

# GAO Management News

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## Educator’s Advisory Panel Meets to Discuss Higher Education Issues

Each year since 2001, the Comptroller General’s Educator Advisory Panel (EAP) has brought deans, professors, and other leaders in the education field to GAO headquarters to discuss emerging trends in public policy and to offer advice that furthers GAO’s ability to attract and retain the talent it needs. The theme of this year’s meeting, held in the Staats Briefing Room on June 27, was “Issues in Higher Education.”

These annual meetings at GAO headquarters are based on a mutually beneficial working relationship between major public administration, public policy, and other schools and GAO. The agency benefits from the diverse perspectives that participants bring to a wide range of topics, including best practices and emerging human capital issues, that are relevant to GAO’s efforts to maintain a diverse, talented, dedicated, and results-oriented workforce.

It is also no secret that the success of GAO’s development program depends on the high quality of its student interns from these and many other schools. GAO places a priority on hiring interns, who then may enter the Professional Development Program (PDP).

In his opening remarks, CG Gene Dodaro summarized the agency’s activities since the start of in the fiscal year. He discussed outreach to the Administration and Congress. . He touched on GAO’s recommendations—both implemented (77% over the past five years) and still open (5,000-6,000)—and discussed a number of major reports and testimonies, including the CG’s first annual report on the nation’s fiscal future ([GAO-17-579T](#), May 3), the High-Risk Series ([GAO-17-375T](#), February 15), and the annual report on fragmentation, overlap, and duplication ([GAO-17-562T](#), April 26).

This year’s panel discussions included:

- **Issues Facing Higher Education in the United States Roundtable**
- **Aspects of Access to Higher Education – Preparing for it, paying for it, participating in it**
- **Professional Development Program Presentation**
- **Strategic Foresight and its Promise for Higher Education**

Following the panel discussions, there was a breakout networking event with the GAO PDP and Program and Technical Development Program community during which EAP members asked a series of questions, such as what do you wish you would have known when you applied to your graduate program that you now know about a career in public administration, affairs, and/or policy? The meeting ended with closing remarks from the CG.

Over the years, the CG has visited many of the schools represented in the EAP. This past year, for example, Dodaro discussed GAO’s mission and work at Northern Illinois University’s College of Business, the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, Hampton University’s School of Business, and the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Between 2014 and 2017, GAO recruited entry-level employees from more than 140 colleges and universities, including EAP member schools.

## Members of the CG's 2017 Educator's Advisory Panel

American University, School of Public Affairs: Dr. Barbara Romzek, Dean  
Arizona State University: Dr. Stefanie Lindquist, Deputy Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Binghamton University, College of Community and Public Affairs: Dr. Laura Bronstein, Dean  
Carnegie Mellon University, H. John Heinz III College: Dr. Ramayya Krishnan, Dean  
Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy: Dr. Kelly Brownell, Dean  
Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy: Dr. Edward B. Montgomery, Dean  
Hampton University, School of Business: Dr. Sid Howard Credle, Dean  
Howard University, School of Business: Dr. Barron Harvey, Dean and Professor  
Jackson State University, College of Public Service: Dr. Ricardo A. Brown, Dean  
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration: Laurel McFarland, Executive Director  
New Mexico State University, College of Business: Dr. James Hoffman, Dean  
Northern Illinois University, College of Business: Dr. Donald E. Tidrick, Deloitte Professor of Accountancy  
Pennsylvania State University, Smeal College of Business: Dr. Charles H. Whiteman, Dean  
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico: Dr. Jorge Iván Vélez-Arocho, President  
Rutgers University, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy: Dr. Stuart Shapiro, Associate Professor and Director, Public Policy Program  
Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs: Dr. David M. Van Slyke, Dean, Louis A. Bantle Chair in Business – Government Policy  
The George Washington University, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration: Dr. Kathryn E. Newcomer, Director  
The Ohio State University, John Glenn College of Public Affairs: Dr. Trevor Brown, Dean  
The Partnership for Public Service: Max Stier, President and CEO  
The University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs  
The University of Maryland, School of Public Policy: Dr. Robert C. Orr, Dean  
The University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs: Laura Bloomberg, Dean  
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Accounting: Dr. Michael H. Granof, Professor of Accounting  
The University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs: Dr. Angela Evans, Dean  
University at Albany-SUNY, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, Dr. Karl Rethemeyer, Dean  
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy: Dr. Kerwin Charles, Dean  
University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy: Dr. Susan M. Collins, Joan and Sanford Weill Dean  
University of Pennsylvania, Fels Institute of Government: Dr. Nelson Lim, Executive Director  
University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy: Dr. Jack H. Knott  
University of Washington, Evans School of Public Affairs: Dr. Sandra O. Archibald, Dean and Professor

## 15 Graduate from International Auditor Fellowship Program

By Kristie Conserve, SPEL

On July 13, 15 auditors from 12 countries graduated from the 2017 GAO International Auditor Fellowship Program. The graduation ceremony, presided over by the Comptroller General, marks the end of the four-month intensive training designed to develop the capacity of supreme audit institutions (SAIs) and enhance accountability and governance worldwide.

The latest class of graduates joins a distinguished group of more than 550 alumni from 106 countries who have successfully completed the program. Speaking on behalf of the Fellows, Shahzana Durrani, an auditor from Pakistan, provided remarks during the ceremony, extending her thanks to the more than 300 GAO staff members who contributed to the program's success, including instructors, mentors and sponsors.

"We admire not only the professionalism at GAO but your willingness to share knowledge and wisdom with the rest of the SAIs. We, on behalf of our SAIs, thank you for your continued support in providing this unique opportunity to understand the workings of your office," said Durrani.



*Comptroller General Dodaro addresses the 2017 graduating class of the International Auditor Fellowship Program in the Staats Briefing Room.*

The 2017 graduates include Aulona Jani (Albania), Ermal Yzeiraj (Albania), Pablo Gonzalo Albornoz Antonacci (Argentina), Tenzin Chhoedup (Bhutan), Nivaldo Dias Filho (Brazil), Silver Jakobson (Estonia), Ranya AISarawi (Kuwait), Haruna Ahmed Tijani (Nigeria), Uwamah Stephen Chinedu (Nigeria), Ashfaq Ahmad (Pakistan), Shahzana Durrani (Pakistan), Haruna Twaha (Rwanda), Chen Sze Leng (Singapore), Ogentho Poul Maxwell (Uganda), Laiza Chikowore (Zimbabwe).

For more information, please contact [Darreisha M. Bates](#), GAO's International Auditor Fellowship Program Manager, at 202-512-4233 or [Mike Hix](#), Director of International Relations in the Strategic Planning and External Liaison, at 202-512-3087.



Argentina's Pablo Gonzalo Albornoz Antonacci proudly displays his graduation certificate while posing for a photo with SPEL's Darreisha Bates and Kristie Conserve.

## GAO Celebrates Diversity and Inclusion Month through Storytelling

By Rachel Tanner, HCO. San Francisco Field Office Manager Lacy Vong provided information on Jeff Chang's presentation.

Staff from across GAO spent the month of June telling their stories as part of the agency's annual Diversity and Inclusion Month activities. According to John Townes in HCO, this year's theme—"Everybody has a story... Ways we tell our stories"—was inspired by a challenge posed by Major General Charles Bolden, the former NASA Administrator, when he visited GAO in February for Black History Month. Bolden said that to foster inclusion, "we've got to become better story tellers and share our own stories with each other."

The month kicked off with a keynote address from filmmaker Lawrence Hott, who posed critical questions about how people tell stories, and how we can honor each other's stories and perspectives through listening. Speaking from the Boston field office, Hott shared his experiences in making films about the deaf community and the Lakota

people. He discussed the techniques he developed for validating, rather than disempowering, the people whose stories he was telling.

Movies continued to inspire storytelling throughout the month with discussions in various offices about films such as the documentary dealing with mental illness, “Beyond Silence,” and the Oscar-winning film “Moonlight.”

Some of the stories shared were difficult to tell and difficult to hear. On June 7, the Asian American Liaison Group and SF Connects presented a panel on Japanese internment camps. Kim Yamane, Assistant Director in HC (Seattle), and Eddie Uyekawa, Senior Analyst in IAT (San Francisco), shared memories and memorabilia from family members who were incarcerated during World War II, and answered questions about how their families were able to rebuild their lives after losing their possessions and communities.

The overlap of Diversity and Inclusion Month with Caribbean-American Heritage Month provided additional, unique opportunities for storytelling. GAO employees were treated to a live performance from musician Pavel Urkiza, who played music blending Caribbean and European themes. Atlanta staffers got a chance to sample Caribbean cuisine during a special food truck visit, while headquarters staff of Cuban heritage displayed family photos in the Caribbean Pop-Up Museum and a contingent from Tiny Findings tried their hands at creating Cuban-inspired street art. The ambassadors from Grenada and St. Kitts and Nevis joined representatives from the Jamaican Embassy and the World Health Organization in a June 15 panel discussion focusing on regional collaboration on healthcare in the Caribbean.

During the second day of the D&I Community of Practice’s Summit, representatives from ASM, SI, HSJ, and FAIS shared examples of successful efforts to promote a work environment in which all employees feel valued and respected. The forum, which took place largely through videoconference and GAOTV, showed how technology can be used to facilitate honest, critical conversations about diversity and inclusion.

GAOers had a chance to mingle in person during the D&I Hallway Fair on June 7, where GLEA’s rainbow-frosted cupcakes were a big hit. Colleen Marks, who represented Reasonable Accommodations at the fair, commented that the annual event shows that GAO’s commitment to diversity and inclusion is “something real, and not just something you put on a flier.” Staff from across the agency also had an opportunity to share the stories of their names in various team meetings and at an agency-wide coffee hour on June 14. HCO is planning more opportunities throughout the year so that GAOers can continue to learn more about each other.

The San Francisco field office hosted author, activist, and educator Jeff Chang on June 27. Chang, the executive director of the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University and the author of several acclaimed works, including *We Gon’ Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation*, shared his story and thoughts on moving the nation toward racial justice.

Chang discussed his interest in why the data show increasing growth in inequality when it comes to class and race, while the images around us are more diverse than ever. He engaged in a frank discussion with GAO employees on diversity, cultural shifts, and legal cases that shaped policies and racial inequalities.

To avoid the pitfalls of a superficially “diverse” workplace, Chang posited that diversity must be a value promoted from the top but also proliferated by everyone. Chang concluded America is “gon’ be alright” because of the value the next generation places on inclusion and conversation. Chang’s talk can be accessed on GAOTV.

In addition to participating actively in the events described above, staff in GAO’s 11 field offices organized various local events to celebrate D&I month. These activities included a video—“[Sharing Our Stories](#)”—featuring staff stories and pictures (Atlanta), a presentation on voice and bias (Boston), a tour of the Puerto Rican community in Humboldt Park (Chicago), an office potluck with food from different cultures (Dallas), a presentation by a University of Dayton professor on different community approaches to immigrants (Dayton), a brown bag on working together with deaf and hearing colleagues (Denver), and a discussion of the TED Talk: Data Behind Hollywood’s Sexism (Los Angeles).



*Jeff Chang speaking in the San Francisco Field Office. From left to right: Eddie Uyekawa, Anna Chung, Justine Lazaro, Srinidhi Vijaykumar, and Jeff Chang.*

This year's Diversity and Inclusion Month Planning Team included Leo Barbour (ISTS), Laurel Beedon (EWIS), Eugene Beye (IAT), Carolyn Blocker (NRE), Alicia Cackley (FMCI), Karen Cassidy (SI, BOS), Maxanne Cheatham (ISTS), Shaunessye Curry (HC, CHI), Christine Davis (GC), Alexandra Dew Silva (ASM, BOS), Josh Diosomito (HSJ LA), Jennifer Felder (FAIS), Linda Garcia (LC), Eric Hauswirth (HSJ), Camille Henley (HSJ), Andrew Huddleston (PI), John Johnson (NRE), Reg Jones (OOI), Yvonne Jones (SI), Aisha Kendall (HCO), Eric Kinch (CAO), Caryn Kuebler (ASM), Dainia Lawes (HSJ), Jean Lee (ASM, DAY), Colleen Marks (HCO), Elizabeth Morris (DCM, NOR), Emily Pinto (NRE), Daniel Powers (EWIS), Summer Lingard Smith (NRE), John Townes (HCO), John Trubey (DCM, DAL), Lacy Vong (FOM, SF), and La Don Williams (LC). In addition, local committees organized D&I activities in each of the field offices.

## From Here and There

### *Arrivals and Departures*

#### **Welcome to recently hired GAO employees:**

**ASM:** Alexandra S. Jeszeck

**EWIS:** Andrea Dawson, Efrain Magallan, Britney A. Tsao (Seattle), Kelly T. Turner

**FMA:** Isabella D. Hur

**FMCI:** Lauren E. Mosteller

**HC:** Sung H. Yoo

**HCO:** Adam Clark

**HSJ:** Emily E. Flores

**IAT:** Kelly M. Friedman, Natalia E. Pena

**IT:** Alexander H. Bennett

**NRE:** Jonathan L. Still

**PI:** Colin P. Ashwood, Caroline K. DeCelles, Natasha V. Oliver (Los Angeles), Hannah K. Weigle

### *Mark Your Calendar*

**Apply for Student Loan Repayment (July 12 – Aug. 4).** The open season for the 2017 Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) will run through Friday, August 4. Eligible individuals should complete the application process as soon as possible. Those approved for a repayment will be required to sign a service agreement to remain at GAO for 3 years. Applications will be submitted using a web-based application that is available on the [SLRP web page](#).

**Expanding Knowledge of the Transgender Community (July 25).** Join GAO's Gender Identity & Inclusion Group for this opportunity to expand your knowledge of the transgender community. To be held in the Staats Briefing Room from 1:00 -2:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, July 25, the event will feature expert presentations, facilitated panel discussion, and open Q&A session, and safe space for all. It will also be broadcast on GAOTV.

**Employee Feedback Survey (Closes July 28).** Employee participation in this annual survey is critical to help GAO's leadership' prioritize its efforts to engage employees and ensure GAO remains a great place to work. As of July 17, the survey response rate was 59 percent. To take the survey, look for an email from "AT&T." This message will contain a link to launch the survey as well as your unique login information. For questions about accessing this year's survey, contact [Alice Feldesman](#), 202-512-4927.

**GAO-Wide Annual Mandatory eLearning (Complete by July 31).** All employees are required to complete the 2017 Annual Mandatory eLearning Training Curriculum. The required courses are:

- MARE109    Fraud, Waste, & Abuse    (approx. 15 minutes to complete)
- MARE110    Emergency Management    (approx. 30 minutes to complete)

For technical assistance, please contact the ISTS HelpDesk via [helpme@gao.gov](mailto:helpme@gao.gov) or call 202-512-9500.

**Financial Literacy: Investing Basics Webinar (August 1).** GAO's Financial Literacy Working Group invites all employees interested in investing to register to attend this 90-minute webinar scheduled for 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, August 1. Closed captioning will be available. To receive access information to attend this webinar, staff must register by July 26 through [TRRS](#) for course number SPEC1176 – Investing Basics. This course does not qualify for CPEs.

**Navigating Hill Relationships and Managing Client Relationships.** The Learning Center is offering several courses on congressional relations in the coming months. Topics include using the congressional protocols, incorporating client considerations into engagements while maintaining independence, and preparing teams for Hill meetings and clarifying team member roles. The below courses will be held in GAO headquarters unless otherwise noted. Attendees can register through the [Training Registration Resource System \(TRRS\)](#).

- Navigating Hill Relationships for Band 2s (COAN212) – 4 CPEs  
Dates: August 2, August 10 (Atlanta Field Office), September 20
- Client Relationships for Assistant Directors (COAN304)—3 CPEs  
Dates: July 26, September 13
- SES Client Relations Seminar (COAN402) – 3 CPEs  
Date: September 27

**CG Town Hall (August 8).** This all-agency town hall meeting with the Comptroller General and GAO's Executive Committee will discuss expanded telework in headquarters. The event will be held from 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.ET in the Staats Briefing Room and will be available for viewing on GAOTV. Please send questions for the Executive Committee in advance of the town hall to Ellery Scott – [scotte@gao.gov](mailto:scotte@gao.gov)

## Job Market

GAO is seeking applicants for the following positions. Detailed information may be found at [USAjobs](#).

[Counseling Psychologist](#) , PT 02, closes July 21  
[Accountant](#), PT 02, closes July 21  
[Systems Accountant](#), PT 03, closes July 21  
[Supervisory Security Specialist](#), MS 01, closes July 21.  
[Executive Assistant](#), AC 03, closes July 21  
[Management Analyst](#), PT 01, closes July 26  
[GAO Computer Science \(IT\) Analyst](#), PE 01, closes July 27  
[Assistant Director—Auditing \(IT\)](#), PE 03, closes July 28

Up to three staff in the analyst PE pay plan at either the Band I or Band IIA/B levels may be chosen to serve a 1-year detail, with an option to extend a second year, on GAO's "duplication core team." The core team produces the duplication and cost savings report and related products. To apply, staff should submit a memo explaining their interest and job experience by Friday, July 21, to [Jessica Lucas-Judy](#), Director, Strategic Issues, (202) 512-5172. Ideally, team members should be available to start by September, but the management team will work with those selected on an appropriate start date.

## Recent Reports, Testimony, and Legal Products

Public GAO products--reports, testimony, and legal decisions and opinions--are available on GAO's [website](#) as they are released. In addition, you may sign up for [daily e-mail alerts](#) about issued products. You may also subscribe to Twitter alerts for [reports](#) and [legal products](#). Use the [search engine](#) to locate older products.

### Reports

Gulf War Illness: Improvements Needed for VA to Better Understand, Process, and Communicate Decisions on Claims. [GAO-17-511](#), June 29

Defense Contracting: DOD Needs Better Information on Incentive Outcomes. [GAO-17-291](#), July 11



Investigational New Drugs: FDA Has Taken Steps to Improve the Expanded Access Program but Should Further Clarify How Adverse Events Data Are Used. [GAO-17-564](#), July 11

Department of Education: Staffing Levels Have Generally Decreased over Time, while Contracting Levels Have Remained Relatively Stable. [GAO-17-669R](#), June 12

Management Report: Improvements Needed in Controls over the Processes Used to Prepare the U.S. Consolidated Financial Statements. [GAO-17-524](#), July 12

Early Learning and Child Care: Agencies Have Helped Address Fragmentation and Overlap through Improved Coordination. [GAO-17-463](#), July 13

Improper Payments: Improvements Needed in CMS and IRS Controls over Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit. [GAO-17-467](#), July 13

Information Technology: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Needs to Strengthen Its Strategic Planning and Oversight to Modernize Legacy Systems. [GAO-17-488](#), July 13

Navy Shipbuilding: Policy Changes Needed to Improve the Post-Delivery Process and Ship Quality. [GAO-17-418](#), July 13

Military Personnel: Improvements Needed in the Management of Enlistees' Medical Early Separation and Enlistment Information. [GAO-17-527](#), July 14

Biological Defense: Additional Information That Congress May Find Useful as It Considers DOD's Advanced Development and Manufacturing Capability. [GAO-17-701](#), July 17

Defense Contracts: Recent Legislation and DOD Actions Related to Commercial Item Acquisitions. [GAO-17-645](#), July 17

Embassy Evacuations: State Should Take Steps to Improve Emergency Preparedness. [GAO-17-714](#), July 17

Federal Low-Income Programs: Eligibility and Benefits Differ for Selected Programs Due to Complex and Varied Rules. [GAO-17-558](#), June 29

Medicare: CMS Should Evaluate Providing Coverage for Disposable Medical Devices That Could Substitute for Durable Medical Equipment. [GAO-17-600](#), July 17

Countering ISIS and Its Effects: Key Issues for Oversight. [GAO-17-687SP](#), July 18

DOD Excess Property: Enhanced Controls Needed for Access to Excess Controlled Property. [GAO-17-532](#), July 18

Every Student Succeeds Act: Early Observations on State Changes to Accountability Systems. [GAO-17-660](#), July 13

Federal Emergency Management Agency: Additional Actions Needed to Improve Handling of Employee Misconduct Allegations. [GAO-17-613](#), July 18

2020 Census: Bureau Needs to Better Leverage Information to Achieve Goals of Reengineered Address Canvassing. [GAO-17-622](#), July 20

Aviation Security: TSA Does Not Have Valid Evidence Supporting Most of the Revised Behavioral Indicators Used in Its Behavior Detection Activities. [GAO-17-608R](#), July 20

Homeless Veterans: VA Should Improve Reporting on the Benefits Provided by Leases of Unneeded Property. [GAO-17-636](#), July 20

Military Acquisitions: DOD Is Taking Steps to Address Challenges Faced by Certain Companies. [GAO-17-644](#), July 20

Nuclear Weapons Sustainment: Budget Estimates Report Contains More Information than In Prior Fiscal Years, but Transparency Can Be Improved. [GAO-17-557](#), July 20

Older Workers: Phased Retirement Programs, Although Uncommon, Provide Flexibility for Workers and Employers. [GAO-17-536](#), June 20

Public Safety Broadband Network: FirstNet Has Made Progress Establishing the Network, but Should Address Stakeholder Concerns and Workforce Planning. [GAO-17-569](#), June 20

Supply Chain Security: CBP Needs to Enforce Compliance and Assess the Effectiveness of the Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements. [GAO-17-650](#), July 20

## **Congressional Testimony**

VA Real Property: Planning and Communication Improvements Could Help Better Align Facilities with Veterans' Needs, by Debra A. Draper, HC, before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. [GAO-17-745T](#), July 12

Gulf War Illness: Additional Actions Needed to Improve VA's Claims Process, by Melissa Emrey-Arras, EWIS, before the Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations and Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. [GAO-17-692T](#), July 13

Early Learning and Child Care: Overview of Federal Investment and Agency Coordination, by Cindy Brown Barnes, EWIS, before the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, House Committee on Education and the Workforce. [GAO-17-671T](#), July 13

Puerto Rico: Information on Trends and Challenges to Small Business Federal Contracting, by William B. Shear, FMCI, before the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce and the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, House Committee on Small Business. [GAO-17-752T](#), July 13

VA Health Care: Improvements Needed in Data and Monitoring of Clinical Productivity and Efficiency, by Randall B. Williamson, HC, before the Subcommittee on Health, House Committee on Veterans Affairs. [GAO-17-722T](#), July 13

Drug Discount Program: Update on Agency Efforts to Improve 340B Program Oversight, by Debra A. Draper, HC, before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Energy and Commerce. [GAO-17-749T](#), July 18

Every Student Succeeds Act: Early Observations on States Changes to Accountability Systems, by Jacqueline M. Nowicki, EWIS, before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. [GAO-17-757T](#), July 18

Medicare Advantage Program Integrity: CMS's Efforts to Ensure Proper Payments and Identify and Recover Improper Payments, by James Cosgrove, HC, before the Subcommittee on Oversight, House Committee on Ways and Means. [GAO-17-761T](#), July 19

FirstNet: Efforts to Establish the Public-Safety Broadband Network, by Mark L. Goldstein, PI, before the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and the Internet. [GAO-17-702T](#), July 20

Telehealth: Use in Medicare and Medicaid, by Angela N. Clowers, HC, before the House Small Business Subcommittees on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade and Health and Technology. [GAO-17-760T](#), July 20

## ***Legal Decisions and Opinions***

### **Bid Protest Decisions**

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[Tien Walker](#), B-414623.2, B-414623.3, July 10

[Target Media Mid Atlantic, Inc.](#), B-412468.8, June 27

[REG Products, LLC](#), B-414638: July 3

[American Native Veterans of Louisiana](#), B-414555.2, July 11

[C-III Asset Management, LLC](#), B-414498, June 27

[STG, Inc.—Costs](#), B-414265.8, July 7

[MINACT, Inc.](#), B-414615, B-414615.2, July 12

[SageCare, Inc.; AeroSage, LLC—Reconsideration](#), B-414168.4, B-414168.5, B-414436.3, B-414436.4, July 13

[Bluehorse Corporation—Costs](#), B-414383.2, July 13

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[Stone Hill Park, LLC](#), B-414555.4, July 18

## **Speakers' Platform**

Kristen Kociolek, FMA, talked about the Yellow Book update at the National State Auditors Association's Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 14.

Christie Pugnetti, FMA, made a presentation—"What You Need to Know About the Proposed Updated Yellow Book"—before the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants' Not-for-Profit Industry Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, June 22.

Jim Dalkin, FMA, spoke about the Yellow Book update in a presentation to the Association of Government Accountants' Professional Development Conference and Expo in Boston, Massachusetts, July 10.

Kristen Kociolek, FMA, discussed the GAO update and Yellow Book FAQs at the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Government Accounting Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, July 10.

### ***On the Air***

Chris Mihm, SI, appeared on NewsChannel 8's "Government Matters" program to talk about federal agency reorganization plans and challenges, July 10.

James Cosgrove, HC, spoke with Federal News Radio about the team's report on the hospital value-based purchasing program ([GAO-17-551](#), June 30), July 11.

Cindy Brown Barnes, EWIS, was interviewed for the program "Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson" about her testimony on the Job Corps and preliminary observations on student safety and security data ([GAO-17-596T](#), June 22), July 11.

Melissa Emrey-Arras, EWIS, spoke with Federal News Radio about her testimony on Gulf War illness ([GAO-17-692T](#), July 13), July 17.

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