

**Good Morning,**

I have a couple of important items to share with you today:

- **May Corporate Partner Dinner – Spots Available**
- **Reminder – CEAR Black Tie Banquet – May 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Annual Corporate Partner Business Meeting – June 19<sup>th</sup>**
- **May 10<sup>th</sup> Performance Auditing Audio Conference**
- **Just Published Corporate Partner Research Report**

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**Corporate Partner Dinner Series – May 16**

The next Corporate Partner dinner is May 16<sup>th</sup> and features Sandra Pack, CFO – Dept of the Treasury. There are several spots available. Please complete the attached reservation form if you are interested in attending.

As a reminder, the dinner lasts for three hours – 6:15-9:15pm. The dinners are held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Arlington, Virginia (Pentagon City Mall). The cost is \$150 per participant, which covers cocktails, dinner and valet parking. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Black Tie Event Celebrates Excellence – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

As a reminder, each Corporate Partner organization has been extended two invitations to participate in the ***Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) Program Awards Banquet*** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The invitation was sent to the main contact for each Corporate Partner organization. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please let me know ASAP who from your organization will be attending.

AGA presents the CEAR to federal government agencies whose Performance and Accountability Reports (PARs) achieve the highest standards by communicating results and demonstrating accountability. The award hallmarks high-quality PARs that effectively illustrate and assess program performance - both accomplishments and shortfalls - and the cost of that performance.

**Annual Corporate Partner Business Meeting – June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on Monday, June 19, from 11:00am – Noon for a meeting of the Corporate Partners at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. This is held in conjunction with AGA's annual conference – the Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC). We need every Corporate Partner organization to send at least one representative to this meeting.

AGA Executive Director Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA, will report on developments at AGA plus we will hear status updates on the various research projects that are under way from each project team. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other Corporate Partner representatives and learn firsthand how to maximize your organization's partnership with AGA.

Remember, we need at least one representative from EVERY Corporate Partner organization to attend. We hope to see you in June!

**May 10<sup>th</sup> Performance Auditing Audio Conference**

AGA will host an audio conference on Wednesday, May 10 from 2 to 3:50 p.m. EDT entitled, "Performance Auditing: Planning, Conducting and Reporting Results in Today's Environment." The speakers will be Jerry Barber, Assistant Comptroller, New York State Office of the State Comptroller; Drummond Kahn, Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, OR and Pam Tumler, Senior Analyst, Government Accountability Office, Denver, CO.

The audio conference is designed for all auditors who perform performance examinations under government auditing standards and who must maintain their independence while offering a vital service to management and the public. The distinguished panel will discuss these issues at the local, state and federal levels. Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' presentations, there will be 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

For just \$249 a telephone line, you can provide 2 CPE hours to as many people as you can fit in a room. Click here for more information

<http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/performance0506.aspx>.

### **Just Published Corporate Partner Research Report**

AGA's Thought Leadership Series continues with a fourth published report - ***The Federal Purchase Card: Use, Policy and Best Practice***, sponsored by Corporate Partner VISA. This report summarizes the findings of a study of purchase card (government issued charge cards used for purchases) use by federal government agencies. This study is the first research on the topic to focus on solely on federal use of procurement cards. The study is part one of a four-part series. We expect that the full study when completed will provide helpful guidance on best practices for card use in the federal government community. The subsequent three phases of this AGA study series will review purchase card use by state and local governments; the travel card-government issued charge cards used for travel-by federal government agencies; and the travel card used by state and local governments.

<http://www.agacgfm.org/research/publications/default.aspx>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and have a great day!

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