



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

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****Monthly Luncheon****

Date:

October 16,
2013

Location:

NM Educators
Federal Credit
Union Training
Center, 4100
Pan American
Freeway NE,
Albuquerque,
NM 87107

Speaker:

Bill Kubistal,
Partner with
Kearney &
Company - The
Micro and
Macro Effects of
the Government
Shutdown

Fee:

Member - \$15

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well, it certainly feels like Fall now and the leaves on trees are changing color rapidly - this is such a beautiful time of year! I hope everyone is able to take a couple minutes to enjoy the scenery.

I am extremely excited to announce our CGFM initiative for the remainder of this program year: You Pass, We Pay! We will provide a bonus of \$500 to the first two Albuquerque AGA Chapter members who complete all three parts of the CGFM exam and receive their certification letter from National by May 31, 2014. This bonus will help cover the cost of the exams, application fee, and provide a little extra. Also, don't forget that our Chapter has study guides available to help you prepare, so before you purchase your own materials, please check with us about availability. Feel free to contact James or myself for additional information.

~Laura

President - Albuquerque AGA Chapter 2013/2014

Welcome to New Members

The AGA Albuquerque Chapter would like to welcome our newest member, Jennifer Baca of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department.

CGFM Bonus

The AGA Albuquerque Chapter will be giving a \$500 award to the first two members who complete all three parts of the

NonMember -
\$20

Contact Laura
Beltran-Schmitz
for registration
link

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CGFM exam and receive a notice of CGFM award. The notice must be provided to the AGA Albuquerque Chapter Board of Directors by May 31, 2014 in order to be eligible to receive the \$500 award. Test must not have been taken prior to October 10, 2013. For more details or to apply for the award please contact our CGFM Chair James Hartogensis, CPA, CGFM. Good luck on your exams!

You Pass We Pay 2013



Achieve the CGFM
between now and January
and receive \$500 from us!

The benefits are substantial, the
incentive has never been greater!

Apply Today!

The first two AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members who send in a notice of CGFM award between now and May 31, 2014 (*final test must not have been taken prior to Oct. 10, 2013*) will receive a recognition in our newsletter and \$500 from the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. For more details or to apply for the award please contact our CGFM Chair James Hartogensis, CPA, CGFM.



AGA Survey Series

The report on the 18th Annual Federal CFO Survey, conducted by AGA in partnership with Grant Thornton LLP, is now available online. AGA and Grant Thornton conducted in-person interviews with more than 100 U.S. federal financial leaders and senior leaders of oversight groups such as the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Almost 200 other federal financial leaders participated in an online survey. The

report highlights the challenges faced by federal financial executives in meeting growing requirements with fewer resources in today's environment of reduced funding.

The report is the product of AGA's Corporate Partner Advisory Group (CPAG) research project, sponsored by Grant Thornton LLP. The complete report can be viewed here: <https://www.agacgfm.org/AGA/Research/CFOSurvey2013.pdf>

CGFM Corner

CGFM Corner by James Hartogensis, CGFM, CPA

In past issues I gave an overview of the CGFM and the tremendous value the certification provides. This month I will focus on the steps to certification. Here are 9 simple steps to become a **Certified Government Financial Manager**:

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Step 1: Read AGA's Code of Ethics at

<http://www.agacgfm.org/About/Code-of-Ethics.aspx>

Step 2: Apply for the CGFM Program

at <https://secure.agacgfm.org/form/CGFMRegistration.aspx>

Step 3: Submit Required Degree Documentation - To take any of the CGFM Examinations, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Step 4: Receive an Eligibility Letter- Once your application, payment and degree documentation are received and processed by the Office of Professional Certification, AGA will e-mail you an eligibility letter with instructions on how to purchase your CGFM Examinations.

Step 5: Submit a Work Verification Form - You must have 2 years work experience before the designation is granted.

Step 6: Prepare for the CGFM Examinations - Prepare for the examinations by attending an instructor-led course, purchasing a study guide or studying on your own.

Step 7: Schedule and take the CGFM Examinations - Take the examinations at a Pearson VUE Professional Testing Center.

Step 8: Receive CGFM Award Letter - Once all 3 exams are completed and you have met all requirements, you will

receive your award letter signifying you have successfully met the requirements to be a **Certified Government Financial Manager!**

Step 9: Receive and Display Your CGFM Certificate -

Proudly display your certificate so that others will know that you have the unique skills and specialized knowledge that is required of today's government financial managers.

Remember to maintain your active certification once you have earned the designation. There are annual continuing education requirements, and a small fee to maintain an active certification.

Our chapter has many resources to help you earn your CGFM certificate. Please contact me or one of the other Executive Committee members for additional information. Our contact information is at the end of this newsletter. Happy studying!

October Luncheon

October 16, 2013 - Bill Kubistal, Partner with Kearney & Company, will present on the Micro and Macro effects of the government shut down. The luncheon is at the NM Educators Federal Credit Union Training Center, 4100 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Feel free to contact any of us w/ questions & comments

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