



## Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum

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To: Members, Associates, and Participants  
From: Luis Escalante, Jr., Executive Director  
Subject: Summer 2012 Meeting

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The Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum (MPIAF) summer meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 23-24, 2012, at The Magnolia Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The meeting's theme is: *"Enhancing Your Audit Function."* The Forum will have a number of topics designed to make your audit shop more robust, with offerings ranging from report writing to staff development to audit planning, and much more. On Thursday, after Comptroller General Gene L. Dodaro's keynote presentation, a panel of experts from the Denver City and County Auditor's Office will offer "Performance Audit Report Writing Tips." The U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Beverly Norwood will give you ideas for "Building Bench Strength in Your Audit Function," and Gregory Kutz of the GAO will weigh in on "Forensic Investigations." Rounding out Thursday, the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Heath Wolf will provide a "Housing Finance Update." On Friday, Phillip W. Hurd of the Georgia Institute of Technology will offer two presentations, "Planning an Information Systems Audit," and "Information Age Fraud Schemes." The GAO's Tom Hackney will discuss the 2012 Yellow Book update, and Gerald W. Hoppmann of the Wyoming Legislative Service Office will offer auditing insights from the Office's June 2010 report, *Office of State Lands and Investments: Management of State Trust Lands*. In addition, representatives from the Colorado State Auditor's Office will close out the meeting with session entitled "From Audit to Audience: Publicizing Your Audit Results" and "Using IT To Achieve Powerful Results."

The meeting's two-day general registration fee of **\$275** includes breakfast and lunch on both Thursday and Friday, and 15 continuing professional education (CPE) credits. An early registration discount is available. The Magnolia Hotel is offering a room rate of \$149.00 per night [prevailing federal government lodging per diem rate], plus applicable taxes. The hotel is holding a limited number of rooms, so please reserve your room on or before Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, by calling (888) 915-1110 or (303) 607-9000 and identifying yourself as an attendee of the Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

You may view the tentative agenda, register for the meeting, and obtain information on the MPIAF website at <http://www.auditforum.org/onlineregister.htm>. If you have questions about the meeting or hotel, please contact me at (214) 777-5693 or [escalantel@gao.gov](mailto:escalantel@gao.gov) or, contact Susan Quinlan at (303) 572-7300 or [quinlans@gao.gov](mailto:quinlans@gao.gov). If you register for the meeting, please ensure that your office's computer system will accept our email addresses. I will periodically communicate with meeting registrants via email. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!