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### **Independent Research**

AGA plans to do independent research and develop pilot studies and White Papers that will present assessments of current practice and make recommendations to improve federal, state, and local governmental accounting, auditing, and financial management. Research will be conducted on a variety of topics. These may include: identifying and recommending best practices in internal control procedures and reporting and other federal financial management areas; participating in studies to determine standard practices and procedures for measuring performance and developing performance management and measurement standards; and developing common performance measures for grants management at federal, state, and local levels. After the research is completed, it is possible that courses will be developed to explain and provide guidance on the best practices identified in the research.