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LUNCHEON SERIES

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Read Bio

Edward DeSeve,
Special Advisor to President Barack Obama,
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
October 28th, 2009

Location: Clyde's

Mr. DeSeve will discuss risks within the Recovery Act.
The luncheon will be held on October 28th, 2009, from 11:45 - 1:45

Announcements

Audio Conference - Free for AGA-DC Members!

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- Wednesday, October 7, 2009 • 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM
- Location: KPMG's Office • 2 CPE

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Note From the Editor

by *Leon Fleischer, Co-Editor*

I hope everyone had a great summer. I would like to formally welcome Jorge Asef-Sargent as co-editor of the Washington Connection this year. Jorge brings a wealth of experience and we are very fortunate to have him aboard. Jorge and I will be co-editors this year and we are looking forward to bringing to you the Washington Connection for another year.



October is a busy time at work for AGA members. I am sure many of you are involved in the year-end audit and financial statements. I hope despite the pressures of this time, that you are able to take a breather and enjoy browsing through this month's newsletter. Perhaps, take a moment to enjoy the leaves changing colors and peruse the newsletter!

In this month's edition there is information on the October luncheon featuring Mr. Ed DeSeve, Special Advisor to President Barack Obama for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act implementation. This promises to be a very informative luncheon and I encourage everyone to attend. There is also information on the audio conference on October 7th, the upcoming Performance Conference, as well as the PDC conference (never too early to sign up!). As you can see, there is a wealth of training opportunities provided by AGA to its members and you can read all about in this newsletter's edition.

This newsletter is only made possible because of the contribution of articles from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles—these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offer, in particular the high quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal,

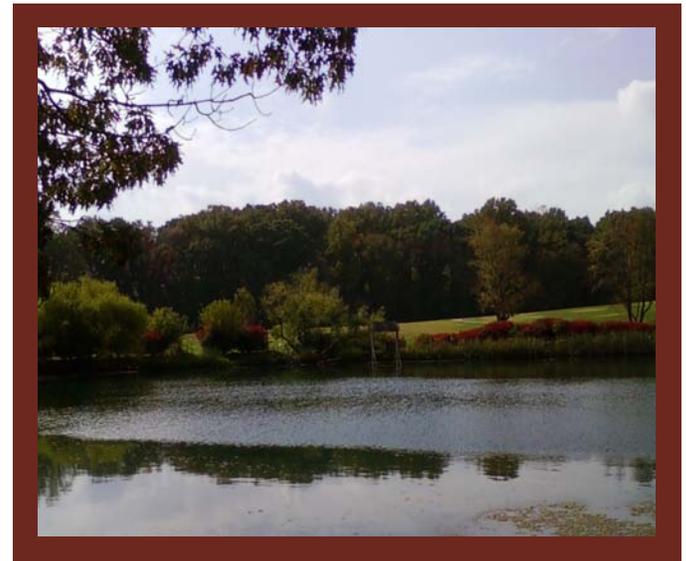
state, and local members including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the November 2009 issue is October 16, 2009. Please send your comments and contributions to Leon Fleischer and Jorge Asef-Sargent, the newsletter co-editors for the 2009-2010 program year, at leon.fleischer@sba.gov and jasef-sargent@kpmg.com.

Sincerely,

Leon Fleischer

**Leon Fleischer,
AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Co-Editor**



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President's Message



by **Kim Farington**



This Program Year is off to a great start! During September, our first educational event, the audio conference entitled "Grants Management in Today's Environment," was a success and provided all those who attended an opportunity to gain two free Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. Participants learned how the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act has raised the "compliance bar" with additional reporting and accountability requirements for grants administrators. The presenters highlighted the recent changes related to grant regulations and discussed the new reporting and compliance requirements related to grant funding. Our next audio conference, Internal Controls for Auditors, Management, and Staff, will be held October 7th. This audio conference, worth two CPEs, will be offered for free to Chapter members.

The educational opportunities continued with our September luncheon, which was a sell-out! The luncheon was held at Clyde's at Gallery Place. Attendees enjoyed listening to Ed Mazur, the very first Controller of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and past member of both the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The focus of Mr. Mazur's discussion centered on intergovernmental financial dependencies and the risks associated with these dependencies. Mark your calendar for our October luncheon, which will be held on October 28th at Clyde's at Gallery Place. Our October speaker will be Ed DeSeve, who currently serves as Special Advisor to President Barack Obama for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act implementation. He reports directly to Vice President Joseph Biden as an Assistant and acts as a Senior Adviser to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget Peter Orszag. Ed's remarks will center on risks associated with the Recovery Act.

We greatly appreciate all those who contributed to the September Community Service event benefiting the National Brain Tumor Foundation. As a result of your generosity, we were able to donate funds to this cause, which gives help and hope to children and adults whose lives are affected by brain tumors.

The Early Career members will begin exploring DC in October. Join the members on October 15th as they relax to Take Five! at the Kogod Courtyard, American Art Museum. Relax with the Early Career members and Take Five! with live jazz, cool drinks, and stunning art.

Our Member Services Committee was busy preparing for our first Member Services event, a tour of the White House, which was held on September 26th. This event generated a lot of interest, and all attendees had a wonderful time learning the history of the White House as they toured the rooms of the East Wing and Residence. Next month, we will be venturing down to Mount Vernon for the Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. We are also planning a networking reception for all of our members in October.

The DC Chapter has a phenomenal number of members who are deserving of accolades for the work they do for the financial management community. As part of AGA, one of our more exciting responsibilities is to recognize those among us who have achieved high levels of success in our profession. The deadline for award nominations is October 30th. Please contact Eleanor Long, Director of the DC Chapter's Awards committee, to nominate your peers for the various prestigious awards.

President's Message

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I would like to close by thanking our Chapter Executive Committee for the tireless volunteer work they do for the Chapter. I would also like to thank our corporate sponsors for enabling the DC Chapter to provide the many educational, member services, and early career events for all our members.

All of the upcoming year's activities to be found at the end of this newsletter and also on our website, www.agadc.org. Feel free to refer to the list on the last page of this newsletter to contact the Chapter Officers and Directors if you are interested in assisting with any of the chapter activities or to provide suggestions to enhance the events we offer.

Sincerely,

Kim Farington

Kim Farington, CPA

President

Washington DC Chapter

Welcome, New Members!

MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

<i>Leslie Siddeley</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Thomas Crabill</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Louisa Gantley</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Sarah Schoenfelder</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Theodore Kozlow</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Brenda Meyer</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Andrew Hale-Byrne</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Amy Coomes</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Gail Jenifer</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Eric Ernest</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Tawanda Smith</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Susan Goldow</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Jillian McArdle</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Andrew Hamilton</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Nina Kelley</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Christine Hodavievic</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Oni Crawford</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Daniel Head</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Janice Trey</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Nadine Forgenie</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Sharon Delfino</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Jason Leecost</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Margaret An</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Amorfina Amy Poster</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Steven Koons</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Deborah Swedberg</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Connie Washington</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Richard Gorham</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Robert Loring</i>	<i>September 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Katrina Crippen</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Giovanni Onwuchekwa</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Rhea Riso</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Rebecca Lady</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Anne Blank</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>
<i>Rosemary Schmidt</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>	<i>Eloyce Barbour</i>	<i>August 1st, 2009</i>

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Luncheon Speaker: Edward DeSeve



Mr. DeSeve currently serves as Special Advisor to President Barack Obama for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act implementation. He reports directly to Vice President Joseph Biden as an Assistant and acts as a Senior Adviser to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget Peter Orszag.

He previously was a senior Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute for Government and a Senior Fellow at the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership at the University Of Maryland School Of Public Policy. At the University of Maryland, Mr. DeSeve was also a tenured professor and director of the Management, Finance and Leadership Program.

In the private sector, Mr. DeSeve was most recently the CEO of Strategy and Solution Partners, a technology firm. He previously served as Senior Vice President of Affiliated Computer Services and Managing Director of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets. He established and led several consulting firms, including Public Financial Management Incorporated, which provides technical assistance to state and local governments.

Mr. DeSeve also has held senior posts at all three levels of American government. At the federal level he was:

- Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Controller of Executive Office of the President Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Deputy Director for Management at OMB

His career began with the City of Philadelphia serving as first a junior budget analyst, then Budget Director, Deputy Director for Finance and later as Director of Finance. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, he served as Special Assistant to the Governor.

He is the author of, "The Presidential Appointee's Handbook" (Brookings Press 2008) and is a frequent lecturer on government management.

Mr. DeSeve holds a Master of Government Administration in Public Finance from the Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Science in Labor Economics from Cornell University.

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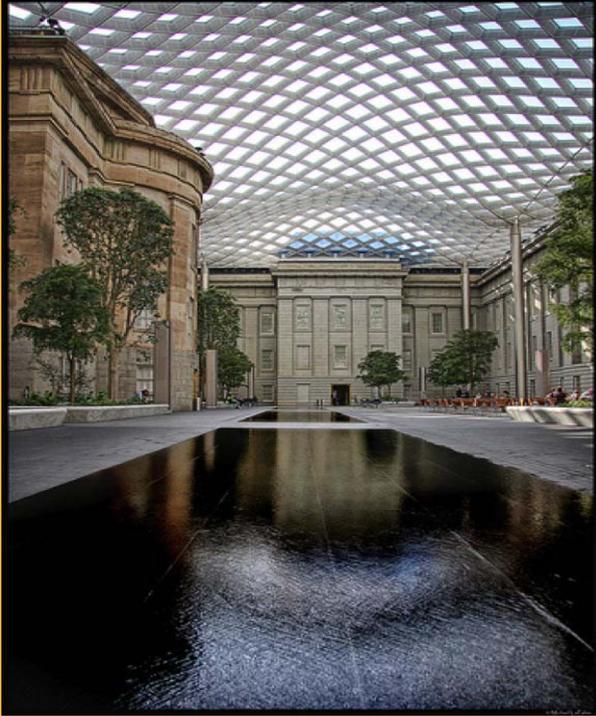
Are you, or someone from your chapter planning to attend a career fair, or an event for college students? AGA now has an eye-catching brochure that offers information about government financial management careers and answers questions for aspiring government financial managers regarding the qualifications and skills needed to get started. It also includes a bookmark for students that directs them to the Tomorrow's Professionals website for more information. To order free copies of the brochure, please submit the collateral order form found in the Members Only section on the AGA national website www.agacgfm.org or contact Jessica Jones at JJones@agacgfm.org.

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Early Careers



Join other Early Careers members on October 15th, from 5 to 7 PM, for an evening of live music, great art, and wonderful refreshments, at the Smithsonian Institute's American Art Museum. This event will allow you to not only enhance your cultural interests, but to also meet and network with other members of AGA. Additional information on the event can be found at:

<http://americanart.si.edu/calendar/performances/music/five/> and is included below.

ExploreDC: Take Five! @ the Kogod Courtyard, American Art Museum

Thursday October 15; 5-7pm

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Afro Bop Alliance returns to the Take Five! jazz series, the visitors will hear plenty of material from their 2008 Latin Grammy Award-winning album. The band combines the harmonic language of jazz with the rhythmic language of Afro Cuban rhythms.

Membership

September marked the kick-off of the current membership year! Our first event this year was the extremely popular White Hour Tour on September 26.

We had an overwhelming response to this event and will work to bring this event to the Chapter as frequently as possible! Additionally, the Chapter attended the Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival on both Saturday, October 3 and

Sunday, October 4, also proving to be a popular and fun event. Later in October we plan to celebrate Halloween with a Haunted Walking Tour of DC and a kick-off happy hour. Dates will be forthcoming for the upcoming October events, so keep an eye out for Chapter emails!

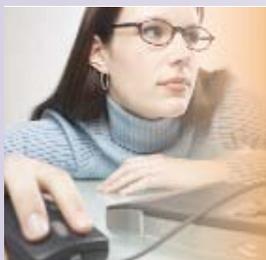
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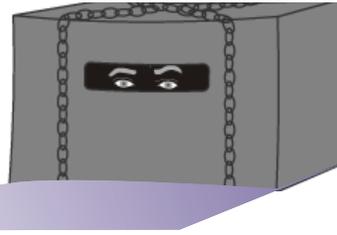
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Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



Accounting for Accounting Model Changes

(with FY2010 SF-133 line numbers)

Background

Treasury FMS consolidated the reporting requirements of agencies in FY2004 by mapping Standard General Ledger (SGL) Accounts to specific lines on the Year-End Closing Statement (FMS-2108), Statement of Budgetary Resources (SBR), Report on Obligations (SF-133), and trial balances. The Office of Management and Budget has significantly revised the format of the SF 133 Report on Budget Execution for FY2010 to bring it in closer alignment with the Programming and Financing (P&F) Schedule. If an agency changes their accounting model, either by implementing a new accounting system, a new chart of accounts, or changing how an activity is reported (e.g., reclassifying a receivable account from reimbursable to unfunded, or reclassifying an account from an advance to a receivable), then the agency must take care to submit consistent reports.

Sections

The table below shows the most commonly used SGL Accounts and how their beginning balance, adjustments to beginning balance, activity, and ending balance are to be reported on the SBR, FMS-2108 and SF-133 reports. Balances used to line up nicely between the FMS-2108 and the SF-133 (or Statement of Budgetary Resources). Now, the FMS-2108 has separate columns for undelivered orders (48x1) versus delivered orders (49x1), while the SBR and SF-133 combines both together but splits them out by activity such as transfers (4x31) and recoveries (4x71). So the unpaid orders accounts are split out into four groups.

In the table, R: refers to lines on the SF-133 Report on Obligations, S: to lines on the Statement of Budgetary Resources, and Y: to columns on the FMS-2108 Year-End Closing Statement. Bolding indicates this item makes up most of the balance shown on the report, while, in the majority of cases, the line balance is composed of several accounts. For example, ending reimbursable agreements without advance (SGL account 4221) are reported in column 8 of the FMS-2108, while it is combined with 4251 and other receivables in SBR line 18B and SF-133 line 3091.

Technically, all of these accounts' beginning balances are reported on line 1000 of the new SF-133 (also line 1 of the SBR) and adjustments to beginning balances are on line 1020. However, these lines are really calculating the available amount by adding up all account balances except available (since debits must equal credits, and all other report lines in section one show debits as positive), so I am not including those lines in the table. I'm not certain why activity accounts such as 4871 Downward Adjustments of Prior-Year Unpaid Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Recoveries are used to record an adjustment to beginning balances (I know that the Prior Year Adjustment Flag is B or P, but one would think that the agency would be required to report that activity under the permanent SGL Account 4801 instead).

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Inside the Black Box (cont'd.)

Item	SGL Account(s)	Beginning Balance	Adjustments to Beg. Bal.	Activity	Ending Balance
Reimbursable Agreements	4221	R: 3010 S: 12B	R: 3011	R: 1701, 1801, 3050, 3051, 4050, 4140 S: 3D2b , 17	R: 3091 S: 18B Y: 8
Reimbursement Advances	4222			R: 1700, 1800, 4030, 4033, 4051, 4120, 4123, 4141 S: 3D2a , 19B	Y: 5
Reimbursement Receivables	4251	R: 3010 S: 12B	R: 3011	R: 1701, 1801, 3050, 3051, 4050, 4140 S: 3D1b , 17	R: 3091 S: 18B Y: 7
Unpaid Obligations and Upward Adjustments	4801, 4881	R: 3000 S: 12A	R: 3001	R: 2000-2170, 3030-3031, S: 8, 13	R: 3090 S: 18A Y: 9
Payables and Upward Adjustments	4901, 4981	R: 3000 S: 12A	R: 3001	R: 2000-2170, 3030-3031 S: 8, 13	R: 3090 S: 18A Y: 10
Unpaid Orders Transferred	4831, 4931	(not applicable)	R: 3001	R: 3060-1 S: 15A	R: 3090 S: 18A Y: 9, 10
Unpaid Orders Recovered	4871, 4971	(not applicable)	R: 3001	R: 1021 , 3080-3081 S: 2, 16	R: 3090 S: 18A Y: 9, 10
Obligated Advances	4802, 4882			R: 2000-2170, 3030-3040, 4010-4011, 4100-4101 S: 8, 13, 14, 19A	Y: 5
Obligated Advances Recovered	4872	(not applicable)		R: 1700, 1800, 4030, 4051, 4120, 4141 S: 3D1a, 19B	Y: 5

Inside the Black Box (cont'd.)

Tips to make reporting easier:

- Map every funded proprietary subaccount to a budgetary account. Proprietary cash subaccounts might map to more than one budgetary account, but receivables, advances, and payables should not. If a receivable, advance, or payable subaccount currently maps to more than one budgetary account (such as a receivable account that holds public vendor refunds, federal reimbursements, and overdue travel advances), consider splitting it out to two or more new proprietary subaccounts.
- Every month, check the trial balance or review reports that compare the balances of the proprietary subaccounts to the budgetary accounts. For example, your agency might have three different advance subaccounts 1410.1, 1410.2, and 1410.3 whose balances should be represented in 4802 (paid obligations). Fix any errors promptly; this will reduce the workload at year end.
- No net activity should be recorded in account 4201. The account may only be used to transfer balances between funds or budget lines that report to the same Treasury Symbol (TAFS). If the ending balance in 4201 for a Symbol does not equal the beginning balance, then lines 7 and 11 will not match on the SBR (lines 1910 and 2210 on the SF-133).

Simcha Kuritzky
Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com, and not to the AGA.

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Community Service

Fall is a very exciting time for community service. In the months of October and November we will be participating in the ALS walk and an USO Stuffing Party. We are very excited about both of these events and we hope everyone can participate.

The ALS Association DC/MD/VA Chapter's walk is part of a national effort in support of local patient services and nationally directed research to find a cure for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease." <http://www.alsinfo.org>

This year's walk will be on November 1, 2009 starting at Old Folk life Festival Area, Washington, DC. Registration starts at 9:00. The Walk begins at 10:00 AM. We walk approximately 3 miles (You do not need to walk all or any of the route to participate.) We will walk as members of "Joan's Wayward Walker's" led by our captain Andy Kilgore. Tee shirts will be provided so please let us now if you are interested in participating.

Last year we raised \$1,669 for the ALS as 10 members of the AGA DC Chapter participated in the walk. We are hoping to double our participation and contribution for this year. Even if you can't walk you can still donate!

The USO Stuffing party will be in support of the United Service Organization (USO). The USO is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the troops by providing morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. USO provides support to our troops by creating care packages that are sent to soldiers' station abroad.

Soldiers can request items to be put in the care packages, and corporations send prepackaged items. Care packages are distributed through the mail and given out in airports to Soldiers returning to deployment after rest and relaxation.

Each two-pound care package contains a variety of items including playing cards, phone cards, beef jerky, lip balm and various snacks. AGA members will support this effort by being one of the volunteers who stuff packages at one of the USO's monthly stuffing parties.

Please contact:

Lloyd A. Farmer **703-294-4473**,

Tonya Allen Shaw **202-720-5026**

or AnnMarie Walker **202- 461-6499**

if you are interested in these programs.

Raffles at our Monthly Luncheon!

There will be a drawing at every monthly luncheon. Another great incentive to attend the monthly meetings!



Federal Enterprise Risk Management Summit

October 21 – 22, 2009

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- **The Honorable Gene Dodaro**
Acting Comptroller General, GAO

- **Philip T. Maxwell**

Director, Enterprise Risk Management, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc

- **John Morgan**

Special Advisor, Office of the Comptroller General of Canada

- **Edie Weiner**

President, Weiner, Edrich, Brown, Inc

- **The Honorable Jeffrey Zients**

Deputy Director, Management and Chief Performance Officer, OMB

- **Judie Leach Bennett**

Executive Director, Legal-Risk Management, Canadian Blood Services

- **Panel Participants:**

Tina Gabbrielli, DHS; Robert Ruprecht, Deloitte & Touche; Mike Sandman, Fuld & Co; Cathleen Berrick, GAO; Stanley Dore II, Dept. of Education; Kathy Bingham, Raytheon



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Program Agenda

October 21, 2009

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Opening Ceremonies – Dr. Jorge Haddock, Dean, School of Management, George Mason University The Honorable Sallyanne Harper, US Government Accountability Office The Honorable Dr. Douglas Webster, Department of Defense, BTA
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker – The Honorable Jeffrey Zients, Deputy Director for Management & Chief Performance Officer, OMB
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Keynote Speaker - Philip T. Maxwell - Director, Enterprise Risk Management, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc
11:00 am - 11:10 pm	Break
11:10 am - 12:00 pm	Stanley M. Dore II, Chief Risk Officer, Federal Student Aid Program , US Department of Education
Breakout Session 1 ERM Approaches	Cynthia Vitters, Acting Director, Risk Analysis / Reporting, Federal Student Aid Program, US Department of Education Katharine Peeling, Risk Management Specialist, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Member US Advisory Committee ISO 31000
Breakout Session 2 Transforming Business through ERM	The Honorable Dr. Douglas Webster, DOD, BTA Kathy Bingham, Director, (ERM Lean 6 Sigma Master Black Belt), Raytheon Corp. DLA Panel Member – TBD
Lunch	
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Keynote Address - John Morgan, Special Advisor, Office of the Comptroller General of Canada
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Session 1: ERM Best Practices/Tools Dr. Bill Shenkir, William Stamps Farish Professor Emeritus, University of Virginia Robert Ruprecht, Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP
Breakout Sessions	Session 2: Scenario Modeling Mike Sandman, Senior Vice President Fuld & Company Dr. Wayne Rosenkrans, Fuld & Company
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Plenary Panel – Tina Gabbrielli, DHS Cathleen Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO Scott Weidman, National Academies of Science

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7:30 am - 8:20 am	Continental Breakfast
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Welcome and Overview – The Honorable Sallyanne Harper, US Government Accountability Office
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Keynote Address - Future Trends: Edie Weiner, President, Weiner, Edrich, Brown, Inc
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Keynote Address - The Honorable Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, US Government Accountability Office
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 11:45am	Judie Leach Bennett, Executive Director, Legal & Risk Management, Canadian Blood Services
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Conference Wrap-Up: The Honorable Dr. Douglas Webster, DOD, BTA

Federal News Article

Senior agency leaders focus on measuring success of their programs

By Elizabeth Newell enewell@govexec.com September 2, 2009

In keeping with what the Obama administration sees as a high priority, officials at the Labor, Agriculture and Veterans Affairs departments are making program and performance evaluation a key focus in their strategic planning. Agencies already have been working hard narrow down their top objectives -- like the Agriculture Department's push to ensure all children in America have access to safe and nutritious meals -- and now they are tackling the even more difficult task of determining how to measure success.

Well into the process of submitting high-priority performance goals to the Office of Management and Budget, senior officials say they are identifying their program objectives and designing ways to evaluate progress toward those outcomes.

"A very, very high priority at OMB is evaluation, and it's a very high priority at the Labor Department as well," Labor Deputy Secretary Seth Harris said at a breakfast hosted by Government Executive in Washington on Wednesday. "We have put a tremendous emphasis on building up, bulking up, our evaluation systems both inside the Employment and Training Administration and also departmentwide."

Labor will create a new position -- chief evaluation officer -- and a corresponding office within the policy office. The chief evaluation officer will develop a strategic approach that ties together the diverse goals and priorities of the department's many agencies and offices.

"We're doing one-off evaluations that don't necessarily lead to each other right now, that don't have a plan," Harris said. "Now we're going to have a plan; we're going to have folks that design evaluations to give us a system of continuous improvement."

At Agriculture, Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan's staff aims to establish metrics that can accurately measure success and to make sure each metric involves multiple agencies and mission areas.

"We're trying to break out of the silos," Merrigan told forum participants.

Establishing metrics has always been a tricky undertaking for agencies, she acknowledged, because people know they will be held accountable by the very metrics they're developing. This has led to extremely narrow, technical metrics that don't pass what Merrigan calls the elevator test.

"If someone says, 'What's important?' you need to be able to explain that to the person in the elevator, so they understand by the time the ride's over ... that's part of the challenge," she said.

Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary W. Scott Gould said the elevator test applies to budgetary questions as well as metrics.

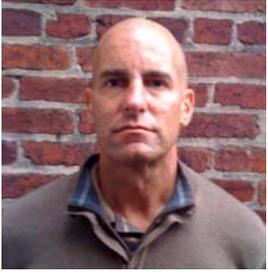
"There are three basic questions when you go see an appropriator -- what are you buying, how much does it cost and what do I get for it," he said. "If you can't answer that question in 30 seconds, it's on to the next line item."

Gould, Merrigan and Harris all anticipate the budget environment will be increasingly Spartan in the coming years, making program evaluation even more important.

"I would expect that funding going forward is going to be very tightly focused, particularly on projects that are going to produce designated outcomes," Harris said. "The direct linkage of funding to particular outcomes, particular priorities, is ultimately as a tactical matter going to be the most effective way to go to the White House and make the case for additional money. I think it also makes it an easier sales pitch to the American people."

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=43522&dcn=todaysnews

Who Is Stephen Wills?



Background: As the Lead Accountant for the Office of Quality Assurance within Federal Highways Administration, I manage various financial projects that have a direct impact on the financial reporting for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF).

For instance, earlier this year, I supervised a contract team, which was working on the reconciling purchase order obligations differentials tied to two different accounting systems. Additionally, I am managing the reconciliation of federal aid project monies that are allocated to state department of transportations. In all, I enjoy the opportunity to interface with many concerned stakeholders, as well as, the opportunity to draft any policy guidance and procedures for financial management issues revolving around the (HTF).

I have had the distinct opportunity to work for three other federal agencies, specifically, Department of Veteran Affairs, Labor and Commerce. Previous to my federal government employment, I was an accounting manager for a Fortune 5000 firm.

Finally, I am an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and teach various accounting classes, for example, Fraud & Forensic Accounting, and Advanced Accounting. In addition to my professorial work at the UMUC, I mentor a few students with respect to achieving success in accounting.

How long have you been a member of AGA? I have been a member of AGA since 2003. I started getting involved with AGA as a volunteer for membership in prior years.

How has AGA helped you with your career? I really like the AGA, and what it has to offer!!! I have met some excellent accountants who work in the federal government; and, through my participation of financial management conferences, I have honed my knowledge with respect to various financial acts, such as, CFO Act, A-123, ect.

What advice do you have for someone thinking of joining the AGA? First, I tell the individual to join the AGA for the opportunities that I have just mentioned. For instance, as an Adjunct Professor at UMUC, I have assisted the Montgomery /PG Chapter in terms of getting UMUC students to join. Second, I tell the individual to get involved, that is, go to all the social events. Third, I tell the individual to obtain the CGFM - the gold standard for governmental accounting certifications.

What is the best thing about working in government service? I want to be a difference maker, namely, in providing an added-value service in whatever I am doing with respect to the financial reporting for the Highway Trust Fund. In the private sector, for example, as an Accounting Manager, I enjoyed solving problems, whether it be financial reporting issues or the authoring of financial management policies and procedures. Further, I really like the mission of the Federal Highways, and makes me be proud to work for this agency!!!

What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today? I must admit that getting a job in the federal government is not very easy, particularly since I lived in Seattle, Washington and working in the private sector.

What is your favorite hobby or outside activity? I am a competitive runner on the weekends. So, I run 5 and 10 km races, as well as, half- marathons. Additionally, I enjoy gardening on the weekends.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Great Question-as a matter of fact, I asked that same question to my students in the first face-to-face class for this semester at the University of Maryland. I really like ice cream, all types, but my favorite is Death by Chocolate!

Anything else that you would like to highlight? I am really excited for this upcoming year in the AGA-DC chapter, since we have a lot of great activities, and abundant enthusiasm!

Awards Committee Update

TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND AGA/DC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The National Leadership Awards are just around the corner. Each year, AGA recognizes professionals of Visionary Leadership, Innovative Management, and Educational Commitment to our profession and AGA! We need your assistance in identifying outstanding individuals who exemplify the characteristics described below:

Federal

- **Distinguished Federal Leadership Award** - An elected or presidential-appointed federal official in either the legislative or executive branch who has made outstanding contributions to enhancing government financial management.
- **Elmer Staats Award** - A federal professional who throughout their career served as a role model for others and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- **Andy Barr Award** - A private sector individual who throughout their career served as role model for others and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

State and Local

- **Excellence in Government Leadership Award** - Professionals who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.
- **William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award** - Professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.
- **Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award** - Professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.
- **Private Sector Financial Excellence Award** - Executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in state or local government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management techniques

Please send the names and nomination information of outstanding professionals to **Eleanor Crawford** at Eleanor.long@EY.com **no later than October 12, 2009**. If you need assistance or have questions, feel free to contact Eleanor at 202-327-5903.

For more information on each of these awards and their nomination forms, visit AGA's National website: www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards.

AGA Training

Welcome to AGA's 2009 Performance Management Conference

Welcome! If you are a practitioner of performance reporting at your government entity, no conference does a better job of helping people like you than AGA's Performance Management Conference (PMC).

AGA's Fifth Annual PMC will take place on Nov. 5–6, 2009, at the W Hotel in Seattle, where leaders in performance reporting from all levels of government, the private sector and academia will share how-tos, lessons learned and cooperative initiatives among governments. Attendees have told us that the PMC is the place to be for those on the front lines of performance reporting, even if your government is just starting out. This event brings together government officials who are using performance reports to measure progress toward achieving their goals every year.

At a time when public demands for transparency, accountability and results have never been greater, performance reports communicate how tax dollars are spent. At the same time, results-based performance measures provide program managers with the information they need to improve public services. Some experts say more and more governments are turning to performance reporting during the economic downturn.

In addition to practical guidance—AGA will unveil its Toolkit for Preparing a Performance Report at the conference—the PMC offers many opportunities for networking and exchanging ideas with colleagues. Meet leaders in the field, as AGA will also recognize governments that have received gold, silver and bronze awards through the Certificate of Achievement in Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting Program.

Sleepless in Seattle? In addition to an outstanding technical education program, this event is packed with opportunities to network and connect with colleagues from around the country.

Take the lead in improving transparency for your government agency—register today.

http://www.agacgfm.org/pmc_2009/contact_us.htm

AGADC Mentor Program



Mentors have had a direct and positive influence on my career throughout the years and have probably helped you in one way or another as well.

The Washington DC chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is organizing a mentorship subcommittee and is looking for volunteers to serve as a mentor. The time requirements and format for mentoring are flexible. It could take as little 1 - 2 hours a month and be conducted via email, phone, Facebook, happy hour, or whatever venue you and your mentee find appropriate (e.g., at the local polka festival). This is your opportunity to "pay it forward" and positively impact the career of someone else.



If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact **Douglas Glenn** at 202-501-0562 or Douglas.Glenn@GSA.Gov.

AGADC Chapter Contest

Design a Pin and Win a Prize!

Extended Due Day!

News Flash!

Any AGA member who recruits even one new member for the DC chapter of AGA during the 2009-2010 program year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) will get a beautiful AGA DC Chapter lapel pin.

What will the pin look like?

That's up to you! Just enter the AGA DC Design-a-Pin Contest! Don't worry if your drawing skills are less than stellar! A rough sketch will be fine. The pin manufacturer has artists who will transform the winning sketch into a full-color, 3-D finished product.

You can fax or scan and e-mail as many design entries as you'd like to Eileen Parlow, DC Chapter Membership Co-Director, fax 202-512-7366 or e-mail ParlowE@fasab.gov

The winner will be announced at the AGA-DC Chapter luncheon on Wednesday, October 28th and will win free admission to three AGA DC luncheons during the 2009 - 2010 program year.

Entries are due by close of business
on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

We look forward to seeing your ideas!



Audio Conference

The Chapter will participate in an audio conference hosted by AGA National, on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:50 pm entitled, *“Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff - Making Government Organizations More Effective”*

The audio conference will be held at KPMG's Office located at 2001 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Space is limited, so please register with Maria Rossel at MRossel@kpmg.com as soon as possible! Registration will close COB Friday, October 2. Advanced registration is necessary to gain entry to building. A confirmation email will be emailed to each registered participant. If you have any questions please contact Maria Rossel at MRossel@kpmg.com

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule—understanding the role of internal controls in improving government operations.

Government managers and auditors at all levels will gain a better appreciation and understanding of internal control systems and how to assess their effectiveness.

The audio conference will cover the following topics:

- Why internal controls are important and your responsibilities under that system.
- Internal control frameworks.
- Understanding COSO.
- Risk assessment models.
- Assessing and changing control systems.
- Strong controls, but the wrong controls—when to recommend preventive controls versus detective controls.
- Effectively conveying audit results and internal control findings.

Guidance on internal controls is important and the seminal document [*Internal Control - Integrated Framework*](#) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) provides an excellent framework for organizations to follow. Unfortunately, organizations often place too much emphasis on the wrong control components under the misguided premise that control activities (i.e., policies and procedures) are the most critical elements of an organization's success. This misplaced focus can cause managers to respond with strong—but wrong—preventive controls over day-to-day activities, which ultimately frustrates efforts to correct an organization's real problems.

It's time to identify and implement the right controls to prevent a recurrence of past practices, which have harmed major organizations involved in fraud and scandals over the years. This audio conference will explore internal control concepts that can make for a high-performing organization and offer managers and auditors tools to assess internal controls within their organizations.

To share their practical experiences in auditing and views toward the future of auditing are: *David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA*, Audit Director, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York; and *Mary Peck, CIA, CCSA, CGAP*, Director of Internal Controls, New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, 20 minutes is set aside for questions.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009

Time: 2 – 3:50 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Learning Objectives: To learn how using the right internal controls can improve government operations

Prerequisite: Some familiarity with internal controls

Advance Prep: None required

CPE: Two credit hours

Field of Study: Auditing

Education Training

Hotel Reservations Now Being Accepted For 2010 PDC in Orlando

Make plans now to attend AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)--the premier education and networking event of the year!

Dream. Learn. Achieve. The PDC has it all! Join us *July 11-14, 2010*, in Orlando, FL, to hear dynamic speakers, participate in informative sessions, learn about the latest research, share best practices, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

In addition to an outstanding technical education program, and the ability to earn 14 CPE hours, AGA's PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country and make new friends. While you're here, be sure to experience all the attractions, shopping, fine dining and recreational activities Orlando has to offer.

Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and registration is coming soon. In the meantime you can reserve your spot at the official conference hotel.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Orlando World Center Marriott to accommodate PDC attendees. The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, *rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.*

Reservations received after June 18, or after the room block has been filled, will be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. Rooms sell quickly...we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

- To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate.
- You can also [*reserve a room online*](#).
- [*Download Registration Form*](#)

Montgomery County AGA Events

10/21/09

AGADC Dinner Meeting

Event Description:

Description: This meeting will be a joint event with the Northern Virginia Chapter (NOVAGA). Please register to attend on the NOVAGA's [website](#).

Location: Residence Inn, Arlington Pentagon City.

Event Time: 6:00 P.M. Reception, 6:30 P.M. Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Tom Davis, Deloitte Principal

Topic: TBD

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Phone: ???

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Member Service Event Mount Vernon Wine Festival
4	5	6 AGA CEC	7 Audio Conference Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 Early Careers Event ExploreDC: Take Five! @ the Kogod Courtyard, American Art Museum	16	17
18	19	20 Member Service Event Networking Reception	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Luncheon (Clyde's) Speaker: Ed DeSeve	29	30 Deadline for Award Nominations	31 Halloween
		NOTES: <u>Design-A-Pin Contest:</u> The deadline for contest entries has been extended until October 15th. <u>Community Service Event:</u> USO Stuffing Party. The date is forthcoming. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information.				

NOVEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Community Service Event ALS Walk for the Cure	2	3 AGA CEC	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16 Agency Financial Statement Due	17	18 Audio Conference Auditors' Role in Government Performance Measures	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Member Service Event Redskins Vs. Eagles Gamewatch	30					
		NOTES: AGA DC Chapter will hold a combined November/December lunch on December 9th.				

DECEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 AGA CEC	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Luncheon (Clyde's) Speaker: TBD	10	11	12
13	14	15 Member Service Event Holiday Happy Hour Old Ebbitt Grill	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		
		NOTES: Community Service Event: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. Donations will be accepted at the Chapter Luncheon. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information.				

Calendar of Events — 2009/2010 Program Year

Month	Luncheons	Community Service	Member Service	Education	Early Careers	Membership/ Liason Committee	Awards	CEC Meetings
January	20-Jan-2010	20-Jan-2010	TBD					5-Jan-2010
	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: TBD, Clydes CPE: 1	Make-a-Wish	Washington Capitals Game					Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
February	17-Feb-2010	TBD	10-Feb-2010	10-Feb-2010				2-Feb-2010
	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: TBD, Clydes CPE: 1	VITA	Chinese New Year	Audio Conference: Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
March	19-Mar-2009	TBD	TBD	10-Mar-2010				2-Mar-2010
	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: TBD, Clydes CPE: 1	Designer Fashion Show	Australian Embassy Wine Tasting and Art Show	Audio Conference: Fraud				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
April	20-Apr-2010	TBD	TBD	21-Apr-2010				6-Apr-2010
	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: TBD, University Club, DC CPE: 1	Habitat for Humanity	Virginia Vineyards Tour	Audio Conference: The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
May	18-May-2010	18-May-2010	TBD	TBD				4-May-2010
	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: TBD, University Club, DC CPE: 1	Cell Phones and Eyeglasses	Charity Fashion Show and Brunch	Federal Financial Management Conference				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
June		16-Jun-2009	Date: TBD				6-Jun-2009	1-Jun-2010
		Golf Tournament for Charity	Nationals Game ***** Golf Tournament				Awards Dinner Location: Hyatt Downtown Time: 6:30 - 11:00pm	Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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