

## Lester Diamond Bio

Mr. Diamond has been an Assistant Director at the US General Accounting Office since September, 1999. In that position he has been responsible for much of GAO's work on IT investment management, performance measures and CIO issues. He has also participated in GAO's other work pertaining to Clinger-Cohen Act issues. His teams have produced the GAO "CIO Guide" and IT Investment Management Framework as well as a number of agency evaluations. In November of 2001 his team produced the report, "Leading Commercial Practices for Outsourcing of Services," a guide of leading practices in the outsourcing of IT services.

Immediately prior to joining GAO Mr. Diamond was responsible for Y2K compliance testing at Legg Mason Wood Walker, a mid-size investment bank and brokerage headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. For several years before becoming involved with Y2K testing, he managed IT operations for a major USAID contractor and for the largest producer of natural gas in the Appalachian Basin. Between 1991 and 1994 Mr. Diamond was an Assistant Professor at the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University where he taught IT management and organizational design courses. He was a founding faculty member of Syracuse's Strategic IRM program in Washington, DC.

Mr. Diamond has received an MBA and an MS in Information Systems from the Graduate School of Industrial Administration at Carnegie Mellon University and an MA in Political Science from Binghamton University. Mr. Diamond also holds a BS in Materials Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.