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May 4th CPE Session Statistical Sampling in Financial Statement Auditing 1:15 to 4:00 pm

Immediately following the May 4th monthly luncheon meeting, the Government Audit Training Institute from USDA's Graduate School will present a workshop on "Statistical Sampling in Financial Statement Auditing".

This workshop will show attendees how to effectively use statistical sampling to streamline their efforts and ensure accuracy and consistency in auditing financial statements. Through lecture, discussion, and exercises, this course will provide each attendee with an understanding of which method of statistical sampling to apply in testing for compliance with laws and regulations, the effectiveness of internal controls, and the fair presentation of the statements.

The types of risk associated with sampling and auditing financial statements will be covered. Finally, from this session each student will learn the issues involved in determining the appropriate levels of materiality and selecting the sample size.

The instructor, Vincent J. D'Orazio, is the Technical Assistant to the Assistant Auditor General of the Navy for Financial Management Audits. He is an expert at using the techniques presented in this workshop.

May Newsletter Note:

Because of production problems with this issue, we have produced this abbreviated, four-page newsletter for May. Our June issue will be a complete newsletter and it will feature highlights from our April Awards Presentation and Member Recognition Dinner in addition to resuming our regular newsletter items. We apologize for the problems.

May Luncheon Speaker: Frederick T. Alt, Assistant Commissioner and CFO of the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service

This month's luncheon speaker will be Fred Alt, the Assistant Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer of the GSA's Public Buildings Service (PBS). Our originally scheduled speaker, Edward A. Powell, Jr. from the Veteran's Administration, could not make the May meeting as planned, so Mr. Alt will be the scheduled speaker.

At the Public Buildings Service, Mr. Alt is responsible for all financial operations and information technology for the service which manages approximately 300 million square feet of government owned and leased space. Mr. Alt reports to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of GSA.

Prior to GSA, Mr. Alt was employed by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census where he served as Principal Associate Director and Chief Financial Officer from 1995 to 1997. At the Census, he was responsible for the Bureau's administrative management including human resources and acquisition;

budgeting and financial operations; information technology including telecommunications; strategic planning; and field operations.

Mr. Alt's executive and senior management background has been in strategic and operational planning, financial and operations management, financial products, systems design and development, information technology management, and financial product marketing in both the public and private sectors.

Mr. Alt holds an M.B.A. from George Washington University and a B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is a certified public accountant (CPA), chartered life underwriter (CLU) and a Fellow at the Life Management Institute.

Mr. Alt will speak about the financial management challenges and opportunities that his organization faces and what his approach will be for the 21st Century.

Monthly Luncheon and CPE Session Thursday, May 4, 2000

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>	
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 CPE Session:	Members	\$40.00
	Non-members	\$50.00
Afternoon CPE Session Only:	Members	\$30.00
	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 cdavis@gt.com or you can register at our homepage: www.agadc.org. Please forward your name, agency/company, and telephone number.

President's Message.....



Time certainly flies—even in this new 21st Century! Our meeting on May 4th will be our last luncheon meeting for this AGA year, and I encourage you to come and take the opportunity to hear from a chief financial officer with an extremely large asset management responsibility. Fred Alt is the Assistant Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer for the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service (PBS). His responsibilities include all financial operations and information technology for PBS's management of around 300 million square feet of government space. In this 21st Century, the challenges afforded federal financial managers always include the cost management for facilities and various types of office and laboratory space for our employees. Imagine having that responsibility for most of our federal employees. Please join us on May 4th as we hear from Fred Alt about the financial management challenges and opportunities faced by him and how he approaches those for PBS in the 21st Century.

On Tuesday, April 18th, we held a very special evening event. The Chapter's 41st Annual Awards Presentation and Fifth Annual Member Recognition Dinner meeting was a great success. Even with the challenges of the rain and limited parking, we had a wonderful crowd that had the opportunity to recognize our Chapter award recipients, Chapter members who have been Chapter's Past Presidents, and Chapter members who have

been AGA members for twenty-five years or longer. I believe we all were pleased to be able to recognize Ray Einhorn and T. Jack Gary for their 50 years in AGA! To cap off the evening, attendees heard the remarks from The Honorable Valerie Holt, the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia. Her experience and perspective on accountability and results management were informative and thoughtful. We also want to extend a very special thank you to our sponsors for our awards event: American Management Systems, Inc., Andersen Consulting, Arthur Andersen LLP, Ernst & Young LLP, Grant Thornton LLP, KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, Oracle, People Soft, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and Urbach Kahn & Werlin PC.

Last month, I announced some of this year's award recipients. This month, I want to recognize and congratulate two additional groups of awardees. This year's **President's Award** recipients are Warren J. Cottingham, Joseph J. Donlon, David A. Fitz, Simcha L. Kuritzky, Eleanor Long, Michael D. Sciortino, Cameron M. Weber, and Richard B. Willett. These individuals have made outstanding contributions to the success of the Chapter's programs, and I especially appreciate their efforts.

This year's **Community Service Award** recipients are: William J. Anderson, Jr., Karl L. Boettcher, Evelyn A. Brown, Ralph A. Bucksell, Marcia Caplan, Darryl Carter, Keith E. Fowler, Marial Grant, Denise Joseph, Michelle Lewis, Warren Marquez, and Charlie Melkunas. These individuals have participated in significant volunteer services to the community on behalf of the Chapter during the 1999/2000 program year.

We will again sponsor our monthly luncheon CPE seminar following our May 4th meeting and will feature a workshop on "Statistical Sampling in Financial Statement Auditing" presented by the Government Audit Training Institute from USDA's Graduate School. Sampling

is an appropriate audit technique that is especially supports the kind of testing the auditing community needs to complete to successfully audit federal financial statements. Please consider this timely and relevant workshop to enhance your expertise in this area.

Another great educational opportunity will be available to all of you on May 15 and 16 (see next page) when our Chapter in collaboration with the CFO Council's Financial Systems Committee present a special training event on "**Federal Financial Management Systems – Success for the New Millennium**" at the Ronald Reagan Building/International Trade Center. This is the last of three spectacular training events the Chapter has sponsored this past year and you would not want to miss the opportunity to obtain additional CPEs during this session. Registration information is available in this newsletter and on our web site. The agenda is packed with relevant and timely topics on governmentwide financial systems issues. A special thanks to Eleanor Long, Director for Training, for planning this event with PricewaterhouseCoopers, who is the sponsor.

Finally, congratulation to our outstanding slate of officers and directors elected by you the members for 2000/2001.

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	Karen J. Holmerans
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With these individuals, the Chapter will have a terrific leadership team that I hope all of you will support in the year ahead. As always, I look forward to seeing and visiting with you at either our final luncheon program for the year or our financial systems training session.

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AGA Washington DC Chapter and CFO Council's Financial Systems Committee present, Federal Financial Management Systems – Success for the New Millennium

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, May 15, 2000

8:00 – 8:15	Welcome
8:15 – 8:45	Keynote Speaker
8:45 – 9:30	JFMIP/FFMIA Core Financial Management System Compliance
9:30 – 9:45	Break with Exhibitors
9:45 – 10:45	Support Tools for GPRA Implementation
10:45 – 11:30	Federal Financial Management System Resources
11:30 – 11:45	Break with Exhibitors
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 2:15	E-Business Initiatives and Best Practices
2:15 – 2:30	Break with Exhibitors
2:30 – 3:15	What are the Success/Challenges of Outsourcing/Cross Servicing
3:15 – 4:30	Lessons Learned from Financial Management System Implementations – The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly

To Register

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Registration must be received by May 5, 2000. Space is limited. Reservations made and not honored will be billed unless cancelled by May 5, 2000. A confirmation of registration will not be provided.

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Tuesday, May 16, 2000

8:00 – 8:15	Welcome
8:15 – 8:45	Keynote Speaker
8:45 – 9:30	Financial and CRM/MCM Systems
9:30 – 9:45	Break with Exhibitors
9:45 – 10:45	Roadmap for Financial Management System Implementations
10:45 – 11:30	CFOs and CIOs – Strategies for Working Together
11:30 – 11:45	Break with Exhibitors
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45	Data Warehouse – Reality v/s Myth ... Is This the Solution for Your Agency?
1:45 – 2:45	Integration of Financial Organization Data
2:45 – 3:00	Break with Exhibitors
3:00 – 4:30	Integration of Financial Management Systems with E-Business

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