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AGA Government Financial Management Spring Workshop

April 28, 2026 | 8 CPE Hours
United States Mint, HQ
Washington, DC

It’s about being effective and successful

What to expect?

An outstanding program is planned with dynamic speakers from the Federal Government, Regulators, and Professional Service Firms who will present new ideas in informative sessions.

Workshop participants can earn up to 8 CPE hours as follows:
— Personal Development - Non-Technical - 1.0 CPE hour
— Business Management and Organization - 2.0 CPE hours
— Accounting (Governmental) - 2.0 CPE hours
— Specialized Knowledge - Technical - 3.0 CPE hours

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Details

Location:

United States Mint, HQ
Conference Center
801 9th Street NW
Washington DC 20001

Learning Objectives:

Participants will learn new management techniques and practical tips to increase efficiency in government financial operations.

Discussion Topics:

- Centralized Receivables Service: Increasing Debt Collection, Standardization and Compliance with Receivables Management Governmentwide
- Navigating Complexity: Financial Strategy, Risk, and Privacy in Government: Insights from the former CFO, CRO, and Chief Privacy Officer at the IRS
- Nation By The Numbers – The FY 2025 Financial Report of the U.S. Government
- Using the Social Style® Framework to be a Better Leader
- Governmental Accounting Update: Practical Application and Comparison of FASAB and GASB Standards
- The Institutional Knowledge Crisis in Federal Financial Management
- The Future of Digital Pay Program
- The Future of Government Financial Management — Innovation, Technology, and Accountability

Advance Preparations:

None

Program Level:

Overview

Delivery Method:

Group Live

Who Should Attend:

— All Levels
— Auditors, Accountants, Financial Managers
— CPAs, CGFMs, ACCAs, IMAs, CMAs

Note: No media/press are invited nor allowed to cover this event.

Prerequisites:

None

Pricing

AGA, ACCA, IMA, & NABA Member	$90
Non Members	$130
Students	FREE

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Registration

Please register by scanning the QR code or using the link below:
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Meeting Policy

Refund policy: AGA Montgomery/PG Chapter cannot offer refunds and all transactions are final.

Attendance Policy

To receive the 8 CPE hours you must attend the presentation from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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Program Agenda

7:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.	**Registration and Breakfast**
8:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.	**Opening Remarks** Carol-Ann Boothe, President AGA – Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter (MPG) Cait Gehring, Associate Commissioner, Debt Servicing & Financial Solutions, Bureau of Fiscal Service
8:15 a.m.–9:05 a.m.	**"Centralized Receivables Service: Increasing Debt Collection, Standardization and Compliance with Receivables Management Governmentwide"** **Speaker:** Dominique McCreary, Bureau of Fiscal Service
9:05 a.m.–10:00 a.m	**"Navigating Complexity: Financial Strategy, Risk, and Privacy in Government: Insights from the former CFO, CRO, and Chief Privacy Officer at the IRS"** **Moderator:** Paul Marshall, Mil Corporation **Panelists:** Teresa Hunter, Mil Corporation; Michael Wetklow, GMU; Kathleen Walters, Former U.S. Department of Treasury
10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m	**Break**
10:15 a.m.–11:05 a.m.	**"Nation By The Numbers – The FY 2025 Financial Report of the U.S. Government"** **Speaker:** Scott Bell, U.S. Department of Treasury
11:05 a.m.–12:05 p.m.	**Using the Social Style**® Framework to be a Better Leader **Speaker:** Phil Moore, Kearney & Company
12:05 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	**Networking Lunch**
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	**"Governmental Accounting Update: Practical Application and Comparison of FASAB and GASB Standards"** **Moderator:** Kathleen Sobieralski, University of Maryland Global Campus **Panelists:** Kara Deiana, GASB; Domenic Savini, FASAB; Kerrey Olden, KPMG LLP
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	**"The Institutional Knowledge Crisis in Federal Financial Management"** **Moderator:** Atisha Burks, AnchorPoint Rising, LLC **Panelists:** Kawan Taylor, US Department of Treasury; Katherine McGuinness, OPM; Fola Ojumu, Phoenix Sparks Innovations, Inc.; Wesley Everette, US Department of Labor
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	**Break**
3:15 p.m.–4:05 p.m.	**"The Future of Digital Pay Program"** Speakers: Josephine Stone, Bureau of Fiscal Service/Fiserv
4:05 P.m.–5:00 p.m.	**" The Future of Government Financial Management — Innovation, Technology, and Accountability "** **Moderator:** Gwendolyn Sykes, SRC **Panelists:** Marlon Perry, KPMG LLP; Yehuda Schmidt, Sikich LLP; Christine Turner, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Nicholas Garrard, TFC Consulting
5:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m	**Closing Remarks & Networking Reception** Farryn Jones, AGA MPG Education Director

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Speaker Bios

Dominique McCreary

Department of the Treasury's Bureau of Fiscal Service

Mr. Dominique McCreary serves as the Branch Manager for the Centralized Receivables Service (CRS) staff within the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Governmentwide Solutions. He provides strategic leadership and oversight of CRS operations, delivering receivables management solutions for predelinquent debts on behalf of federal agencies and programs. CRS offers a platform designed to enhance debt collection, improve agency operational efficiency, and increase focus on mission-critical objectives.

Dominique demonstrates dedication and adaptability in engaging stakeholders at all levels regarding the advantages of collaborating with CRS to strengthen agency debt collection efforts. He regularly presents the mission, vision, and goals of CRS across diverse forums, supporting the program's ongoing growth and maturation governmentwide.

With 17 years of experience in the Federal Government, Dominique specializes in agency outreach, customer relationship management, system development, and project management. He is a graduate of the 2024 AGA NextWave Federal Finance Leadership Program (NextWave), holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management from Gettysburg College, is an alumnus of the Federal Career Internship Program (FCIP) in Government Wide Accounting (GWA), and possesses certification in Business Process Management.

Paul Marshall

MIL Corporation

Mr. Marshall, Senior Vice President at the MIL Corporation, has over 27 years of experience in the federal financial community supporting financial and business transformation, accounting and audit readiness, shared services, robotic process automation (RPA), artificial intelligence (AI), lo-code apps and financial systems. He has provided strategic, financial advisory services to senior leaders throughout U.S. Federal government and is passionate about accounting, financial transformation and innovation. He is a highly active member of professional organizations including the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) where he has served as the DC Chapter President and spearheaded initiatives, including podcasts and collaboration with thought leaders in the Federal accounting industry.

Prior to his time at the MIL Corporation, he worked with firms including AOC Solutions, Deloitte, and Booz Allen Hamilton. Mr. Marshall began his career as an Auditor for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General. Over the span of his consulting career, he has supported Federal government clients including the Department of State, Department of the Treasury, Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community.

Additionally, Mr. Marshall is the host of two successful government-centric podcasts, AGA's "Accountability Talks" and the Association for Federal Enterprise Risk Management's (AFERM) "Risk Chats." He holds several technical certifications including CPA, CGFM, CIA, CICA, PMP, SAFe Agilist, and SAFe PMP. He graduated with an MBA in International Finance and Accounting from Georgetown University and a B.S. in International Affairs from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Teresa Hunter

MIL Corporation

Teresa is a Vice President at MIL Corporation. She is a dynamic senior executive with nearly two decades of leadership experience in federal financial management, strategic planning, and operational transformation. As the former Chief Financial Officer of the Internal Revenue Service, she served as the principal financial advisor to the IRS Commissioner, overseeing more than 500 employees and the stewardship of a $12 billion budget. Under her leadership, the IRS has advanced the use of artificial intelligence and automation to streamline operations, saving thousands of staff hours, reducing process cycle times, and ensuring the nation's tax administration remains agile and resilient.

Prior to IRS, Teresa held key leadership positions at the Department of the Interior, where she managed Fortune 100-level financial statements, at the Department of Homeland Security, where her work in internal controls contributed to the agency's first unmodified financial statement audit opinion, and at the General Services Administration, where she led the internal control over financial reporting effort.

Teresa began her career at KPMG LLP, where she managed complex federal audits for major agencies including the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. Over the course of her career, she has been recognized as a leader in federal financial management, championing innovation, accountability, and the modernization of federal financial management. Teresa is a summa cum laude graduate of James Madison University and a licensed CPA in Virginia.

Mike Wetklow

George Mason University

A former federal senior executive with 30 years of public service, Mike Wetklow specializes in internal control, risk management, and data-driven financial transformation. He has led major transformations in financial management, audit readiness, and risk governance across key agencies, including DHS, OMB, NSF, and the IRS. Notable achievements include helping DHS obtain its first clean audit opinion, shaping federal Enterprise Risk Management policy through OMB Circular A-123, and advancing fintech initiatives at NSF. Most recently, Mike served as Chief Risk Officer at the IRS, overseeing one of the largest mission-critical portfolios in the government.

Now a member of the faculty at George Mason University, Mike teaches accounting and data analytics, where he is passionate about developing the next generation of data-literate finance professionals. A lifelong learner and Certified Public Accountant (CPA), he holds a BS in Accounting and an MPA from the University of Maryland, as well as an MS in Data Science from the University of Virginia. Expanding his commitment to the intersection of practice and theory, Mike was recently accepted into Virginia Tech's Executive Ph.D. program, where he will focus his doctoral research on the evolving landscape of accounting and financial innovation. Away from his professional pursuits, he and his wife stay busy keeping up with their three sons, and Mike enjoys learning to play the bass guitar and Minimoog synthesizer.

Kathleen Walters

Former U.S. Department of the Treasury

Kathleen Walters is a senior executive with nearly two decades of leadership experience at the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. She most recently served as Chief Privacy Officer at the IRS, where she led enterprise-wide privacy strategy, governance, and compliance for one of the largest financial institutions in the world. Earlier in her career, she helped build the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) at Treasury in response to the 2008 financial crisis.

Throughout her tenure, she held executive roles spanning operations, human capital, privacy, and enterprise risk, including serving as Deputy Chief of Staff to the IRS Commissioner. Kathleen holds a J.D. from University of Virginia School of Law and a B.A. in Government from Georgetown University.

Scott Bell

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Scott Bell is a Senior Staff Accountant in the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), where he works on the Financial Report of the U.S. Government, is a featured speaker on the Federal Government's financial position and condition, and is Treasury's representative on the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB). Mr. Bell's career in federal financial management and policy spans more than 30 years in both the public and private sectors, including positions with the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Small Business Administration.

Mr. Bell, a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), has served in many volunteer leadership positions with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and was an adjunct professor of federal accounting and reporting at George Mason University. He earned a B.S. in Accounting from Washington and Lee University and an MBA from George Mason University.

Phil Moore

Kearney & Company

Phil is a Partner and the IT Risk Practice leader at Kearney & Company. Phil has over 23 years of professional Information Technology (IT) assurance, financial, and consulting experience, including work in both civilian and defense federal agencies.

Phil is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and Project Management Professional (PMP), and certified by TRACOM® to teach several of their communications and mindset training programs.

Kathleen Sobieralski

University of Maryland Global Campus

Kathleen Sobieralski, CPA (Indiana) serves as the UMGC School of Business Accounting Portfolio and Program Director and Collegiate Associate Professor. Her responsibilities include managing the accounting programs, internal and external connections, and program development. She serves as a member of the UMGC Academic Advisory Board, General Education Council, Assessment Committee, and Faculty Diversity Advisory Council.

Kathleen's background includes experience in private, government and not for profit accounting, higher education, and management of grants and contracts. She graduated with her BA in Accounting from Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame), MBA from Indiana University (South Bend) and a master's in accountancy from the University of Notre Dame.

Kathleen is a long-time educator member of professional organizations including the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), American Accounting Association (AAA), the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and a founding member of UMUC's IMA Student Chapter. She is a past board member of the local AGA, a current executive board member for the Washington DC area Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) and President of the IMA Regional Council serving chapters in Maryland and Virginia.

Kara Deiana

Governmental Accounting Standards Board

Kara Deiana is a project manager with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in Norwalk, Connecticut. She joined GASB in June of 2022 and is currently working on projects related to revenue and expense recognition and voluntary digital financial reporting. Kara also has assisted in the development and issuance of Statement No. 104, Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets and has contributed to research related to GAAP utilization among state and local governments.

Before joining the GASB, Kara spent ten years working at the Office of the New York State Comptroller. She spent three and a half years working for the Bureau of Financial Reporting and was responsible for the preparation of the State's annual comprehensive financial report and the implementation of Statement No. 87, Leases. She also spent over six years working for the Division of Local Government and School Accountability where she provided accounting and financial reporting guidance to local governments and worked with municipal auditors to ensure audits were conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS).

Kara is a graduate of The State University of New York at Albany and is a New York State Certified Public Accountant.

Domenic N. Savini

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

Mr. Savini is an assistant director at the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and FASAB Chair at the National Defense University where he specializes in the area of infrastructure. He began his career with the Defense Contract Audit Agency and as a result of his accomplishments, was selected for the prestigious Director's Fellowship Program. Mr. Savini also worked for the Department of the Navy (MSC) responsible for financial management of a multibillion dollar program. He also served in several prominent positions with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (REAC) where he directed financial assessments and GAAP conversion of HUD's 3200 Public Housing Agencies. Prior to joining FASAB, Mr. Savini held the prestigious CFO position with the Smithsonian Institution's Sackler/Freer Galleries of Art. Mr. Savini is founder and chief executive of EthicQuest llc, and former Chairman of the Institute of Internal Auditor's Public Sector Advisory Council.

Mr. Savini is a former Board member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) CEAR program; former member of the Government Finance Officer's Association's Special Review Committee; a Fellow with the Institute for Responsible Infrastructure Stewardship; and a long-standing member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Savini is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University where he teaches Ethics in Government Financial Management. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Kean University, master's degree in general administration from Central Michigan University, and is a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) as well as a licensed Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey and Virginia and Certified Forensic Accountant.

Kerrey Olden

KPMG LLP

Ms. Kerrey Olden is a Partner in KPMG's national office, the Department of Professional Practice (DPP). Within DPP's public-sector group, she holds oversight responsibility for work performed in support of KPMG's federal government industry and projects related to Government Auditing Standards (GAS). In this capacity, she is the author of the firm's comment letters on such topics.

Her role includes providing consultation on technical accounting matters concerning FASAB standards and other industry guidance, such as OMB Circular A-136 and the OMB Audit Bulletin. Furthermore, Ms. Olden leads the development of the firm's audit methodology and guidance for the government industry and GAS. Earlier in her career at KPMG, she led audits for several federal government entities.

Additionally, Ms. Olden is a member of the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Yellow Book Council and the AGA's Financial Management Standards Board. She serves as the partner champion for KPMG's Family For Literacy program and an AGA Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) Reviewer, and actively participates in FASAB work groups.

Ms. Olden is a CPA and CGFM and received her B.A. in Business Administration (Accounting) and Mathematics from Franklin & Marshall College.

Atisha Burks

AnchorPoint Rising LLC

Ms. Atisha Burks is the founder of AnchorPoint Rising LLC, where she provides fractional Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) services to nonprofits and organizations that collaborate with government entities. Through her firm, she advises organizations on financial strategy, operational effectiveness, and governance to strengthen mission-driven impact.

Ms. Burks brings more than 20 years of senior federal executive leadership experience in financial management, reporting, and policy. Most recently, she served as Chief Financial Officer for the Federal Protective Service (FPS), where she oversaw financial management, acquisitions, and risk management operations.

Prior to her role at FPS, Ms. Burks held several senior leadership positions across the federal government, including Senior Leader for Financial Operations with the Department of the Navy, Chief of Financial Reporting, Policy, and Property with the U.S. Coast Guard, and Director of Financial Reporting and Policy at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In these roles, she led initiatives to strengthen financial reporting, internal controls, and policy development across large and complex organizations.

Kawan Taylor

US Department of the Treasury

Mr. Kawan Taylor currently serves as the Executive Director of Financial Reporting, Policy, and Operations within the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer. His principal role involves directing the Department-wide financial accounting, reporting policy and guidance, and coordinating, planning and managing the execution of financial closing cycles and systems, and producing and disseminating Department-wide financial reports to OMB, Congress, and public constituents. Mr. Taylor is the coordinator of the consolidated Department-wide annual financial audit and serves as the principal executive liaison to the Department's independent public accountant, as well as to Treasury's Inspector General and the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Mr. Taylor began his career with EY as an auditor and then transitioned into public service where he has over 20 years of federal financial management experience. Mr. Taylor holds a B.S. in Accounting from Hampton University and is a licensed CPA. He is a husband to his wife Stephanie of over 20 years, and they have three beautiful daughters [Kendall (21), Kayla (18) & Khloe (15)].

Katie McGuiness

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

Katie McGuiness serves as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), bringing more than 20 years of distinguished Federal financial management experience. In this capacity, Katie provides executive leadership and oversight for one of the largest trust funds in the Federal government, ensuring the fiscal integrity of earned benefit programs that support the Federal workforce and its retirees.

Katie is responsible for the strategic direction and execution of OPM's financial management portfolio, encompassing budget formulation and execution, financial operations, statutory and regulatory compliance, fiscal reporting, and enterprise financial systems. Her leadership ensures that OPM maintains the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and stewardship of public resources.

Katie represents OPM as an active member of the Chief Financial Officers Council (CFOC) and serves as OPM's representative on the Council on Federal Financial Assistance (COFFA). In these roles, Katie collaborates with the Office of Management and Budget and interagency partners to advance government-wide financial policy, improve reporting practices, and strengthen the effectiveness of Federal financial assistance.

Prior to her appointment at OPM, Katie served as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), where she supported the agency's mission to protect the public from hazardous consumer products through sound financial oversight and programmatic support.

Katie is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting, from the University of Richmond.

Fola Ojumu

Phoenix Sparks Innovations, Inc.

Mr. Ojumu is a technology, cybersecurity, and financial management executive, currently serving as Chief Operating Officer of Phoenix Sparks Innovations, Inc., where he helps organizations reduce IT, cyber, and business risk in an increasingly digital world. Folo has led initiatives at the intersection of emerging technology, data analytics, automation, and financial management for a range of public and private sector clients.

A Certified Public Accountant, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Scrum Professional-ScrumMaster, Mr. Ojumu brings a rare blend of governance, risk, and agile delivery expertise to complex technology and compliance challenges.

Mr. Ojumu serves on the Executive Committee of the National Defense Industrial Association and chairs its Audit Committee, contributing thought leadership on data, analytics, automation, AI/ML and cybersecurity.

Westley Everette

U.S. Department of Labor

Westley Everette, CGFM, serves as the Associate Deputy Chief Financial Officer for Fiscal Integrity at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). In this role, he provides strategic leadership and oversight for the Department's financial management operations, including accounting, audit, and Treasury-mandated initiatives. Appointed in 2021, Westley represents the Department's Chief Financial Officer in engagements with senior officials from the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accountability Office on major financial and operational priorities.

Westley leads a workforce of more than 60 professionals and six subordinate managers, guiding the Office of Fiscal Integrity's human capital and financial resources. With over 15 years of experience in federal financial management and reporting, he oversees key aspects of the Department's approximately $11 billion discretionary accounting and audit portfolio.

Before joining the Senior Executive Service, Westley held several leadership positions across the Department of Labor, including Director of Central Accounting Operations, Director of Business Process Improvement, and interim Director of Financial Reporting. In these roles, he advanced high-visibility Treasury initiatives and supported the Department in maintaining an unmodified audit opinion. He began his federal career with the Department of Homeland Security at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Throughout his tenure at DOL, Westley has strengthened financial operations, modernized accounting processes, and played a critical role in shaping both short- and long-term planning for the Department's core financial systems. He has overseen major funding requests for Unemployment Insurance, Job Corps, and Workers' Compensation programs and is a multiple recipient of the Secretary's Award.

Westley holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy from Norfolk State University and maintains certification as a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Josephine Stone

Fiserv

Josephine Stone is a Director of Product Development at Fiserv with 18 years of experience in ePayments and financial technology. Since 2020, she has been one of the leads for the development and operations of Fiserv's Digital Disbursements Platform, delivering mobile-optimized experiences, API and batch integrations, and advanced fraud monitoring capabilities.

Previously, Josphine supported product development for Money Network, driving new functionality through close collaboration with technical and business teams. A SAFe® Certified Product Owner/Product Manager, Jo is known for bridging strategy and technology to deliver impactful payment solutions.

Josephine is a member of Fiserv's Military Leadership Council, Thrive - Disability Associate Council, LGBTQ+ Associate Council – Unity, Women's Impact Network. Additionally, she is a member of the Women in Technology organization.

Marlon Perry

KPMG LLP

Marlon Perry is a Partner in KPMG's Federal Audit practice based in Washington, DC office. His public accounting career includes more than 25 years of providing federal financial statement audit and related assurance services, as well as advisory services to federal agencies. Marlon has served as the lead partner for the financial statement audits of cabinet-level, executive level and legislative federal agencies. He has been a panelist and moderator on a variety of topics at national training events within the Federal Government accounting and auditing community.

Marlon is a professional member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serving in various roles within the local Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter including chapter President. Currently, he serves as the Accounting and Auditing Committee – Chair of AGA's Corporate Partner Advisory Group. He is a professional member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Marlon holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Gwendolyn Sykes

SRC, Inc.

Gwendolyn Sykes is the Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer for SRC, Inc., an international research and development company with more than 65 years of experience in defense, environment, and intelligence. Together, SRC and its subsidiaries are redefining possible® by delivering innovative, advanced defense solutions and products that help keep America and our allies safe and strong through R&D, services, and manufacturing - investing all our earnings into technology, employees and communities.

In this role, Ms. Sykes is responsible for the fiscal operations of SRC and its enterprises and the day-to-day financial operations of the organization which includes facilities and administration. Ms. Sykes provides the leadership for SRC controller, budget, audit, and facilities operations.

Prior to her role at SRC Ms. Sykes just completed her thirty-one years of federal service. She comes to SRC after serving as the United States Secret Service Chief Financial Officer. In this role, she is responsible for the execution, development and stewardship of the Secret Service's resources and currently manages a financial team that includes budget, financial management, relocation and financial systems experts. Ms. Sykes began working with the Secret Service in May 2012, bringing with her a wealth of financial management skills and talent for organizational transformation and enhancement.

Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Sykes is the first African American female to serve as the Chief Financial Officer at NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate, she was responsible for the financial management and health of this $16 billion agency. Ms. Sykes led more than 500 finance professionals, located across ten geographically dispersed locations throughout the United States, in the development and execution of financial policies, processes and procedures. She has also served as Yale University's Chief Financial Officer, the first in that university's 306-year history, and Chief Financial Officer for Morehouse College. Previous government experience includes working within the Department of Defense and in the office of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. She has been recognized for her achievements by Black Enterprise, Newsweek, the Today Show and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

Ms. Sykes is very active in the community. She is an adjunct professor for American University, a member of several organizations including the American Society of Military Controllers, Association of Government Accountants and the Alaska State Society. She has received numerous awards and recognitions over the years including being named one of the 50 Most Powerful Black Women in Business by Black Enterprise in 2006; receiving NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal in 2003 and 2004; and being profiled in numerous publications such as Newsweek and Money magazines.

Ms. Sykes holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from The Catholic University of America and a master's degree in public administration from The American University in Washington, D.C.

Yehuda Schmidt

SIKICH LLP

Yehuda Schmidt is a Director with Sikich with over 30 years' experience in assisting federal government agencies with IT risk assessments, assessing systems and applications security posture in accordance with NIST standards, business process improvement, and program management. He has extensive experience in managing reviews of internal controls over financial reporting, operational controls, and risk management in compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123. Yehuda is leading clients' IT risk assessments in compliance with NIST SP 800-37, and IT assessment in compliance with NIST SP 800-53.

Yehuda is a professional member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serving in various roles within the local Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter including chapter President.

Christine Turner

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

Christine Turner is the Deputy CFO at USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). FSIS protects public health by preventing illness from meat, poultry, and egg products. They do this by ensuring the products are safe, wholesome and properly labeled. She joined FSIS in September of 2020.

Prior to her work at FSIS, Christine served 13 years at HHS in roles including Financial Control Branch Chief, IT Specialist, Acting Accounting Director, and other positions within Accounting and Systems areas. She started her career as a Federal Career Intern upon graduation from Penn State University.

During her career she has been very active in the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and has held regional and Chapter positions including Regional Vice President, Chapter President, and other positions on the Montgomery/Prince George's Chapter Board of Directors. In her free time, she and her husband like to spend time with their two young daughters.

Nicholas "Nick" Garrard

TFC Consulting, Inc.

Nick Garrard is the Business Growth Manager at TFC Consulting, Inc., with more than 10 years of federal experience in project management, federal financial reporting, data analytics, activity-based costing, and internal controls. Mr. Garrard helps bring together government and industry leaders to solve complex challenges facing the federal financial management community. He specializes in data integration and financial reporting and is a UiPath RPA Developer Advanced certified professional.

An active leader in AGA, Nick has served on AGA's National Governing Board and as President, Education Director, and Early Careers Director for the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter.

Nick holds an MS in Data Analytics and a BA in Experimental Psychology from the University of South Carolina. A DMV native, he enjoys spending time with his wife, dog, family, and friends — preferably at the beach, a sporting event, watching a good movie, or playing golf.

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CPE Credit Information

Title: Centralized Receivables Service: Increasing Debt Collection, Standardization and Compliance with Receivables Management Governmentwide

Description: This session provides an overview of the U.S. Treasury Fiscal Service's Centralized Receivables Service (CRS) and its role in improving governmentwide receivables management and debt collection. Participants will learn how CRS supports federal agencies in managing non-tax administrative receivables through centralized tools and services that enhance operational efficiency. The session will also highlight CRS's role in supporting compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act and Treasury financial management modernization initiatives.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Comprehensive overview of Fiscal Service's Centralized Receivables Service program which was established to assist agencies in the management of non-tax, administrative receivables.
- Learn about the tools and resources used to enhance operational debt collection activities and allow focus on mission critical objective.
- Understand where in the debt collection ecosystem CRS can aid in compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act and Executive Order 14249 which "directs the consolidation of agency financial systems for use of Treasury designated services through the FM QSMO."

NASBA Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge - Technical

Duration: 50 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: Navigating Complexity: Financial Strategy, Risk, and Privacy in Government: Insights from the former CFO, CRO, and Chief Privacy Officer at the IRS

Description: This session will explore the crucial roles that strategic financial leadership, risk management and data privacy play in government. Attendees will gain a firsthand look at how these top executives navigate complex financial landscapes to enhance agency performance and compliance.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify the components of effective financial leadership within a major federal agency.
- Understand the role of risk management in ensuring the integrity and efficiency of financial operations.
- Explore the best practices in financial management and risk assessment applicable to both government and private sectors.

NASBA Field of Study: Business Management & Organization

Duration: 55 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview.

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: Nation By The Numbers – The FY 2025 Financial Report of the U.S. Government

Description: This session provides highlights of the FY 2025 Financial Report of the U.S. Government. The Financial Report provides the President, Congress, and the public with a comprehensive view of the federal government's position and condition and discusses important financial issues and significant conditions that may affect future operations, including the need to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long term.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Learn about the key measures and topics discussed in the FY 2025 Financial Report of the U.S. Government
- Understand the progress made and challenges that remain concerning the governmentwide audit.

NASBA Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)

Duration: 50 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: Using the Social Style® Framework to be a Better Leader

Description: The Social Styles framework provides a foundational understanding of social styles in communication, as well as practical, applied approaches to maximize interpersonal engagement between individuals.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:
- Gain a working understanding of the SOCIAL STYLE Model™
- Increase your understanding of your behavior and how others tend to view people with your style.
- Increase your ability to foster productive relationships with different types of people.
- Learn some ways to use your SOCIAL STYLE in order to be increase productivity with your teams as well as decrease tension.

NASBA Field of Study: Personal Development

Duration: 60 minutes (1 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: Governmental Accounting Update: Practical Application and Comparison of FASAB and GASB Standards

Description: This session will provide an overview of recent and emerging developments in governmental accounting and reporting from both the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Panelists will highlight key standards, current projects, and implementation considerations affecting federal, state, and local governments. The discussion will include a practical comparison of selected FASAB and GASB guidance, focusing on similarities, differences, and implications for practitioners responsible for financial reporting and auditing in the governmental environment.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:
- Identify recent and emerging standards and projects issued by FASAB and GASB.
- Describe key differences and similarities between selected FASAB and GASB accounting and reporting requirements.
- Recognize practical considerations and implementation challenges related to governmental accounting updates.
- Apply insights from standards updates to improve understanding of financial reporting in federal, state, and local government environments.

NASBA Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)

Duration: 60 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: The Institutional Knowledge Crisis in Federal Financial Management

Description: Everyone knows the retirement numbers. This session is about something harder to track: the financial processes that only work because one person knows how they actually work. Not the manual. The real sequence. The workaround that keeps the reconciliation from breaking. The context that makes the interagency agreement function. With federal workforce reductions moving faster than most agencies planned for, that knowledge is leaving now. This panel brings together federal financial managers to discuss what they have already lost, what they are scrambling to capture, and what the gaps are already costing.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:
- Identify process-level knowledge risks in their own organizations, including undocumented workarounds and single points of failure in financial operations

- Describe approaches other agencies have used to capture and transfer critical financial process knowledge before key personnel depart
- Evaluate the downstream financial management risks of unaddressed institutional knowledge gaps, including effects on reconciliations, reporting timelines, and audit readiness

NASBA Field of Study: Business Management & Organization

Duration: 60 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: The Future of Digital Pay Program

Description: The federal payments ecosystem is undergoing a historic transformation with the digitization of all disbursements. This session brings together experts from the U.S. Treasury to examine the impact of these changes and outline what financial institutions must do to remain competitive. Attendees will gain practical insights into compliance with Executive Order 14247 "Modernizing Payments to and from America's Bank Account," strategies for integrating Digital Pay, and best practices for modernizing payment infrastructure. The discussion will highlight how innovations enhance speed, security, and efficiency—empowering institutions to meet evolving customer expectations and capture opportunities in the growing digital payments market.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:
- Analyze the implications of federal payment digitization for financial institutions.
- Apply compliance strategies aligned with EO 14247 and faster payment adoption.
- Integrate Digital Pay into existing payment workflows effectively.
- Evaluate the benefits and risks of digital payment solutions for institutional operations.

NASBA Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge - Technical

Duration: 50 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Title: The Future of Government Financial Management — Innovation, Technology, and Accountability

Description: This closing keynote session will explore the evolving landscape of government financial management and the role of innovation, technology, and leadership in strengthening accountability and transparency across the public sector. The session will highlight emerging trends in financial reporting, digital transformation, workforce challenges, and modernization of financial management practices.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:
Identify emerging trends shaping the future of government financial management.
Assess how technology and innovation support transparency and accountability in public sector financial management.
Recognize strategies for adapting to workforce and modernization challenges in federal financial management.

NASBA Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge - Technical

Duration: 55 minutes (1.0 CPE hour)

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None