

## **Dorothy Goldsmith**

Since 1992, Dorothy Goldsmith has been a writing specialist—training analysts and auditors in how to write effectively—at the Government Accountability Office (GAO). She also manages GAO’s Learning Center curriculum for communication and critical thinking.

As a GAO writing specialist, Ms. Goldsmith has developed, written, and taught numerous GAO writing courses, including *Applying GAO Writing Principles*, *Developing the Message*, and *Preparing for Congressional Testimony*. In addition, she has worked on a variety of GAO projects that have needed her writing skills, such as the development of *Highlights*, a 1-page synopsis of a report or testimony. In addition, she has taught performance audit writing for NATO and the U.S. State Department.

Before coming to GAO, Ms. Goldsmith taught writing, as well as literature, courses at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, for 16 years. At the same time, she worked as an independent consultant, teaching writing courses, to clients in the public and private sectors. The clients included the Inspectors General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation, as well as the MCI Telecommunication Corporation and Comsat.