

Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards

Gene L. Dodaro, Acting 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 issued in 1981, 1988, 1994, 2003, and 2007. 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 numerous countries.

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 2009:

Auston Johnson, Chair, State Auditor, State of Utah

Kathy A. Buller, Inspector General, Peace Corps

Julia L. Higgs, Associate Professor, School of Accounting, Florida Atlantic University

Drummond Kahn, Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, Oregon

Janice Mueller, State Auditor, State of Wisconsin

Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Those members with continuing appointments on the Council are:

Christine C. Boesz, Consultant

David L. Cotton, Managing Partner, Cotton & Co. LLP

Beryl H. Davis, Chief Financial Officer, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, Florida

Kristine G. Devine, Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP (re-appointed)

Dr. Ehsan H. Feroz, Professor of Accounting, University of Washington, Tacoma

Jerome Heer, County Auditor, County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Marion M. Higa, State Auditor of Hawaii

Russell W. Hinton, State Auditor, State of Georgia

Richard A. Leach, Auditor General of the Navy (re-appointed)

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

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

Harold L. Monk, Jr., Managing Partner, Davis, Monk & Company, Gainesville, Florida

Brian A. Schebler, Partner, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, Director of Services to the Public Sector (re-appointed)

Dr. Daniel L. Stufflebeam, Director, the Evaluation Center, Western Michigan University

Edward J. Valenzuela, Deputy Auditor General, State of Florida

George Willie, Managing Partner, Bert Smith & Co.

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