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AGA and Grant Thornton Public Sector Unveil New CFO Survey
Survey Focuses on Impacts of COVID-19 on Organizational Resiliency

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Association of Government Accountants (AGA), in partnership with Grant Thornton Public Sector, today unveiled its second article in the CFO Survey Series, entitled, The COVID-19 Challenge: CFO Views on Organizational Resiliency in Pandemic Conditions. More than a year into the COVID-19 pandemic, the report focuses on the methods used by government CFOs to build resiliency in their organizations and make long-term decisions for the post-pandemic future of work.

“The incredible agility demonstrated by CFOs and their teams during the past year is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of the government financial community,” said AGA CEO Ann Ebberts. “This report highlights the creativity and resiliency of financial staff working through the pandemic, making it an uplifting read for all of us!” Grant Thornton Managing Principal Tony Scardino noted, “CFOs have played a critical role in the continuation of government services during a tremendously challenging time for our nation. While the financial and operational impacts of the pandemic continue to unfurl, CFOs will remain steadfast in their efforts to ensure the public sector workforce and infrastructure are agile and adaptive to new responsibilities.”

Seemingly overnight, agencies uprooted their operations from government office buildings and replanted them in their living rooms and dens. With a predominantly remote workforce, agencies face new considerations and look to CFOs for guidance as they make lasting financial choices.

In this issue of the AGA-Grant Thornton Public Sector CFO survey, federal and state government CFOs describe how their workforce shifted to remote environments during the pandemic and explain their best guesses for how the post-pandemic workforce will look. This includes increased telework, redesigned and in some cases less office spaces, a shift in IT improvements to digital, and an increased emphasis on organizational resiliency in preparation of future high-risk events.

Historically an annual release, this year’s CFO survey is iterative throughout 2021, published as a two-part series with timely and topical insights for government CFOs.
CFO Views on Organizational Resiliency in Pandemic Conditions is the second release in the survey series and reflects input collected during a series of interviews completed in March – April 2021. Any significant changes (e.g., legislative, health response, etc.) that occurred after April 2021 were not considered in this report.

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