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As the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, Mr. Dodaro assists the Comptroller General in providing leadership and vision for a diverse multidisciplinary professional services organization in the legislative branch of the federal government. His day-to-day management efforts ensure that GAO effectively accomplishes its mission to support the Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and to help improve the performance and ensure the accountability of government for the benefit of the American people. Mr. Dodaro oversees the development and issuance of several hundred reports and testimonies to the Congress annually. These products and other GAO initiatives provide critical information for decision making; save the taxpayers billions of dollars; and improve government operations, programs, and services.

As part of his duties as COO, Mr. Dodaro leads the development of GAO's strategic plans for serving the Congress and improving government in the 21st century. He also directs GAO's high-risk program, which focuses on and proposes solutions to major management challenges and risks across the federal government. Mr. Dodaro also plays a key role in guiding the agency's efforts to highlight current and emerging issues that warrant attention from policymakers.

Prior to assuming his current responsibilities in May 1999, Mr. Dodaro led GAO's Accounting and Information Management Division. His significant accomplishments included providing leadership to help government confront the Year 2000 computing challenge by working with the Congress and the President's Y2K Conversion Council to provide a smooth transition in government operations and services. He also directed the first-ever audit of comprehensive financial statements covering all federal departments and agencies for fiscal year 1997—one of the largest and most complex audits in history. Additionally, he helped conceive GAO's strategy for improving computer security throughout government and led the updating of standards for internal control in the federal government.

Mr. Dodaro has testified on numerous occasions before the Congress. He has worked closely with the Congress and various administrations on major management reform initiatives, including (1) the 1994 Government Management Reform Act, which expanded the Chief Financial Officers Act; (2) the revised 1995 Paperwork Reduction Act and the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, which require agencies to implement modern management practices for information technology management; and (3) the 1996 refinements to the Single Audit Act, which outlines requirements for audits of federal assistance to state and local governments. Mr. Dodaro also led management reviews of the Department of Justice, the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Personnel Management and has extensive experience working with state and local government officials.

Mr. Dodaro joined GAO in 1973, after majoring in accounting at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania. He is a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow and a member of the Association of Government Accountants. Mr. Dodaro has received many of GAO's top honors as well as recognition from outside organizations, including the following:

- Association of Government Accountants' Elmer B. Staats Award for improving government performance and government accountability, 2006.
- American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration National Public Service Award recognizing outstanding practitioners in public service, 2003.
- Association of Government Accountants' Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award for sustained outstanding leadership in financial management, 2001.
- The Institute of Internal Auditors' (D.C. Chapter) Person of the Year Award for leadership in addressing the Year 2000 computing challenge.
- *Federal Computer Week* Information Technology Top 100 Award, 1999.
- Arthur S. Flemming Award for outstanding individual performance in government, 1989.