

<b>Program Title</b>	<b>"Leadership Insights: Navigating Changes in Government and Professional Practice"</b>
<b>Location</b>	Virtual – Zoom Webinar
<b>Date</b>	February 6, 2025
<b>Start Time</b>	12:00pm
<b>End Time</b>	1:30 pm
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>Join us for a dynamic session featuring a panel of esteemed past presidents from the AGA Montgomery/PG Chapter (MPG) and AGA National! This virtual event will provide an in-depth look at evolving leadership roles and strategies within the spheres of government and professional accounting firms.</p> <p>Our distinguished panelists will share their unique insights and experiences to help current professionals understand and adapt to the rapid changes affecting our industries.</p>
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	<p>At the end of this meeting, participants will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify key leadership challenges and opportunities in the current government and professional practice environments.</li> <li>2. Understand strategies for effective leadership and management amidst regulatory and technological changes.</li> <li>3. Analyze the impacts of recent industry trends on government and professional practice.</li> <li>4. Develop skills for enhancing collaboration and influence across various levels of an organization.</li> <li>5. Gain insights into the career trajectories and decision-making processes of successful leaders in the field.</li> </ol>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Transformational Leadership in Government and Professional Firms:</b> How leadership styles and strategies have evolved in response to changing industry standards and expectations.</li> <li>2. <b>Navigating Regulatory Changes:</b> Discussion on recent significant regulatory changes affecting both sectors and how leaders can stay ahead of compliance issues.</li> <li>3. <b>Technology and Innovation in Practice:</b> How emerging technologies are reshaping the operational and strategic frameworks within government entities and CPA firms.</li> <li>4. <b>Building Resilient Leadership:</b> Techniques for fostering resilience and adaptability in teams, especially in times of organizational and external changes.</li> <li>5. <b>Career Pathways in Government and Professional Practice:</b> Insights into building a fulfilling career in these sectors, including mentorship, ongoing education, and networking.</li> </ol>

<b>Delivery Options</b>	Group Live
<b>CPE Credit</b>	1.5 CPE Credits in Management Services.
<b>Program Level</b>	Overview
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None
<b>Advanced Preparation</b>	None
<b>Who should attend</b>	All-level managers and executives, senior-level managers, entry-level staff, auditors, accountants, ACCAs, CMA, CPAs, CPEs, and CIA
<b>Pricing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGA Montgomery/PG Chapter Members – \$10</li> <li>• Non-Montgomery/PG AGA Chapter Members – \$15</li> <li>• Non-AGA Members – \$20</li> <li>• Students – FREE</li> </ul>
<b>Course Registration Link</b>	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/250025002216133">https://form.jotform.com/250025002216133</a>
<b>Attendance Policy</b>	To receive 1.5 CPE credits, you must attend the entire course.
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Speakers



**Gwendolyn Sykes, Moderator, SRC**

Gwendolyn Sykes is the Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer for SRC. She is responsible for the fiscal operations of SRC and its enterprises and the day-to-day financial operations of SRC. Prior to her role at SRC Ms. Sykes had just completed her thirty-one years of federal service. Ms. Sykes comes to SRC after serving as the United States Secret Service Chief Financial Officer. In this role, Ms. Sykes is responsible for the execution, development and stewardship of the Secret Service's resources and currently manages a financial team that includes budget, financial management, relocation, and financial systems experts.

Ms. Sykes began working with the Secret Service in May 2012, bringing with her a wealth of financial management skills and talent for organizational transformation and enhancement. Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Sykes is the first African American female to serve as the Chief Financial Officer at NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate, she was responsible for the financial management and health of this \$16 billion agency.

Ms. Sykes led more than five hundred finance professionals, located across ten geographically dispersed locations throughout the United States, in the development and execution of financial policies, processes and procedures. Ms. Sykes has also served as Yale University's Chief Financial Officer, the first in that university's 306-year history, and Chief Financial Officer for Morehouse College. Previous government experience includes working within the Department of Defense and in the office of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens.

Ms. Sykes has been recognized for her achievements by Black Enterprise, Newsweek, the Today Show and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Ms. Sykes continues as an adjunct professor at American University in their Key Executive Program. Ms. Sykes enjoys reading and developing the next generation of leaders.



**Christine Turner, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service**

Christine Turner is the Acting Deputy CFO at USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). FSIS protects public health by preventing illness from meat, poultry, and egg products. They do this by ensuring the products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled. She joined FSIS in September of 2020.

Prior to her work at FSIS, Christine served 13 years at HHS in roles including Financial Control Branch Chief, IT Specialist, Acting Accounting Director, and other positions within Accounting and Systems areas.

Christine started her career as a Federal Career Intern upon graduation from Penn State University. During her career, Christine has been very active in the AGA and has held regional and Chapter positions including Regional Vice President, Chapter President, and other positions on the AGA MPG Board of Directors.

In her free time, Christine and her husband like to spend time with their two young daughters.

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### **Nicholas Garrard, TFC Consulting**

Nick Garrard is the Business Growth Manager at TFC Consulting, Inc. He is experienced in project management, federal financial reporting, data analytics, activity-based costing, and internal controls, and is proficient with data analytics tools, languages, and software. Mr. Garrard has 10 years' federal experience, including continuous support with data integration, operating a customizable financial reporting tool to integrate complex systems. He is proficient in using the latest technologies to promote process improvement and change and release management in the federal sector, including the use of Robotic Process Automation (RPA); he is UiPath RPA Developer Advanced certified.

Mr. Garrard is an active leader of the AGA (formerly Association of Government Accountants). He currently serves on AGA's National Governing Board (NGB) as Director for Chapters - Area 8 and is a past AGA MPG Chapter President, Education Director, and Early Careers Director.

Mr. Garrard has a MS in Data Analytics, and a Bachelors in Experimental Psychology from the University of South Carolina. He is a DMV native, and takes pride in supporting his community, including our local sports teams - whether win or lose. Nick likes to spend his free time with his fiancé Kayla, his dog Zero, and family and friends — preferably at the beach, watching a good movie, or playing golf.



### **Marlon Perry, KPMG LLP**

Marlon Perry is a Partner in KPMG's Federal Audit practice based in Washington, DC office. His career includes more than 24 years of providing federal financial statement audit and related assurance services, as well as accounting and advisory services to federal agencies. Marlon has served as the lead partner for the financial statement audits of cabinet level, executive level, and legislative agencies. He is an executive fellow at KPMG's Government Institute. Also, he has been a moderator and panelist on a variety of topics at national training events within the Federal Government accounting and auditing community.

Marlon is a professional member of the AGA serving in various roles within AGA MPG Chapter including chapter President. Currently, he serves as AGA's Corporate Partner Advisory Group, Accounting and Auditing Committee – Chair. Also, Marlon is a professional member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Marlon holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

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**Yehuda Schmidt, Sikich LLP**

Yehuda has 30 years' experience in assisting federal government agencies with finance, accounting, business process improvement, information technology (IT) controls, and program management. Yehuda has extensive experience in managing reviews of internal controls over financial reporting, operational controls, and risk management in compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123. Yehuda is leading client's IT risk assessments in compliance with NIST SP 800-37, and IT assessment in compliance with NIST SP 800-53. Yehuda is a past AGA MPG Chapter President.

Yehuda holds an MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship, and B.Sc. in Accounting and Economics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Yehuda is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Risk and Information Systems (CRISC), and Certified Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT).



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