

## **Kenneth Bresnahan**

### **IBM Business Consulting Services**

#### **Experience**

Kenneth Bresnahan leads the public sector finance specialty services practice for IBM Business Consulting Services (BCS) in Arlington, VA. He provides strategic advice to federal government clients on a wide range of issues, including business transformation, systems development and long-range planning. He also works with the IBM BCS leadership team to develop solution strategies appropriate for public sector financial management, as well as to ensure the productive deployment of consulting resources. Ken became part of IBM BCS through its acquisition of PwC Consulting in October 2002.

From March 2001 through September 2002, Ken was Director, e-CFO Practice for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Consulting. In this capacity, he supported the federal financial management community through delivery of expert consulting services across a full range of CFO issues, including systems analysis, business transformation and CFO Act implementation support. Clients included the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program, NASA, Office of Personnel Management and Visa USA.

Prior to joining PwC in March 2001, Ken was the Presidentially-appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at the US Department of Labor, where he was the primary financial advisor to the Secretary of Labor. During his 4 year tenure at Labor, he led efforts to earn the Department's first 4 consecutive unqualified audit opinions on consolidated financial statements, upgraded and modernized financial systems to meet new requirements, improved services to his customers and strengthened operational integrity.

From 1997-2001, Ken was also Chair of the CFO Council's Human Resources Committee, where he successfully implemented innovative strategies to invest in the financial management workforce. His achievements included publication of a comprehensive set of core competencies for financial management professionals, strengthening qualification and classification policies in partnership with OPM, the establishment of the CFO Fellows Program and the creation of a governmentwide recruitment consortium. He also initiated an effort to standardize and streamline federal payroll policy.

Prior to his work at DOL, Ken was Budget Officer and Acting Deputy Administrator for Financial Management at the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, where he directed budget formulation and execution for a \$42 billion program portfolio, as well as accounting, grants management and performance measurement operations for the agency. Ken served at USDA for 21 years.

Ken is active in the Association of Government Accountants, where he serves as Chair of the Board of the AGA Academy, which guides the Association's professional development policies.

Ken is a Principal with the Council for Excellence in Government.

### **Education and Certifications**

B.A., Political Science, Rutgers College, 1974.

Leadership in a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute, Office of Personnel Management, 1993.

Executive Development Program, The George Washington University, 1995.

### **Publications**

"A Seat at the Table – Summary Results of the Financial Management Needs of Program, Policy and Operating Officials Survey" (with David, Ebberts and Amin) *AGA Journal* Fall 2002.

"Investments in Human Capital: Responding to a Crisis for Federal Financial Managers." *Public Manager* September 2000.

### **Selected Presentations/Speeches**

"Council Partnerships" Presentation to Association of Government Accountants Annual Professional Development Conference, Boston, MA, July 2002.

"Issues Facing CFO's Today" Presentation to the Federal Financial Management Council Professional Development Conference, Martinsburg, WV, Sept 2001.

"Success of USA Government Purchasing Card Program." Presentation to Visa International Government Services Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, May 2001

"Building a Quality Workforce." Presentation to the International Institute of Business Technologies 7th Annual Government Financial Managers Conference, Kissimmee, Florida, March 2001.

"Investing in Human Capital." Presentation to the Association of Government Accountants Annual Professional Development Conference, San Francisco, California, July 2000.

"CFO Council Update." Presentation to the Federal Financial Management Council Annual Professional Development Conference, Monterey, California, 1999.

### **Awards and Honors**

National President's Award, Association of Government Accountants, July 2002.

Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program, 2001.

Association of Government Accountants Washington DC Chapter, Education and Training Award, 2000.

Institute of Management Accountants Potomac Chapter, Financial Executive of the Year, 1998.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Graduate School, Director's Award, 1998.

Outstanding Executive Performance, US Dept of Labor, 1997-2001