Financial Markets & Community Investment (FMCI)

Watching Wall Street and Main Street

The FMCI team covers areas that are critical to the nation's economic and social well-being. We are looking for skilled professionals to support our work in one or more of these areas:

**Financial Markets**
You will assess the way financial institutions and markets are regulated, the ability of financial regulators to maintain a stable, well-functioning financial system, and policies ensuring access to financial services.

**Housing and Community Investment**
You will assess programs and policies that support homeownership, management and oversight of affordable rental housing and homeless assistance programs, and programs designed to assist distressed areas.

**Small Business**
You will assess the effectiveness of federal small business assistance and the impact of federal contracting policies on small businesses.

**Consumer Protection**
You will review the risks and benefits of new consumer products and assess the implementation of new regulatory structures to monitor and enforce compliance with consumer protection laws.

WHO Are We?

- Analysts
- Economists
- Financial Markets Specialists

WHERE Are We?

- Atlanta
- Boston
- Chicago
- Oakland
- Washington, D.C.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must apply for available positions through [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

We recommend that interested applicants:

- Create a profile on USAjobs.
- Sign up to receive search alerts for new GAO vacancies.
- Build a resume in USAjobs and describe your experience with specific, direct examples.
- Read through past GAO reports and testimonies available at [gao.gov](http://gao.gov), and familiarize yourself with the GAO style.
- Provide detailed responses to the written application questions when you submit an application.
- Apply to positions early to account for possible technical challenges. If you are in need of reasonable accommodations, please email ReasonableAccommodations@gao.gov.
ACCOUNTABILITY is our middle name

Often called the "congressional watchdog," GAO is an independent, nonpartisan agency that advises Congress about ways to make government more efficient, effective, ethical, equitable, and responsive. Returning more than a hundred dollars in savings for every dollar of our budget, we support oversight of taxpayer dollars by:

- auditing federal spending;
- investigating allegations of illegal and improper activities;
- reporting on agency program and policy effectiveness;
- analyzing policy and outlining options for Congress;
- issuing legal decisions and opinions, such as bid protest rulings and reports on agency rules.

Across the NATION; Across GOVERNMENT

Our 11 field offices and headquarters in Washington, DC, position us to explore government programs around the country. We split our work among 15 Mission Teams that cover federal programs and activities across government:

- Applied Research and Methods
- Contracting and National Security Acquisitions
- Defense Capabilities and Management
- Education, Workforce, and Income Security
- Financial Management and Assurance
- Financial Markets and Community Investment
- Forensic Audits and Investigative Service
- Health Care
- Homeland Security and Justice
- Information Technology and Cybersecurity
- International Affairs and Trade
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Physical Infrastructure
- Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics
- Strategic Issues

Our PEOPLE are our STRENGTH

...and we value them accordingly. We strive for:

A workplace that emphasizes
- diversity
- inclusion
- respect
- fairness

Work/life balance, offering
- continuous learning
- flexible work schedules/telework
- a pay system that rewards performance

GAO’s support of diversity has been top-ranked among mid-sized federal agencies since 2011, and has ranked in the top 5 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government every year since 2005.

When we talk, OTHERS LISTEN

GAO is integral to government decision making. We make hundreds of recommendations each year, testify frequently at congressional hearings, and are cited regularly in the national press.

On average, roughly 80% of our recommendations are implemented over a four-year period, improving government services and saving billions of taxpayer dollars annually.

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