

Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards

David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, made new appointments to the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards. The Council provides advice and guidance to the Comptroller General on government auditing standards.

The Comptroller General first issued standards for government auditing in 1972; major revisions were made in 1981, 1988, 1994, and 2003. Certain laws, regulations, and contracts require auditors to follow generally accepted government auditing standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States. They are widely used in audits of federal, state, and local government programs, as well as in audits of entities receiving federal assistance. They have also been adopted by various countries including Indonesia, Albania, Mongolia, and Vietnam.

Government auditing is a key element in fulfilling the government's duty to be accountable to the public. Government auditing standards provide a framework to auditors so that their work can lead to improved government management, decision making, oversight and accountability. The standards also provide an overall framework for ensuring that auditors have the competence, integrity, objectivity, and independence in planning, conducting, and reporting on their work.

The newly appointed members will join the continuing members of the Council.

New appointments beginning in 2006:

David Cotton, Managing Partner, Cotton & Co. LLP

Alex Fraser, Director, Team Leader of State and Local Government ratings in the Southwest and West, Standard & Poor's

Marion Higa, State Auditor of Hawaii

Samuel Mok, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Labor

Those members with continuing appointments on the Council are:

Chair of the Advisory Council, John R. ("Jack") Miller, Retired KPMG Partner and Vice Chairman of Health Care and Public Sector

The Honorable Ernest A. Almonte, Auditor General, State of Rhode Island

Dr. Paul A. Copley, Hantzmon, Weibel & Co. Faculty Fellow and Director School of Accounting, James Madison University

Kristine G. Devine, Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP

Dr. Eshan Feroz, Professor of Accounting, University of Washington, Tacoma (re-appointed)

Mark Funkhouser, City Auditor of Kansas City, Missouri

The Honorable Phyllis Fong, Inspector General, U.S Department of Agriculture

Dr. Michael H. Granof, Ernst & Young Distinguished Centennial Professor of Accounting, The University of Texas at Austin

Jerome Heer, County Auditor, County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Honorable John P. (“Jack”) Higgins, Jr., Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education

Russell Hinton, State Auditor, State of Georgia

Richard A. Leach, Auditor General of the Navy

Patrick L. McNamee, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Rakesh Mohan, Director, Office of Performance Evaluations, Idaho State Legislature

Harold L. Monk, Jr. Managing Partner, Davis, Monk & Company, Gainesville, Florida (re-appointed)

William Monroe, Auditor General, State of Florida

Steve Morgan, City Auditor, City of Austin, Texas

Brian A. Schebler, Partner, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, Director of Services to the Public Sector

Gerald A. Silva, City Auditor, City of San Jose, California (re-appointed)

Barry R. Snyder, Inspector General, Federal Reserve Board

James R. “Ron” Speer, former Auditor General of the Air Force

Dr. Daniel L. Stufflebeam, Director, the Evaluation Center, Western Michigan University (re-appointed)

George Willie, Managing Partner, Bert Smith & Co.

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