

Program Title	GAO's Estimate of the Extent of Federal Fraud
Location	Virtual – Zoom Webinar
Date	March 5, 2025
Start Time	12:00pm
End Time	1:00pm
Program Description	Attendees will be provided with an overview of GAO's Government-wide fraud estimate including details on how it was developed, how it should (and should not) be interpreted, as well as how fraud estimates can aid fraud risk management.
Learning Objectives	At the end of this meeting, participants will better understand: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How GAO developed its fraud estimate including the methodology used and key caveats in its interpretation. 2. Opportunities and challenges associated with fraud estimation
Discussion Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What GAO's government-wide fraud estimate is and how it should be correctly interpreted. 2. Ways in which fraud estimates can be used to enhance fraud risk management such as through helping demonstrate the scope of the problem and return on investment for oversight efforts. 3. Challenges that agencies face when attempting to develop fraud estimates.
Delivery Options	Group Internet Based
CPE Credit	1 CPE in Auditing (Governmental) - Technical
Program Level	Overview
Prerequisites	None
Advanced Preparation	None
Who should attend	All-level managers and executives, senior-level managers, entry-level staff, auditors, accountants, ACCAs, CMA, CPAs, CPEs, and CIA
Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGA Montgomery/PG Chapter Members – \$10 • Non-Montgomery/PG AGA Chapter Members – \$15 • Non-AGA Members – \$20 • Students – FREE
Course Registration Link	https://form.jotform.com/250025534057146
Attendance Policy	To receive 1 CPE credit, you must attend the entire course.
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Speakers



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Heather Dunahoo is an Assistant Director in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Forensic Audits and Investigative Service team where she guides engagements aimed at helping estimate, prevent, and detect fraud, waste, and abuse across the government. Her work spans agencies such as the Departments of Defense, Housing and Urban Development, State, and Agriculture. She has conducted work looking at a variety of programs and activities with increased risk of fraud such as disability programs, Medicare and Medicaid, disaster response, and contracting. She helped guide the development of GAO's [Antifraud Resource](#) and its estimate of government-wide fraud.

In her over 20-year federal career, Heather has also worked in GAO's Financial Management and Assurance team focused on improper payments and contracting financial management. She also served as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit at the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board. Heather earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Virginia Tech and is a Certified Public Accountant.



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Nicholas Weeks is a Senior Analyst with the GAO's Forensic Audits and Investigative Service team. Since joining GAO in 2008, Mr. Weeks has led or participated in performance audits reviewing a variety of federal government programs. He has developed numerous findings and recommendations to improve federal agencies' fraud risk management efforts. He was the project lead on the development of GAO's government-wide fraud estimate and Antifraud Resource. Mr. Weeks obtained both a bachelor's and master's degree in economics from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He is a Certified Financial Crime Specialist.



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