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presents:*

24th Annual AGA Washington DC Chapter Spring Training Event

April 13 – 14, 2026

From Frost to Flourish



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Virtual and Live at Convene – Hamilton Square

Detailed Agenda – Monday, April 13

7:30am – 8:15am

Breakfast - Lobby

8:15am – 8:20am

Welcome Remarks/Introduction

- **Crystal Wolf**, AGA DC Chapter President 2025-2026

8:20am – 9:10am

M101 Leading in Times of Extreme Change

- **Tim Gribben**, Commissioner, Treasury's Bureau of Fiscal Service
- **Paul Marshall**, Sr. Vice President, The MIL Corporation

It has been a unique year with many changes. With that change – some self-initiated and others mandated – agencies have the opportunity to continue improving financial management across government. This session will cover:

- Leading in times of extreme change
- The future of financial management and how the Treasury Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS) is approaching it

Learning Objectives / FOS – Finance:

- Learn approaches to communication and collaboration in times of extreme change
- Learn about 7 challenges BFS is addressing and how this is relevant to any federal organization

9:15am – 10:05am

M102 Garbage In, Garbage Out: Data Governance and AI

- **Ashleigh Sanders**, Former Director of Analytics & Decision Support, General Services Administration
- **Darren Ash**, Executive Advisor, Management Science & Innovation (Moderator)

In the era of artificial intelligence and advanced analytics, the axiom “garbage in, garbage out” has never been more critical. This session empowers government leaders and data professionals to bridge the gap between ambition and results by focusing on one of the foundational drivers of success: sound data governance.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

- Establishing clear accountability for data owners, stewards, and consumers in the public sector context.
- Using metadata inventories and data catalogs to enable discoverability, lineage, and transparency of datasets and promote trust in AI models.
- Integrating data governance with enterprise architecture, security, privacy, and records management.

10:05am – 10:20am

Coffee / Networking Break - Lobby

10:20am – 11:10am

M103 Cybersecurity Risk Management

- **Jennifer Franks**, Director, Center for Enhanced Cybersecurity, Acting Director, Analytics Foundry, Government Accountability Office
- **Berri Davis**, Director, Sikich (Moderator)

Learn about the latest in cybersecurity technologies, the risks related to cybersecurity management, and what agencies are doing to address their cybersecurity challenges.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

- Why Cybersecurity of the Nation is on GAO's "High Risk List"
- The types of controls needed for a secure hybrid workplace
- Why cybersecurity is especially important when agencies modernize IT systems
- Examples of recommendations GAO has made to agencies and the extent of implementation

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11:15am – 12:05pm

M104 From Pilot to Program: Lessons in Launching and Operating Governmentwide Innovation

- **Brett Smith**, Senior Advisor, Treasury
- **Joe K. Swisher**, Senior Account Executive, VISA (Moderator)

Launching a successful pilot is challenging; turning it into a durable, governmentwide program is even harder. Drawing on experience across financial technology and large-scale federal programs, this session explores why promising initiatives stall and what enables them to succeed at scale. The discussion emphasizes leadership, governance, alignment, and trust across the full lifecycle of innovation—from launch through operations and, when necessary, responsible decommissioning.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Management Services:

- Identify common barriers to scaling pilots into sustained programs
- Understand how leadership and governance influence outcomes at scale
- Apply lifecycle thinking to modernization efforts without eroding trust

12:05pm – 1:00pm

Lunch Break – Lobby

1:00pm – 1:50pm

M105 Achieve Efficiencies - Mitigate IT Control Assessment Redundancies

- **Nicole Burkart, CPA, CGFM**, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- **Victoria Yan Pillitteri**, Supervisory Computer Specialist, Security Engineering and Risk Management Group
- **Jose Torres**, Associate Director, Guidehouse (Moderator)

Federal agencies face increasing pressure to secure information systems and demonstrate strong internal controls over financial reporting (ICOFR) while operating with limited resources. This panel will explore the distinctions among major IT assessments, highlight their comparative strengths, and present practical alignment strategies that reduce redundant testing, strengthen oversight, and improve the overall cost effectiveness of IT control activities.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

- Identify the distinctions, requirements, and risk-based considerations across different IT assessments, and explain how these frameworks intersect within federal IT environments
- Describe methods for leveraging authoritative assessment procedures to streamline control evaluations and reduce redundant testing while maintaining compliance
- Apply principles of cost efficiency and evidence reuse to develop or enhance an agency's approach to integrated IT control assessments

1:55pm – 2:45pm

M106 Key Updates from FASAB

- **Domenic Savini**, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
- **Julia Duquette**, Principal, Sikich (Moderator)

The session will discuss FASAB's current priorities and provide a status update on current Board projects, including intangible assets, commitments, MD&A, public-private partnerships, GAAP hierarchy, land, and leases. The session will also discuss federal accounting issues that could arise in the foreseeable future and explain how public stakeholders can get involved with the Board's guidance development process.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Accounting (Governmental):

- Understand the current FASAB GAAP hierarchy and AICPA recognition
- Understand FASAB's research/project agenda, scope and direction
- Identify which accounting topics are being re-examined
- Explore potential impacts as a result of new Administration initiatives
- Consider different ways they can get involved in standards-setting

2:45pm – 3:05pm

Coffee / Networking Break – Lobby

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3:05pm – 4:45pm

M107 2026 VBOA-Approved Ethics: Integrity, a Foundation for Success

- **Allison McLeod**, Senior Lecturer, University of North Texas

This course will be an overview of:

- Applying AICPA ethics rules to AI use in professional practice
- Professional judgment standards for AI-assisted work
- Confidentiality obligations and data security with AI platforms
- Quality control procedures and professional liability for AI outputs
- Professional skepticism when reviewing AI-generated analysis
- Client disclosure requirements and engagement communication
- Framework for ethical decisions about AI adoption and use

Learning Objectives / FOS – Behavioral Ethics:

- Recognize ethical dilemmas, violations, and consequences.
- Identify organizations that influence ethical standards and expectations.
- Recognize the role of regulations, policies, and standards in business ethics.
- Describe the foundational theory of ethics.
- Recognize signs of employee and financial reporting fraud.

4:45pm – 4:50pm

Closing Remarks

- **Annalena Winer**, Vice President, CGI Federal, AGA DC Chapter Spring Training Director

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Networking Happy Hour – Proper 21, 1319 F Street, NW

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7:30am – 8:15am

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8:15am – 8:20am

Welcome Remarks/Introduction

- **Annalena Winer**, Vice President, CGI Federal, AGA DC Chapter Spring Training Director

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T101 The President's Management Agenda: Where It's Been, Where It's Going, and Why It Matters

- **Allison Brigati**, Former Deputy Administrator, General Services Administration
- **Dave Mader**, Former Controller / Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget
- **Peter Warren**, Former Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget, Current Senior Advisor, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
- **Robert Shea**, CEO, GovNavigators (Moderator)

This session will discuss successfully transitioning CFO offices through a period of change. The President's Management Agenda has been the federal government's primary vehicle for driving management reform for over two decades, yet its ambitions, structure and impact have varied dramatically from one administration to the next. This panel brings together seasoned leaders who have shaped PMA priorities from inside OMB and GSA, alongside a practitioner putting those ideas into action today, to reflect on what has worked, what hasn't and what the current moment demands. The conversation will trace the PMA's evolution from the Bush-era scorecard approach through the Obama and first Trump administrations, including the Cross-Agency Priority Goal 6 initiative to shift federal workers from low-value to high-value work, and into today's environment. Panelists will explore how CAP goals actually get implemented, what it takes to sustain reform momentum across administrations and how the current approach to federal management is building on or departing from what came before. We will also hear directly from a GSA market research analyst whose automation work shows what "high-value" looks like in practice. This is a candid conversation among practitioners who have sat in the chairs where these decisions get made and who understand the gap between a management agenda on paper and real change in how government operates.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Finance:

- Identifying and eliminating low-value operational requirements to reclaim organizational capacity for high-priority analytical work
- Developing strategies for building a cross-functional coalition to secure leadership buy-in and drive the adoption of modernization initiatives
- Applying performance metrics and automation frameworks to bridge functional technology gaps and measure the success of efficiency improvements

9:15am – 10:05am

T102 From Exploration to Execution; The Road Ahead for AI in the State Department Controller's Office

- **Jeffrey D. Johnson**, Deputy Comptroller for Standards, Technology and Reporting, U.S Department of State
- **Joseph Hungate**, Director, RMA Associates (Moderator)

Artificial intelligence is reshaping how federal agencies approach financial management, reporting, internal controls, and decision support. This session will provide an inside look at the current state of AI within the U.S. Department of State Controller's Office and the progression plans being considered to responsibly expand its use.

Key Takeaways:

- A real-world federal perspective on how one Controller's Office is approaching AI adoption.
- Practical lessons on balancing innovation with risk management, oversight, and accountability,
- A forward-looking view of planning, priorities, and implementation considerations for AI in finance and reporting functions.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

- Understand the current state of AI efforts within the State Department Controller's Office
- Identify key enablers and barriers to adopting AI in federal financial management operations
- Recognize how governance, data quality, internal controls, and workforce readiness affect AI implementation

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10:20am – 11:10am

T103 Getting the Most Out of Your Grants Management Data

- **Andrew Dorr**, Acting Director, Office of Grants Management, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Mark Levy**, Senior Advisor, Office of Administration, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Samantha Fitzgerald**, Principal, Kearney & Company (Moderator)

Leaders play a critical role in helping their team meet the challenges of navigating a work environment, characterized by chaos, confusion, anxiety, uncertainty, and upheaval. Our panelists – a current Federal Government professional with relevant experience and seasoned, former Federal Government executives and industry experts – will share insights on how leaders can serve as a stabilizing force by guiding their teams with clarity, resilience, emotional intelligence, and well-informed decisions.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

- Discover ways to grant data management can drive smarter decision-making, stronger compliance, and measurable program impact across the grant lifecycle
- Gather insights from leaders on how to modernize workflows, improve data quality, and integrate technology to streamline business processes

11:15am – 12:05pm

T104 AI in Action! Real Use Cases for CFOs

- **Teresa Hunter**, Former Chief Financial Officer, Internal Revenue Service
- **Jose Fabre**, Former Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- **Erica Thomas**, Director for Digital Transformation, Department of War
- **Paul Marshall**, Sr. Vice President, The MIL Corporation (Moderator)

This panel explores how effective grant data management can drive smarter decision-making, stronger compliance, and measurable program impact across the grant lifecycle. Panelists will discuss practical strategies for modernizing workflows, improving data quality, and integrating technology to streamline business processes from application to closeout. Attendees will gain real-world insights on reducing administrative burden, increasing transparency, and aligning grant operations with broader organizational performance goals.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

At the conclusion of this session attendees will be able to:

- Understand the current FASAB GAAP hierarchy and AICPA recognition.
- Understand FASAB's research/project agenda, scope and direction.
- Identify which accounting topics are being re-examined.
- Explore potential impacts as a result of new Administration initiatives.
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T105 Integrating Technology and Automations into Daily Operations

- **Kevin Young**, Deputy Assistant Inspector General (DAIG) for the Executive Director (EX), Chief Information Officer (CIO), U.S. Department of State
- **Tye L. White**, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management (AFM). Federal Aviation Administration
- **Alyssa Fusisi**, Partner, Kearney & Company (Moderator)

Integrating emerging technologies and automation into daily operations can streamline workflows, strengthen organizational performance, and reduce manual burdens. Yet these advancements also introduce new challenges related to compliance, assurance, and securing an authority to operate (ATO). This panel will explore practical strategies for responsibly implementing technology-enabled solutions while maintaining trust, transparency, and risk-aligned governance. Panelists will share real-world experiences, discuss common pitfalls, and highlight how organizations can adopt innovation without compromising regulatory or operational integrity.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

- Understand how compliance frameworks shape the adoption and use of new technologies and automations, and identify practical methods for aligning innovation with regulatory expectations.
- Learn how to strengthen operational assurance through effective risk management, oversight mechanisms, and continuous monitoring of automated processes.
- Identify key steps required to obtain and maintain an Authority to Operate (ATO), including documentation, security controls, and collaboration across technical and compliance teams.

1:55pm – 2:45pm

T106 Getting to the G-Invoicing Finish Line

- **Gail Bruss**, Accountant, General Services Administration
- **Noah Kaufman**, Systems Accountant/Project Manager, U.S. Department of State
- **Guanita Toston**, Project Manager, The Federal Bureau of Investigation
- **Todd Math**, Associate Director, Guidehouse (Moderator)

This session provides a roundtable discussion covering the latest G Invoicing updates, upcoming enhancements, best practices, tips, challenges, and deadlines, offering the attendees practical guidance, deeper understanding of upcoming requirements, and opportunities to learn from other agencies experiences to improve execution and implementation.

Key Takeaways:

- Features and changes coming to G-Invoicing that's important for users and stakeholders to understand.
- Treasury's perspective in conjunction with agencies' plans for implementing new business processes and understanding the impact of upcoming critical deadlines.
- Understand existing challenges the panel has faced or is facing and what key processes have been put in place or are planned to overcome the challenges.
- Best practices and lessons learned from agencies that are actively using G-Invoicing.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Accounting (Governmental):

- For stakeholders not actively working with G-Invoicing, this discussion will enhance their G-Invoicing knowledge.
- For users that are still transitioning to G-invoicing or are new to G-Invoicing, the panel will provide best practices for using and implementing G-Invoicing.
- Determine next steps for continued and expanded usage, such as change management and security efforts.
- Prepare users for navigating future deadlines and implementing new upcoming business processes (e.g., GSA Fleet and RWA).

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T107 Transforming Financial Operations Through Better Data, Smarter Tools, and Streamlined Processes

- **Elise Tokumasu de Silva**, Management Counselor, U.S. Embassy Kuwait
- **Hari Kadavath**, Financial Management Officer, U.S. Embassy Kuwait
- **Lloyd Farmer**, Director, 2ndWave Consulting (Moderator)

Tired of data requests that miss the mark, manual processes that drain your time, and chaotic period closes? This panel brings together practitioners who have tackled these universal pain points head-on. Learn proven strategies for improving cross-functional data communication, implementing quick-win automation tools (PowerApps, AI, RPA), and dramatically reducing close times—with real examples, measurable results, and actionable takeaways you can implement immediately.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Information Technology:

The learning objective of this session is to identify common data communication breakdowns that lead to rework and delays, and apply best practices for establishing clear data requirements upfront, evaluate automation opportunities within budgeting, accounting, and reporting processes to determine quick wins versus long-term investments, and implement streamlined period close procedures using proven techniques such as standardized checklists, automated reconciliations, and collaborative timelines. Panelists will provide examples of how they have been successful in resolving these issues.

This session will provide practical solutions such as tools & templates for data requests, standardized data dictionaries, close checklists, and automation assessment frameworks that can be implemented within 90 days. Attendees will hear about real success metrics: before/after comparisons showing time savings, error reduction, and efficiency gains from agencies that have successfully transformed their operations, as well as specific examples of PowerApps, RPA, AI tools, and low-code solutions delivering measurable results without massive IT projects.

4:00pm – 4:50pm

T108 Data, Forensics, and Federal Oversight: Using Analytics to Detect Fraud

- **Gregory Paige**, Forensic Accountant, Department of Commerce
- **Cole Johnson**, Systems Accountant, Federal Aviation Administration
- **Andrew Porter**, Director, Andrew Morgan LLC (Moderator)

This session explores how data analytics and forensic approaches can strengthen fraud detection and financial oversight across federal programs. As agencies manage large volumes of transactions and increasingly complex systems, traditional oversight methods alone may not effectively identify emerging risks.

The discussion will focus on how analytics can be used to identify anomalies, detect patterns that may indicate fraud risk, and support more proactive monitoring. Panelists will share practical insights on how financial managers, internal controls teams, and fraud oversight functions can work together to better leverage data and improve visibility into potential risks.

Designed for federal financial management professionals and industry partners, this session will provide practical, real-world perspectives on integrating analytics into routine oversight activities to enhance accountability and protect public resources.

Learning Objectives / FOS – Auditing (Governmental):

- Understand how data analytics and forensic techniques can support fraud detection and strengthen financial oversight
- Recognize common patterns and indicators in data that may signal fraud risk or control weaknesses
- Identify practical ways to incorporate analytics into routine monitoring and internal control activities

4:45pm – 4:50pm

Closing Remarks

- **Crystal Wolfe**, AGA DC Chapter President 2025-2026

Biographies



Darren Ash

Darren is an Executive Advisor at MSI, where he brings over 20 years of senior executive experience leading federal IT organizations. He served as CIO at the Interior Department and held senior IT roles at USDA, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation. He holds advanced degrees in IT and public administration and is a National Academy of Public Administration fellow.



Allison Brigati, Former Deputy Administrator, General Services Administration

Allison is an attorney with extensive legal and management experience, as well as federal policy expertise. Currently serves as Senior Counselor for The Montgomery Strategies Group providing advisory services to domestic and international clients. Previously served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel-North America for Philip Morris International, and prior to PMI as Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, the Chief Operations Officer of the agency, directly overseeing CXO functions as well as numerous agency-wide initiatives. Also served as Associate Administrator of the Office of Government-wide Policy at GSA, promoting policies that encourage agencies to develop and utilize the best, most cost-effective management practices. Prior experience includes serving for nine years as General Counsel of the National Academy of Public Administration as well as four years at the World Bank.



Gail Bruss, General Services Administration

Gail has worked for the General Services Administration for eighteen years serving at different times in the Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. She has led the G-invoicing project for her agency since 2018. She is a certified public accountant, holds a Master's of Science in Accounting Information Systems from the University of Maryland University College, and a Masters of Business Administration from Golden Gate University.



Nicole Burkart, CPA, CGFM

Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Nicole McGuire Burkart is an Assistant Director in GAO's Financial Management and Assurance team. She has led the information system controls assessments performed in connection with multiple GAO financial audits. She is also involved in the maintenance of GAO's audit methodologies and has led recent efforts to revise FAM and FISCAM. Ms. Burkart is a CPA and CGFM. She received a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude, from Elmira College. Ms. Burkart served on the AICPA Attestation Standards Task force to clarify the attestation standards, supporting the issuance of SSAE No. 18, Attestation Standards: Clarification and Recodification, and SAS No. 130, An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That Is Integrated With an Audit of Financial Statements. Ms. Burkart is also an alumnus of the AICPA's second annual Leadership Academy, Class of 2010.



Berri Davis

Berri Davis joined Sikich in October 2024 as a Director, following her retirement from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Throughout her career, Ms. Davis has served in multiple aspects of financial audits, performance audits and evaluations, development of professional standards, and strategic and operational planning. In this new role at Sikich she is leveraging her extensive knowledge of government operations and industry standards and her significant expertise in financial systems and financial accounting to help ensure clients continue to benefit from best practices.

Before joining Sikich, Ms. Davis served as Managing Director of Financial Management and Assurance at GAO. During her career there, Ms. Davis oversaw financial and performance audits across a wide range of critical areas, including the financial statement audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the U.S. Government, the SEC, IRS, FDIC, CFPB, the Schedule of Federal Debt and Schedules of the Federal Government's General Fund. Her performance audits addressed improper payments, grants management, performance of Inspectors General, healthcare financial management, and state and local government financial oversight. She played a key role in the oversight of public funds related to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, identifying billions of dollars of improper payments to be returned to the federal government.

Before joining GAO in 2011, Ms. Davis served as Vice President of Standards and Guidance at the Institute of Internal Auditors, where she helped shape best practices in auditing. Ms. Davis received the AGA's Elmer Staats Award for Excellence in Government Financial Management in 2019.



Andrew A. Dorr

Andrew A. Dorr is the Acting Director of the Office of Grants Management (OGM) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, he oversees the centralized issuance and fiscal stewardship of approximately \$70 billion in annual grant funding supporting programs that serve children, families, and communities across the country.

With more than 25 years of federal service, Mr. Dorr has held senior leadership roles at both HHS and the U.S. Department of Justice, where he has led large-scale grant operations, modernization initiatives, and cross-agency partnerships. He is known for strengthening financial oversight, improving data-driven decision-making, and leading organizations through complex operational and workforce challenges. His work has been recognized with the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety and the HHS Secretary's Commendation for exceptional service and leadership during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Mr. Dorr holds a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Ball State University and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from SUNY Fredonia.

Biographies

Julia Duquette

Ms. Duquette joined Sikich in January 2024 as a principal, bringing more than 38 years of diverse experience performing financial and performance audits, evaluating internal controls, performing risk assessments, analyzing the efficiency and effectiveness of operational and administrative processes, and leading audit readiness reviews. She has managed audit engagements for federal government clients as well as led teams supporting advisory engagements at the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Ms. Duquette's financial audit experience includes Department of Defense agencies such as the U. S. Transportation Command, the U.S. Special Operations Command, and the Military Retirement Fund, as well as non-DoD agencies including the Library of Congress, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Department of State.

Throughout her career, Ms. Duquette has served in every aspect of financial audits, having worked as an internal auditor, a preparer of federal financial statements, an auditor in commercial practice at a Big 4 firm, a federal auditor at the GAO, and as a federal contractor

Jose Fabre

Jose M. Fabre serves as Vice President at MIL Corporation, where he develops strategies and partnerships to expand innovative financial services for federal agencies. His senior leadership experience spans multiple high-impact roles across the Department of Homeland Security, including Deputy Chief Financial Officer at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In that role, he led the programming, formulation, and execution of ICE's \$9.9 billion annual budget and managed a workforce of more than 300 professionals across headquarters and regional financial centers. He also served as Deputy Budget Director and Acting Director of Financial Operations at DHS headquarters, where he guided the Department-wide formulation and justification of budgets exceeding \$100 billion and introduced modernized analytical approaches, workforce development initiatives, and improved financial operations across all DHS components.

Jose previously built a distinguished career at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), rising to Executive Director of the Budget Directorate, where he led the formulation and execution of more than \$18 billion in annual funding and drove the modernization of budget systems, analytics, and workforce capabilities. Earlier CBP roles included leading major program portfolios, overseeing user-fee programs, and advancing cost-estimation, legislative, and analytical efforts that strengthened CBP's mission execution. His professional foundation is supported by a strong academic background: he completed doctoral coursework in Comparative Politics and Economics and earned a Master of Arts in Latin American in the State University of New York at Albany, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Cum Laude, from the University of Puerto Rico at Cayey. Jose has also completed multiple executive programs at Harvard University's Kennedy School, focusing on public leadership, decision-making, and national and international security.

Lloyd Farmer

Lloyd Farmer, Director of CFO Services for 2ndWave LLC, has over 30 years' experience in the management and operations of both large and small organizations. His specialty is Federal contracting. He is a subject matter expert on Federal contracting and has led teams that have provided a wide variety of financial management and information technology services for both DoD, Intel and Civilian Agencies. Mr. Farmer has served on the AGA's Washington DC Chapter executive leadership team in a wide variety of roles as the director of community service and director of corporate sponsorships. Additionally, Mr. Farmer is a part-time instructor for Government Procurement Innovators (GPI) teaching students about Federal contracting and served on the boards for Sherwood Crossing Condominium Association and ScreenThem Background Investigations, a company he co-owns with his wife.

Samantha Fitzgerald

Samantha FitzGerald is a Principal with Kearney and Company with more than 15 years of federal auditing and consulting experience. In collaboration with her clients and AGA, Samantha has focused her work on cross-governmental collaboration, data transparency and reporting efficiencies. For the past 10 years, Samantha has been supporting the Department of Health and Human Services. In 2020, she led the analytics and reporting team within the HHS COVID-19 program management office, providing dashboards and ad hoc reporting over relief funds and programs. Subsequently she led a team at the Health Resources and Services Administration in audit remediation over the Provider Relief Fund programs. Back at the CFO level now, she assists HHS in executing Administration priorities such as alignment with Executive Orders. Samantha is also the team lead for the Operations and the Legislation/Regulations segments of Kearney's Research Group.

Jennifer Franks

Jennifer Franks directs the Center for Enhanced Cybersecurity within GAO's Information Technology and Cybersecurity team. She oversees reviews that primarily focus on emerging cybersecurity issues and assessing an agency's ability to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of its sensitive data and computing infrastructure. Her multi-disciplinary teams actively review agencies' computer security vulnerabilities across their enterprise-wide computing environment by assessing program management compliance and technical controls recommended for the agencies to follow in accordance with federal guidance and leading practices. In addition, she leads reviews in the areas of IT management and operations, financial management, healthcare and public health IT, data protection, and privacy.

Further, Jennifer serves as the Acting Director of the Analytics Foundry; a dedicated cloud computing environment that manages GAO's complex analytical functions.

Jennifer earned a master's degree in information security policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University and earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Hampton University.

Biographies



Tim Gribben

Tim Gribben was appointed commissioner of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) on May 13, 2019. Mr. Gribben provides leadership, policy direction, and guidance for Fiscal Service's efforts to transform financial management and the delivery of shared services in the federal government and oversees bureau operations (payments, collections, security auctions, accounting, reporting, and shared services). Prior to his current position, Tim served as the chief financial officer (CFO) and associate administrator for performance management at the Small Business Administration (SBA). Prior to joining SBA, Mr. Gribben was a manager at the U.S. Postal Service. In the private sector, Mr. Gribben spent over five years at a privately held technology firm as director of a business unit and two years with J.P. Morgan. Mr. Gribben graduated from the College of William & Mary with a bachelor's degree in accounting and earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University. In 2019 he was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and in 2021 he received a Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive.



Joseph Hungate

Joseph Hungate is an RMA Director who has over 35 years of experience, with 28 years in the US Government (Centers for Disease Control, Housing & Urban Development, Treasury, and Commerce) in oversight of IT, Tax Administration, and Executive Leadership. He is responsible for Performance Audits and A-123 engagements, including enterprise risk management, to help government agencies improve processes and procedures. Passionate about financial transformation, he is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) from AGA and has achieved the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. Joe enjoys traveling, single malt whisky, and spending time with his family outside of work.



Teresa Hunter

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.

Cole Johnson

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Jeffrey D. Johnson

Jeffrey D. Johnson is the Director of the Office of Financial Policy Reporting and Analysis at the U.S. Department of State. In this role, Mr. Johnson oversees the development and implementation of financial policies, federal assistance policies, reporting, and analysis to ensure the effective management of the Department's financial resources. He leads a team of financial analysts and policy experts to provide comprehensive financial oversight, strategic planning, and policy formulation. Mr. Johnson ensures compliance with federal financial regulations, enhances financial transparency, and supports data-driven decision-making processes. Mr. Johnson's career is marked by his extensive experience in acquisitions, federal assistance operations and policy, financial and IT operations, and enterprise risk management. His previous role as the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Business Management and Planning at the U.S. Department of State, where he supported a \$2.7B global IT portfolio, is a testament to his leadership in IT strategy, portfolio management, IT acquisitions, IT policy and IT workforce planning. His profound understanding of IT management has been instrumental in driving the Department's technological advancements and operational efficiency. He has held significant roles such as Deputy Assistant Inspector General in the Office of Inspections, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants at the Department of Health and Human Services, and Director of Federal Assistance at the Department of State. His extensive experience includes providing strategic direction for federal assistance programs and managing government-wide initiatives like grants.gov. His career reflects a commitment to enhancing operational effectiveness and ensuring robust financial and risk management practices across various federal agencies.



Hari Kadavath

Hari joined the U.S. Department of State in 2021 as a Foreign Service Specialist and Financial Management Officer. Before joining the State Department, he served as Comptroller of the Federal Housing Administration. He also worked as Comptroller for the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs at the Department of Labor. In addition, he served as Chief Financial Officer of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and as Comptroller for the State of Nebraska. Earlier in his career, he worked as Chief Financial Officer and Controller for private equity firms in the San Francisco Bay Area.

At the State Department, Hari has served as a Financial Management Officer at U.S. embassies in Bangladesh, Bahrain, and Kuwait. He focuses on strategic planning, performance evaluation, financial reporting, and compliance.

He is a CPA, CMA and CGFM. He also earned MBA from University of San Francisco and Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification from Purdue University.

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Noah Kaufman

Noah Kaufman is a Systems Accountant/Project Manager in the Comptroller and Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services at the U.S. Department of State. He has over two decades of experience in federal financial management, and has served in positions in various federal agencies, as well as held positions in the for-profit sector. He is also the Government-wide Momentum User Group chair. He holds an MBA from the Robert H Smith School of Business of the University of Maryland – College Park and has a B.S. from the University of Virginia. He has a CPA, CGFM and CGMA. He was in the 2022 cohort of the NextWave Federal Finance Leadership Program.



Mark Levy

Mark Levy is a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, where he provides enterprise-level leadership and technical expertise supporting approximately \$70 billion in federal grant funding. In his role, he leads high-impact initiatives focused on modernizing grants management operations, improving data quality, and strengthening transparency, accountability, and compliance across the grant lifecycle.

With over 15 years of experience spanning federal service, consulting, and private-sector innovation, Mark brings a unique blend of strategic vision and hands-on execution. Prior to his current role, he led a consulting practice focused on delivering digital transformation, data management, and business process redesign to organizations across multiple industries.

Mark is widely recognized for his ability to translate complex policy, data, and technology challenges into practical, scalable solutions. His work has driven measurable improvements in grants operations, including significantly reducing application processing times while maintaining strong compliance controls. A trusted advisor to senior leadership, he frequently supports high-visibility audits, congressional inquiries, and enterprise data initiatives, and was recognized with a departmental award in 2025 for excellence and innovation in grants management.



David Mader

David is an Executive Advisor at MSI. He is responsible for supporting the Executive Director delivering core services to clients such as organization strategy, performance management, automation, process improvement, data analytics, information technology and strategic communications. He brings decades of experience in the field offices as well as national office as a career Internal Revenue Service SES retiring as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner. He also served as the Senate confirmed Controller at the Office of Management and Budget and acting Deputy Director for Management at OMB. He also has been a senior VP at one major consulting firm and Chief Strategy Officer for the civilian sector at another. He is the recipient of both the Distinguished and Meritorious Presidential Rank Awards, the Treasury Secretary 's Honor Award and Association of Government Accountants Distinguished Federal Leader Award. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and former member of the Board of Directors. He is a graduate of Mt St Mary's College and completed a graduate certificate program at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University.



Paul Marshall, CPA, CGFM, CIA, CICA, PMP

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 POPM. 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.



Todd Math

Mr. Math has over 20 years of experience providing accounting and financial management services to the federal and private sector including financial compliance, audit remediation, financial statement audits, policy and procedure development, project management support, and operational and financial process improvement. He has a B.S. in Accounting from Virginia Tech and is also a Certified Internal Control Auditor (CICA). He currently is a Program Manager leading teams at the FBI for the Accounts Receivable and General Ledger Units and a team supporting the FBI's G-Invoicing PMO.

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Allison McLeod

Allison M. (Yee) McLeod, LL.M., JD, CPA, is currently a Senior Lecturer at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. She received Bachelor of Business Administration and Juris Doctor degrees from Baylor University, and a Master of Legal Letters (LL.M.) degree specializing in Taxation from the Southern Methodist University School of Law. Professor McLeod has also studied British and Art History at the University of Sussex, England.

Prior to joining the UNT faculty in 2010, Professor McLeod held the position of Director of Tax Planning and IRS Audits for Lehigh Hanson North America, a major manufacturer of cement, aggregates and other building materials. Her practice included both federal and international tax planning. Professor McLeod also spent thirteen years specializing in Tax Planning with the JCPenney Corporation, Inc., and two years with Deloitte & Touche in Dallas.

Professor McLeod has taught at the university level graduate classes on Ethics, Tax Research, Multi-jurisdictional Taxation, Individual Taxation and Corporate Income Tax in the past and currently teaches Financial Accounting and Ethics. She has also taught at the UNT College of Law as adjunct faculty. Since 2011, Professor McLeod has been honored to present live and on-line ethics CPE classes to CPAs across the nation. She also serves as an expert witness in accounting malpractice cases and maintains a small private practice serving individuals and small businesses. Professor McLeod has also taught at the University of North Texas College of Law as adjunct faculty. She has served on the Professional Ethics Committee of the Texas Society of CPAs.

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Alyssa Fusisi, CPA, CRMP-Fed, CISA, CGFM

Alyssa Fusisi is a Partner with Kearney & Company. Ms. Fusisi has more than nineteen years of experience supporting multiple Federal agencies with financial management, internal controls, and risk management. Ms. Fusisi is the Director of Kearney's Risk and Compliance Team.

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Domenic N. Savini, CPA, CMA, CRFAC, MSA

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.

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Robert Shea

Robert is the Chief Executive Officer for GovNavigators. He is a recognized government management and policy expert who served in both Congress and the Executive Branch. He has more than 25 years experience working to improve the government's performance. Most recently, he was National Managing Principal at Grant Thornton, where he led the firm's public policy activities and advised federal, state, and local government agencies on strategy, performance, and evidence-based policymaking. Robert is a Fellow & former Chairman of the National Academy of Public Administration. He was appointed to the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, which made important recommendations for better integration of evidence into policymaking.

Brett Smith

Brett Smith is known for helping complex organizations move from stalled initiatives to aligned execution. He has spent his career at the intersection of financial technology, large-scale government programs, and organizational leadership, working with federal agencies, global payment networks, processors, and fintech partners to modernize, operate, and—when necessary—responsibly decommission mission-critical systems. His experience spans the full lifecycle of innovation: from pilot and deployment, to scale, governance, and operational reality.

Brett has served many roles in the Bureau of the Fiscal Service ranging from Executive Deputy Director of the Treasury's Philadelphia Financial Center, product manager for prepaid cards and all card-acquiring, to Chief of Staff in Treasury's outstanding debt collections. His experience in applying technology in product development by collaborating with the private sector and federal agencies, is his signature approach. He has developed many of the collection and payment products provided by the Treasury today and used worldwide. He recently returned from a leadership opportunity working onsite with the Social Security Administration to lead its payment system modernization and consolidation program.

Brett Smith is currently leading the decommissioning of the successful EZpay and EagleCash stored value cards for all branches of the military with an updated platform. Brett is a Presidential Innovation Fellow alumnus and a frequent speaker with audiences spanning government, fintech, financial services, and professional associations. He is a graduate from Washington University in St. Louis's Olin Business School and Brookings Institution partnership and professional certifications in blockchain (UC Berkeley), artificial intelligence (IBM and Microsoft), and product management (U of Maryland).



Joe K. Swisher

Joe Swisher is a hands-on leader and strategic business development executive serving the U.S. public sector at Visa. Since March 2022, he has focused on expanding payment programs and modernizing operations across a broad federal client base (~300 agencies). Joe builds strong relationships with decision makers to deliver secure, scalable solutions that strengthen mission readiness, mitigate risk, and improve outcomes.

Previously, Joe was Senior Manager at Savan Group, where he led consulting engagements for GSA SmartPay®, the world's largest purchase and travel card program (~\$30B annual spend). He embedded analytics into decision making, directed project plans and risk frameworks, and ensured successful delivery.

Joe's federal experience includes two tours with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, providing global technical support and training for the Department of Defense, serving as a Blockchain SME, and co-authoring "Strategies for Intelligent Automation – Building a Resilient Workforce," published in AGA's Quarterly Journal of Government Financial Management.

Earlier, Joe led audit operations at Apple, overseeing risk-based programs for corporate card and expense reports totaling over \$480M annually. He designed global audit processes, integrated analytics, and improved employee engagement through data-driven insights.

A combat-experienced U.S. Army officer and Bronze Star recipient, Joe brings operational realism and a change-agent mindset to every engagement. He is passionate about upskilling teams, elevating customer experience, and translating policy and process into practical solutions that deliver measurable value for the public.



Erica Thomas

Ms. Erica Thomas has is the Director for Digital Transformation, within the Office of the Secretary of War (Comptroller), Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Financial Systems Modernization & Innovation (FSMI). Her responsibilities include driving change and innovation to improve, standardize, and simplify the FM business system environment through adoption and expansion of common enterprise systems, data, analytics, intelligent automation, performance management, business process improvement, and risk management. This includes being the Program Manager for OUSW(C)'s Intelligent Automation Center of Excellence, which offers a shared service platform to help promulgate Automation within the DoW. She also co-leads the DoW's RPA Consortium and outside of DoD, she is an active champion for the Federal RPA Community of Practice.

Prior to her current roles, she served as the Team Lead for Comptroller's DoD's Financial Management Reform efforts and as a Senior Accountant in the Business Integration Office, leading enterprise wide Procure-to-Pay initiatives and DATA Act reporting compliance. Before joining OUSW(C) in 2017, she supported Transformational Projects within the Department of Navy, reducing infrastructure costs, improving audit readiness, increasing electronic commerce processing by 53% and achieving \$125M+ in cost reductions. All told, she has over 20 years of DoW Financial Management experience.

Ms. Thomas is a graduate of Central Michigan University and holds professional membership in the American Society for Military Comptrollers as a Certified Defense Financial Manager-Acquisition. She maintains a level 3 DoW Financial Management Certification. Ms. Thomas is a recipient of the Department of Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal and numerous other DoD, DON, and American Society of Military Comptroller awards.



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Elise Tokumasu de Silva

Elise has spent 19 years leading intercultural teams to mission success in austere operating environments across the globe.

As a Management Counselor at U.S. embassies abroad, Elise works with subject matter experts in Facilities Management, Financial Management, General Services (logistics, procurement, property), Human Resources, Information Technology, and Medical Units to build dialogue, data sharing, and solution structures that lift policy outcomes, ensure safety, improve internal control environments, and meet the 21st century resource challenges we all face in the field.

She joined the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service in 2007 and has served in management positions in Kuwait, Fiji, Paraguay, Azerbaijan, and El Salvador. As a vice-consul, she built the problem resolution unit at U.S. Consulate Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. In Washington, she served as special assistant to the Department of State Under Secretary for Management Affairs during the covid pandemic.

Prior to joining the foreign service, Elise worked at U.S. Embassy Tokyo as local staff where she learned firsthand how resource decisions and systems design affect our administrative processes.

Elise grew up in Vancouver, Washington, and received a bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies from Washington and Lee University (Virginia).

Guanita Toston

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In her current role, she drives cross functional collaboration to support implementation, navigate resource constraints, and streamline processes for internal and external stakeholders. Ms. Toston is passionate about advancing financial transparency, reducing administrative burden, and delivering practical solutions that enable successful, sustainable transformation.



Peter Warren

Attorney with extensive legal and management experience, as well as federal policy expertise. Currently serves as Senior Counselor for The Montgomery Strategies Group providing advisory services to domestic and international clients. Previously served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel-North America for Philip Morris International, and prior to PMI as Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, the Chief Operations Officer of the agency, directly overseeing CXO functions as well as numerous agency-wide initiatives. Also served as Associate Administrator of the Office of Government-wide Policy at GSA, promoting policies that encourage agencies to develop and utilize the best, most cost-effective management practices. Prior experience includes serving for nine years as General Counsel of the National Academy of Public Administration as well as four years at the World Bank.

For the past four years, Peter Warren has served at the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee as a Senior Advisor to Chairman James Comer (R-KY).

In that capacity, he has led the work of the Committee's Subcommittee on Information Technology and Government Innovation, and the Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency.

During the first Trump Administration, Peter served as a Senior Advisor and then Associate Director at the White House Office of Management and Budget, where he was a chief architect and implementer of the President's Management Agenda.

Prior to that, Peter was Majority Policy Director at the House Oversight Committee under Chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA). He has also served as a budget analyst for both the House and Senate Budget Committees.



Tye L. White

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Mr. White leads AFM's innovation agenda by modernizing data architecture, integrating systems, and enabling secure AI adoption—bridging financial management with emerging technology. He has led key transformation efforts, including automating reporting processes and implementing enterprise dashboards to improve accuracy, oversight, and efficiency.

Mr. White brings over 20 years of experience in federal acquisition, financial systems, and program management.

Annalena Winer, CGFM, PMP

Annalena is Vice President, Consulting Expert at CGI Federal and has over 28 years of experience working with the Momentum Enterprise Solution suite. She has practical experience in all aspects of the system development life cycle including requirements definition, structured system design of application programs, unit and system testing, system implementation, deployment and user support, and data conversion.

She possesses an extensive knowledge of Government financial management processes and recognized as a subject matter expert in various areas of financial management. She is known for her problem solving and analysis abilities, strong attention to detail and the ability to establish and maintain a strong rapport with customers, senior management and team members.



Biographies



Crystal Wolf, CPA, CGFM, CGMS, CICA

Crystal Wolf serves as President of the Washington, DC Chapter of AGA, where she brings nearly two decades of active involvement and leadership to the organization. A member since 2007, Crystal has long been a driving force within the Chapter, previously serving as Chair and Co-Chair of the Member Services Committee and contributing to numerous initiatives that strengthen member engagement and professional development. She also serves on AGA's National Education Board, supporting the advancement of professional development and learning initiatives across the broader AGA community. Crystal is deeply involved in both local and national AGA efforts, including moderating and participating in training sessions, leading surveys and thought leadership initiatives, and supporting key events such as AGA LEAD. Under her leadership, the DC Chapter continues to deliver dynamic, well-attended programming and foster meaningful connections across the federal financial management community.

In addition to her leadership with AGA, Crystal is the Founder and CEO of Akela, LLC, a women-owned CPA firm specializing in federal financial management, risk, and compliance. Through Akela, she supports high-impact government programs, advancing program integrity and operational excellence across some of the nation's most critical loan and grant initiatives.

Crystal holds a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from University of Notre Dame, graduating in 2007 and 2006, respectively. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), Certified Internal Controls Auditor (CICA), and Certified Grants Management Specialist (CGMS).

Victoria Yan Pillitteri



Ms. Victoria Yan Pillitteri is a supervisory computer scientist in the Computer Security Division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Ms. Pillitteri is the Manager of the Security Engineering and Risk Management Group and leads the Risk Management Framework team/Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) Implementation Project. In that role, she develops the suite of risk management guidance used for managing cybersecurity risk in the federal government and coordinates the associated stakeholder outreach and public-private sector collaboration efforts. Ms. Pillitteri leads the Joint Task Force working group, a partnership with the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and Civilian Agencies to develop a unified security framework to protect the U.S. Government from cyber-attacks, and is co-chair of the Federal Cybersecurity and Privacy Professionals Forum hosted by NIST.

Ms. Pillitteri previously led programs in smart grid and cyber-physical systems cybersecurity, worked on the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, the Privacy Framework, and served as a program analyst in the NIST Office of the Director.

Ms. Pillitteri holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland and an M.S. in Computer Science with a concentration in Information Assurance from The George Washington University. She has completed the Key Executive Leadership Program at American University and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program, receiving an SES certification by the OPM Qualifications Review Board. Ms. Pillitteri is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

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He has a BS in Accounting with a minor in Economics from Penn State University, an MS in International Management, and an MS in Public Administration from Troy State University. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, Certified Public Accountant, Certified Management Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control and Certified Information Systems Auditor.

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