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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), I am pleased to invite you to nominate up to two individuals from your office to participate in GAO's 2018 International Auditor Fellowship Program (IAFP).

As a member of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), GAO sponsors this program to enhance participants' skills in order to strengthen the institutional capacity of SAIs, sustain professional competencies through continuous learning and knowledge sharing; and strengthen professional networks to promote institutional relationships among Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI), donors, and other public partners in the accountability community.

The individuals selected for GAO's IAFP engage in a comprehensive 4-month program that includes classroom instruction, observance of key management meetings, exposure to the U.S. intergovernmental audit experience, and development of strategies to implement change within their respective SAIs. The program focuses on techniques necessary for conducting performance audits, and shares approaches to leadership development. In addition, participants prepare a strategy paper to introduce a plan or project to their SAIs. Typically, the head of the SAI identifies the plan or project as part of the nomination process.

If your SAI would like to participate in the 2018 program, please nominate up to two, middle-to-senior level candidate(s) from your audit office. Your nominee(s) should complete the enclosed application, which requires your personal, signed recommendation and insight on how the nominee, if selected, would transfer the knowledge, skills, and experience gained to other colleagues in your SAI.

While there is no tuition for the program, participating SAIs are responsible for securing the required funding for travel and living expenses. Funding assistance may also be available from entities such as the United Nations Development Program, multilateral development banks, national governments, or other regional development organizations.

The completed application should be returned no later than August 21, 2017. An electronic copy of the application is available by clicking [here](#) or by sending a request to IAFPCurriculum@gao.gov. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Ms. Darreisha Bates, Fellowship Program Manager, at (202) 512-4233 or BatesD@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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