

Dear Friend,

This is an invitation from State Auditor Tom Salmon and AGA to receive 2 hours of free CPE, network with your peers, and learn about the opportunities within AGA. It is an informational session that will determine the degree of interest in establishing a Vermont chapter of AGA. There is no obligation.

When: May 2, 2012, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Hampton Inn, Colchester

What: 2 hours of CPE- fraud prevention training with State Auditor Tom Salmon, CPA, CFE; convicted embezzler Tom Hughes; Mark Beliveau, CPA, CVA, CFE, and partner with Gallagher, Flynn & Co. in Burlington; Vermont State Police Lt. Mark Lauer of the Vermont Fusion Center, and Special Agent William McSalis of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

How: The AGA is sponsoring this event and will share insights and opportunities as it seeks to establish a chapter in Vermont.

For Whom: Folks involved in financial management, across all levels of government, including the private sector.

I am pleased to welcome Bobby A. Derrick, CGFM, past AGA national president and currently on the AGA staff, who will travel to Burlington to show his support, answer questions about the AGA and describe the process of organizing a chapter.

AGA is the premier organization for government accountability professionals with more than 15,000 federal, state, and local government and private sector members. It offers an impressive array of member benefits including a range of affordable and convenient professional education and networking opportunities and top-notch and increasingly well-respected certification program. Its goal is to provide opportunities for members to further their career aspirations and to offer the opportunity for professionals to be involved in making a positive difference in the field.

Let me reiterate the importance of the huge influential network. AGA is the ONLY professional association that boasts a membership across ALL levels of government – local, state, and federal – and the private sector. The value of AGA's networking opportunities is inestimable, both at the national conferences and locally through each chapter. With a membership at 15,000, you can talk with peers, find solutions to current issues, and seek advice, all within minutes!

AGA is known for its quality training and professional development events and is involved in exciting research projects aimed at identifying the emerging issues critical to our professional careers while enhancing the government financial management profession. Our Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program is specially designed to recognize the unique skills and knowledge that are needed today to run the business of government. I also encourage you to seek that out.

All of this translates into greater efficiencies at the workplace because your employees have access to the tools for success. It is a win-win for everyone! I currently serve on the Intergovernmental Partnership of the AGA, developing best practices and other toolkits and I can attest to the benefits this organization provides.

Access the website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/> for more information or to join online or you may simply fill out and submit the enclosed membership application.

To sign up for the informational session (and 2 free CPEs) on May 2 at the Hampton Inn in Colchester, please call my office at 802-828-2281 or e-mail dale.schaft@state.vt.us. Again, there is no obligation. Refreshments will be served.

The association exists to serve professionals like you.

I hope you accept my invitation to join us on May 2 and I hope you will consider AGA. All are welcome so please invite anyone who might be interested.

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