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**AGA CPAG RESEARCH STUDY POINTS TO THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
TECHNOLOGY MAKES TOWARDS ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT
FUNCTIONAL MANAGEMENT**

***Inaugural Annual Report on Trends in Technology That Contribute to Improved
Performance for Pioneering Managers***

Alexandria, VA – Emerging information technology issues in financial and supply chain management are the subject of a comprehensive study, released today by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

The study entitled, *Trends in Technology*, is the third in a planned series of studies covering areas of interest to government financial management community. The study covers business intelligence, compliance management, business process management, project portfolio management, radio frequency identification (RFID) and wireless communications. It analyzes each topic area and discusses its implications for functional management.

“Management is on the verge of a major breakthrough in understanding that success depends on the interactions between the flows of information, materials, money, manpower and capital equipment,” says AGA Executive Director Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA. “The way these five flow systems interlock to amplify one another and to cause change and fluctuation will form the basis for anticipating the effects of decisions, policies, organizational forms and investment choices.”

This report, commissioned by AGA’s Corporate Partner Advisory Group and developed by Corporate Partner Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), addresses technologies supporting planning and management in the functional areas of finance and supply chain management. Its purpose is to highlight selected technologies that are expected to make a significant contribution to improved operating performance independent of industry. It describes how the technologies may be applied, key components and definitions, and anticipated benefits from implementation.

“This is one of our research initiatives that will benefit government and bridge the gap between the public and private sectors,” noted Van Daniker. “There will come a general recognition of the advantage enjoyed by pioneering management who have been the first to improve their understanding of the interrelationships between the company or agency, its markets, its industry and the national economy.”

In the universe of existing, emerging and idealized technologies, public and private sources were leveraged to focus on these six technologies that are expected to contribute to improved planning and management in the functional areas of financial and supply chain management in the public sector. These technologies will make a significant impact to improved accountability in financial management and the supply chain.

The report is the product of a research project sponsored by CSC’s Federal Consulting Practice. Andrew C. West, CSC Partner for Functional Management Solutions, led this effort. He was aided by Carlo D. Smith, Ph.D., Deborah J. Detwiler, CPA, and Paul Kaman. “By reinvigorating AGA’s efforts to provide thinking of this kind we believe we are living up to our responsibility to work in the public interest,” noted Van Daniker.

To view the report, visit: www.agacgfm.org/research/downloads/CPResearchNo37.pdf.

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