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Monthly Footnotes

MAY 2014

Web Conference: Understanding the DATA Act

June 11 | 1-2:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs Available

On May 9, President Obama signed into law the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act, which passed Congress with bipartisan support. The law requires federal agencies to publish spending information in a standardized format that will be accessible to the public. The DATA Act has the potential to make federal expenditures more transparent and easy to analyze by interested parties. It has implications for federal agencies and recipients of federal grant funds.

This web conference will provide an overview of the law's major provisions and the first steps toward implementation.

Learning Objectives: To understand how the DATA Act will impact reporting of federal expenditures.

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None

CPE: Two credit hours

AGA Members \$0; Non-Members \$10

Register by: Website, phone or e-mail. Invoicing is available. www.aga-wis.org

Contact: Sherri Voigt at 608-266-2814 or sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov

Location: Department of Revenue, 2135 Rimrock Road, Events Room

Parking and other details will be sent after registered.

****SPACE IS LIMITED TO 49 PEOPLE****

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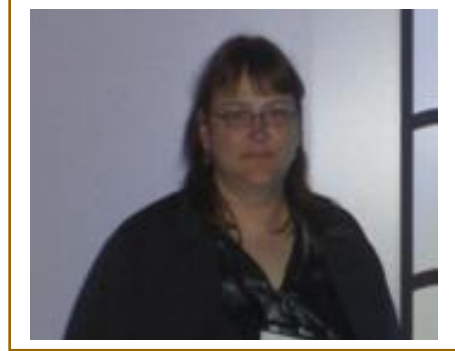
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

As the year is coming to a close, I want to thank everyone who made our program year a success. From the dedicated board members who came up with training ideas to the people who got the message out to each person who attended an event... THANK YOU! Our chapter cannot exist without all sides of this equation.

We are in the process of planning events for the new program year. We are always looking for topic, speaker, and location ideas. Feel free to send any ideas to Education Chair Mary Laufenberg (mary.laufenberg@revenue.wi.gov). The Annual Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

There will be a membership satisfaction survey coming out late next month. We



hope you will take the time to complete this brief survey to tell us about your membership experience and give us ideas on ways we can improve the value.

We have one last event for this year, a two-hour web conference on Understanding the DATA Act. Please see page one of the newsletter or the Current Meeting page on the website for registration details.

Thank you!

Sherri v 

Chapter News

Community Service

Community Service Update

The chapter had a team volunteer/walk at the MS Walk on Sunday May 4, 2014. We had great weather and fabulous fundraising year: We raised \$1,000 with just 4 walkers.

If you still want to donate, the link is:
http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?team_id=375471&pg=team&fr_id=23605



Pictured (left to right): Creole Schmaltz, Kelly Williams-Schmaltz, Mary Williams, Sherri Voigt

April Lunch Recap **Budget and Estimated Impact on Operations** **Alliant Energy Center Construction**

Mark Clarke, Executive Director, Alliant Energy Center
Bill Franz, CFO, Alliant Energy Center

The Alliant Energy Center is a 164 acre multi-use complex. The full campus is called the Alliant Energy Center (AEC). Components include: the 8,500 seat Coliseum, the 155,000 square foot Exposition Hall, multi-species livestock facilities, hockey capabilities. The AEC has 30 full-time employees and 200 part-time.

The AEC hosts about 500 events each year with an average of 1,000,000 people coming through the campus.

The event composition is:

- 4% meetings and banquets
- 12% sports
- 21% concerts and touring shows
- 24% conventions and trade shows
- 39% consumer shows

The economic impact includes 75,0-00 hotel room nights for \$2.1M of room taxes.

Financial Operations

The AEC is part of the Dane County general fund. It is self-financed for personnel, capital improvements, and operations. The operating budget is \$8M. They have been drawing down their reserves to cover the bad years since 2005. The economy is starting to turn for them.

AEC broke ground in early April on the new barns area. This was done in full cooperation with customers/partners: the horse assns, Dairy Expo, UW, and County government all agreed with the planned construction. The 11 old barns were torn down. They will build two pre-manufactured metal pavilions with multi-use capability. One will be heated

for year-round use and the other will be tempered for use 8 months of the year. The 8 acre area wasted a lot of land space in the past. The 2 new buildings will have far more capacity and use (first is 90,000 square ft and second is 200,000 square feet). They were able to put in environmentally friendly plans for manure storage and washing pens. They will collect rain water and pipe it down to Willow Island, which acts as a natural filter. These are not barns; these are showcase pavilions.

Construction has to be completed within 30 weeks. The facilities have to be set for the World Dairy Expo. They are tracking time in hours, not weeks.

This is a \$24M project with \$9M State of Wisconsin funding and contributions from:

- \$3M World Dairy Expo
- \$1M Midwest Horse Fair
- \$1.5M New Holland (naming rights)

The project includes \$153,961 for restrooms upgrade.

New Business from Project

AEC already has received \$185,000 in new business, even before the groundbreaking. They are starting to fill up dates fast. With the new capacity, they can start to market to swap meets, car shows, boat shows.

Tidbits

There is no air conditioning in Pavilions since it can kill cattle to come in from the heat and hit the a/c.

For the County Fair this summer, animals will be in tents since there are no barns.

Financial Management Supervisor – Two Section Section Chief Positions Available- Career Executive

Job Announcement Code(s): 14-02354

County(ies): [Dane](#)

Classification Title: / FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR 14-00377

JAC: Financial Management Supervisor

Job Working Title:

Type of Employment: Full Time (40 hrs/week)

Salary: Starting pay is between \$26.021 per hour and \$42.935/hour. The pay schedule/pay range is 81-02. A 2 year career executive trial period is required.

Contact: Wanda Anthony, HR Specialist, 608-266-2679,
wanda.anthony@revenue.wi.gov

Bargaining Unit: Non-Represented

Area of Competition: Open

Deadline to Apply: 6/6/2014

Exam Information: 00530 - 057 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

These positions are located at the **WI Department of Revenue**, in Madison, Wisconsin, in the Division of Enterprise Services, Financial Management Bureau.

Job Duties:

Under the general direction of the Financial Management Services Bureau Director, serve as Section Chief of the Revenue Accounting Section or Section Chief of the Lottery Financial Operations Section. The Revenue Accounting Section Chief supervises three Accountants and two Financial Specialists. The Department collects over \$11 billion in tax revenues and distributes over \$400 million dollars in local taxes to local taxing authorities, and over \$1.5 billion dollars in shared revenue payments to Wisconsin municipalities. The Revenue Accounting Section Chief is responsible for maintaining the integrity of financial transactions, including accounting for all tax revenues, refundable tax credit expenditures, tax distributions and refunds, as well related financial reporting.

The Lottery and Financial Operations Section chief supervises four Accountants and one Financial Specialist. The Department collects over \$11 billion in tax revenues and distributes over \$400 million dollars in local taxes to local taxing authorities, and over \$1.5 billion dollars in shared revenue payments to Wisconsin municipalities. The Lottery and Financial Operations Section Chief is responsible for maintaining the integrity of financial transactions, including accounting for lottery and other administrative revenues, expenditures and related financial reporting.

Both Positions require in-depth knowledge of governmental accounting, planning and operating aspects of financial systems and procedures, GAAP accounting as well as relevant Wisconsin Statutes and Department of Revenue policies and procedures.

How To Apply:

To be considered for this position, you will need to create an account and apply online. For instructions, click on the following link:

https://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=75455&jobid=74970&org=566&class=00530&index=true. You **must** apply online to be considered for this position.

The application deadline is June 6, 2014.

National News



**2013-2014
National President**
Ms. Mary E. Peterman,
CGFM, CPA

Perspectives: The Importance of a Mentoring Program in Government

Programs and tactics can keep employees motivated and engaged in delivering quality mission-oriented services, with a healthy attitude. [Read more](#)

80 Dynamic Sessions at PDT 2014

July 13-16, in Orlando. Learn from government finance experts, share and collaborate to solve the most pressing financial challenges [Read more](#)

Meet Fellow Member: Richard T. Rasa, CGFM

"CGFM's power: "a cadre of individuals who... focus on accountability and providing government services in...efficient and effective ways." [Read more](#)

Past National President & Lifetime Member, Sidney Baurmash, CPA, Passes

Mr. Baurmash passed away April 18 at age 93. He is a decorated World War II veteran and held key positions with the Army Audit Agency and the US Dept. of Commerce during his career. [Read more](#)

Did You Renew Your AGA Membership?

You still have time to renew your valuable AGA membership! Renew by May 31 so that you avoid missing out on any of your benefits. [Read more](#)

CGFM Corner

Give Yourself an Edge Over Your Competitors

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers.

"In today's complex and changing world, a professional certification provides prospective employers with a degree of confidence that candidates are prepared for the real world." —John Radford, CGFM, State Controller, State of Oregon

2013-14 Officers and Directors



Pictured (left to right): front: Sherri Voigt, Michele Tessner, Mary Laufenberg; middle: Lily Radivojevich, Rachel Zellmer, Sean Walker; back: Tom Scheidegger, David Mellem.

MEMORIAL DAY



ARE YOU MOVING?

Please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. Update your address online at the national website in the members' only area: www.agacgfm.org



SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at radiojevich@danesherriff.com
Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.



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Calendar of Events 2013 – 2014

August 27, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 26, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Kimberly Hazen, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of the Wisconsin Better Business Bureau, Investment Fraud, Vintage Brewing

October 8, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 17, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, UW-Madison Grants Management, Robert Andresen, Asst. Director, UW-Madison Research and Sponsored Programs, Monona Garden

November 5, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 13, 2013 – Grants Management Reform Updates and Agency Insights (audio conference), DPI

November 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Upcoming Budget of the Madison School District and Influences by the Drop of Shared Revenues, Mike Barry, Asst Superintendent for Business Services, Madison School District, Rigby

December 3, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December 11, 2013–Taking the High Road: How to Succeed Ethically When Others Bend the Rules (ethics audio conference), DHS

January 7, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 15, 2014–Fraud Detection (audio conference), DOT

January 23, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

February 4, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

February 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting Canceled

March 4, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Reid Magney, Public Information Officer, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

April 1, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 17, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Mark Clarke, Executive Director and Bill Franz, CEO of the Alliant Energy Center, Budget and Estimated Impact on Operations, Alliant Energy Center Construction

May 4, 2014 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 6, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison, Canceled

May 8, 2014 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 3, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

June 11, 2014 – Understanding the DATA Act (audio conference), DOR

Note: Community service, VITA, and social events will be announced during the year.



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