax, CGFM

Lucy Lomax joined the staff of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) at its inception in June 1991. She is an assistant director, and has worked on the Board's projects on selected assets and liabilities, direct loans and loan guarantees, supplementary stewardship reporting, consolidated financial statement stewardship reporting, cost of capital, expense/expenditure reporting, and development of training programs on FASAB standards. Since June 1997, she has been the editor of the FASAB newsletter.

For the first 21 years of her Federal career, Ms. Lomax worked for the Department of the Navy as a management analyst, program analyst, cost analyst, and budget analyst in the areas of financial management, program management, systems acquisition, and budget policy.

Ms. Lomax is a Certified Government Financial Manager with a Masters degree in Public Financial Management from American University. She is an adjunct instructor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Gradu-

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ate School, and has accepted an invitation to be a member of the faculty of the Association of Government Accountants newly formed Academy for Government Account-

ability. She is a member of the Association of Government Accountants, the American Association of Budget and Program Analysis, and the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Ms. Lomax received the 1991 American Society of Military Comptrollers' Meritorious Research Award for her Masters thesis on the applicability of private sector Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to the Department of Defense.

### Next month's luncheon speaker:

Gene Dodaro from the General Accounting Office. He will speak about the government-wide audit. Mark your calendars for May 7th.



Governments are expanding the role of financial managers and are looking to fill the positions with employees who possess extensive knowledge in a wide variety of functional areas.

# Do you make the grade?

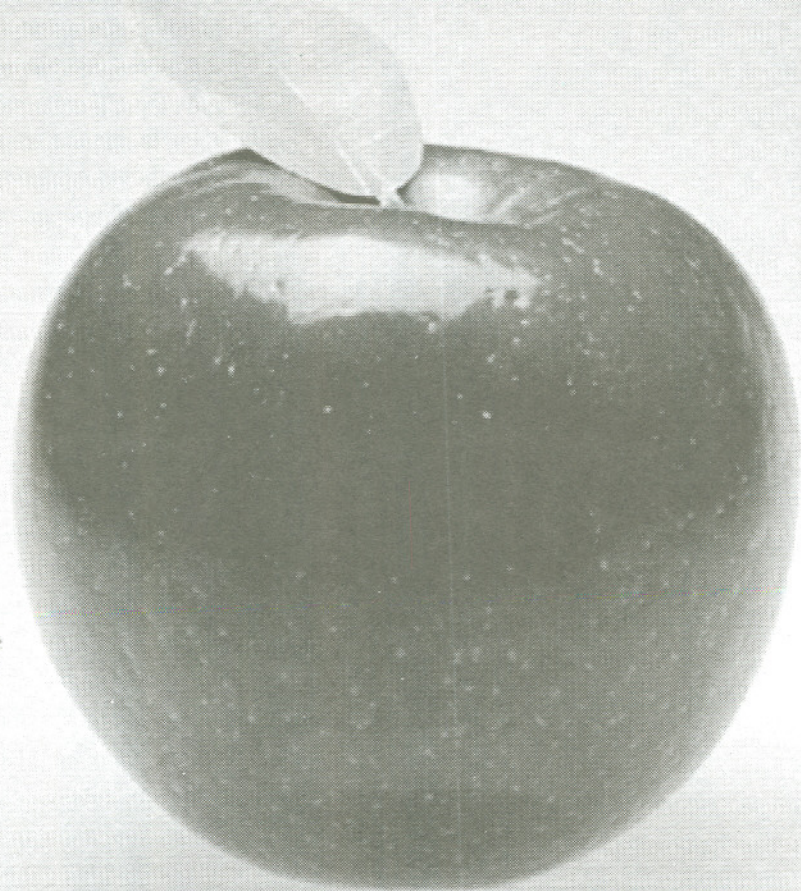
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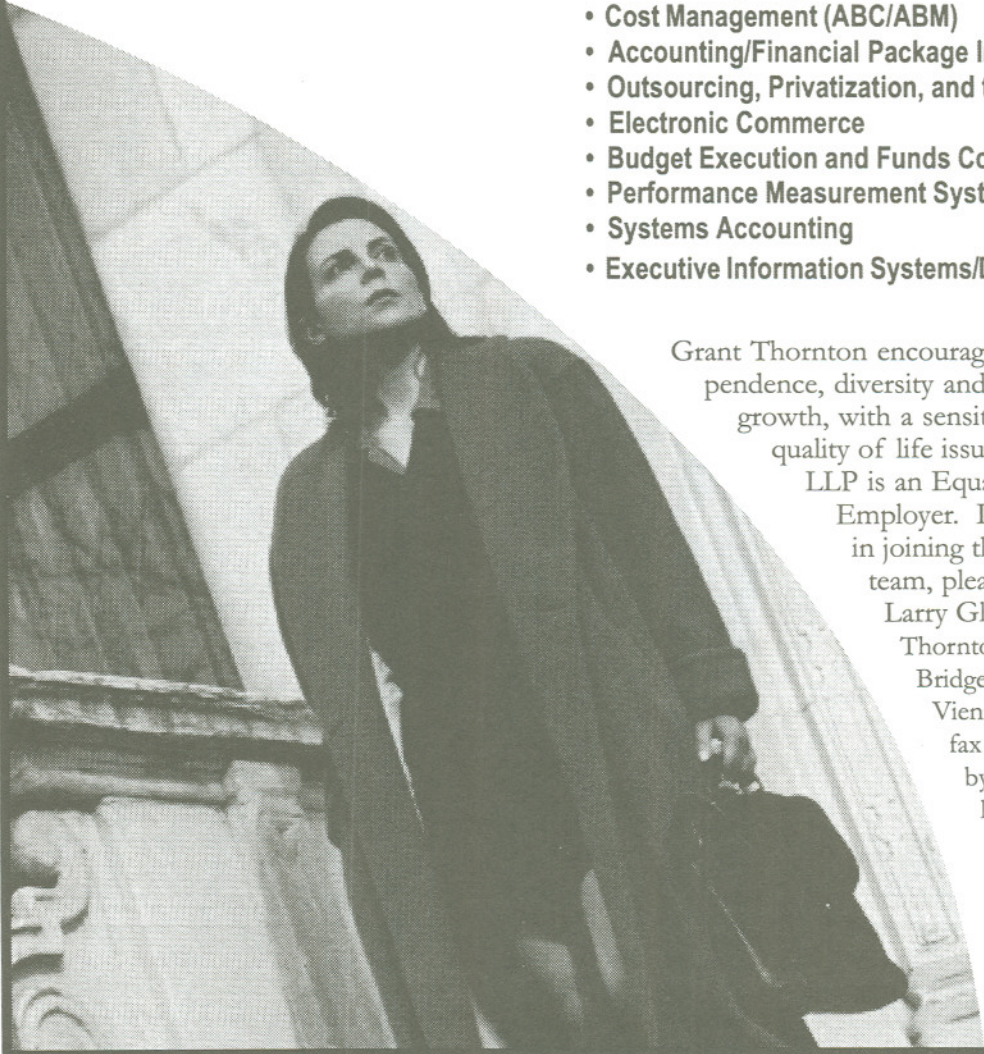
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Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Surviving the Implementation of FACTS II
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3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm	Improving Payment Performance with Electronic Initiatives
4:30 pm	Program Ends

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of 250 separate funds, the state's budget, and accounting services.

Mr. Williams was the Executive Director of the Community Development Agency in St. Louis, Assistant Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University. He was elected to the New Haven Board of Aldermen, where he served as President Pro-Tempore.

Born in Los Angeles, Mr. Williams is the adopted son of Virginia and the late Lewis Williams and is one of eight children. Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Air Force. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Yale College, where he graduated magna cum laude; a juris doctorate from Harvard Law, and a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Mr. Williams is a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, as well as several social service organizations, including 100 Black Men and the Washington Urban League. He and his wife, Diane, live in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. They have one daughter, Asantewa Foster.



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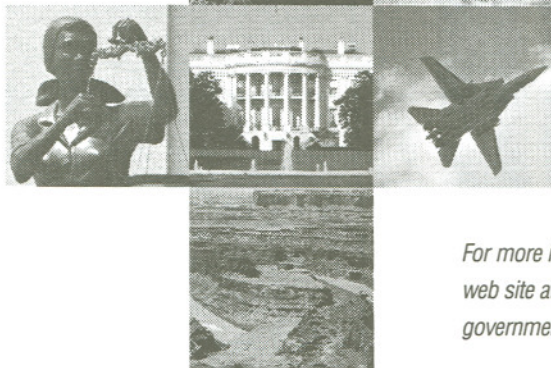
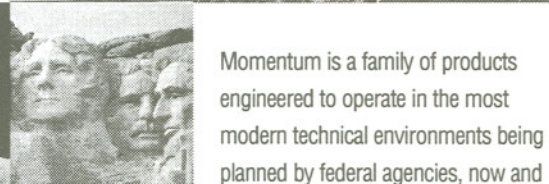
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