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| Program Title | Using Data Analytics and Network Analysis for Fraud and Risk Management |
| Location | Virtual – Zoom Webinar |
| Date | January 24, 2024 |
| Start Time | 12:00 pm |
| End Time | 1:00 pm |
| Program Description | <p>Fraud in federal programs costs the U.S. government billions of dollars and erodes public trust. It contributes to financial and nonfinancial risks that waste taxpayer dollars, threaten national security, or put consumers at risk.</p> <p>Managers of federal programs may perceive a conflict between their priorities to fulfill the program's mission and taking actions to safeguard taxpayer dollars from improper use. However, proactively managing fraud risks can help facilitate the program's mission and strategic goals by ensuring that taxpayer dollars and government services serve their intended purposes.</p> <p>In August 2023, GAO issued a report examining applicant and contractor risks associated with HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grants, which communities can use to address recovery needs related to housing, infrastructure, and economic revitalization after major disasters. GAO used data matching to identify vulnerabilities to fraud among CDBG-DR applicants, and network analysis to identify key players to help manage contractor risks.</p> <p>This session will cover the use of data and network analytics and how they can be used to prevent and mitigate fraud.</p> |
| Learning Objectives | <p>At the end of this meeting, participants will learn about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data matching to identify applicant fraud risks and vulnerabilities to fraud. 2. HUD's CDBG-DR contracting environment and contractor fraud risks. 3. Network analysis to identify key players and those in positions of influence. |
| Discussion Topics | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data matching and how to use it to detect and prevent fraud among applicants for federal assistance. 2. Network analysis, including when to use it, how to use it, and what type of data is needed. 3. How network analysis was used to identify key players in positions of high influence in HUD's CDBG-DR contracting environment – and implications for risk monitoring. |
| Delivery Options | Group Internet Based |
| CPE Credit | 1 CPE in Auditing (Governmental) - Technical |
| Program Level | Overview |
| Prerequisites | None |

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| Advanced Preparation | None |
| Who should attend | All-level managers and executives, senior-level managers, entry-level staff, auditors, accountants, ACCAs, CMA, CPAs, CPEs, and CIA |
| Pricing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGA Montgomery/PG Chapter Members & Students– FREE • Non-Montgomery/PG AGA Chapter Members – \$10 • Non-AGA Members – \$15 |
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Speakers



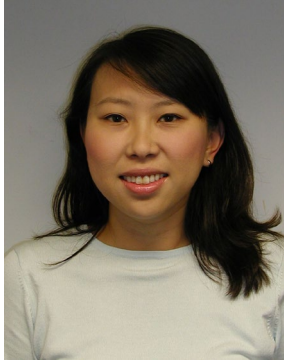
Haley Klosky

As a Senior Analyst at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Ms. Klosky specializes in data analytics to identify fraud, waste, and abuse in federal programming. As part of GAO's Forensic Audits and Investigative Service unit, Ms. Klosky provides technical expertise in analytics for federal auditing and develops tools in support of agency-wide data management. Ms. Klosky holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Susquehanna University.



Michael Distler

As an analyst with GAO's Homeland Security and Justice team, Mr. Distler has worked on a wide range of reviews that include contractor fraud risks, intelligence sharing, the use of the terrorist watchlist, and Air Force cryptographic modernization. Prior to joining GAO, Mr. Distler was a senior researcher at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland. Working on the data collection team for the Global Terrorism Database, Mr. Distler has 15 years of experience employing high-quality data collection techniques to collect relevant information on worldwide terrorist attacks. Mr. Distler holds a B.A., M.A., and PH.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland.



Tina Paek

Ms. Paek is a Senior Policy Analyst with the GAO specializing in identifying fraud and fraud risks in federal programs using data and other analytical approaches. In the last 15 years, her experience includes identifying instances of duplication, overlap, and fragmentation and opportunities for cost savings across the federal government. She also spent a number of years analyzing policy issues related to physical infrastructure, including federal real property and transportation. Prior to working at GAO, Ms. Paek was a management consultant for 5 years. Tina received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and received her Masters in Public Policy at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy Studies.



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