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To: Members, Associates, and Participants



From: Luis Escalante, Jr., Executive Director

Subject: Summer 2013 Meeting

The Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum's (MPIAF) summer meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 22-23, 2013, at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. The meeting's theme is: "*Working Together for Better Government.*" The speakers will deliver presentations via a Group-Live format at an intermediate program level. The Forum kicks off with a keynote address by the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Helen Hsing. Then, Liz Meyers, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Focus on Risk Enterprises, will discuss adding value with risk-based auditing, and Monica Bowers, Deputy State Auditor, Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and two of her colleagues, Michelle Colin and Andy Knauer, will give us some tips on working effectively with stakeholders. Next, we're excited to present Brigadier General Malham Wakin, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, U.S. Air Force Academy, who will talk to us about "Auditors, Ethics, and the Marketplace." Rounding out Day One, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General's (OIG) John Dupuy will discuss collaboration among auditors and investigators for improved results, and the GAO's Linda Calbom and Susan Quinlan will explain the agency's enhanced telework program.

The Forum's second day continues the theme of working together with a keynote address by Phyllis Fong, U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Inspector General, on initiatives of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). Beth Machann, Controller for the City and County of Denver and a couple of her Team members, Kelli Bennett and Heather Darlington, will discuss financial reporting and transparency. Frank Rusco, Director of GAO's Natural Resources & Environment Team, will discuss emerging issues in water and energy, and Steve Morgan, CEO of Excellence In Government Accountability and Performance Practice (EGAPP) Inc., will look at emerging issues in government auditing. Steve Coury of the City and County of Denver Auditor's Office will discuss testing Information Technology (IT) general controls. Finally, Dee Dukehart, owner of Sandbox Communications, will provide you with how-to's for delivering a memorable presentation.

The meeting's 2-day early registration fee of **\$250 (Register on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>)** includes continental breakfasts and networking breaks. In addition, participants can earn up to 14 NASBA-certified Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits and there are no prerequisites and/or advanced preparation requirements. The 2-day general registration fee after June 30<sup>th</sup> is \$275. The Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel is offering a room rate of \$149 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 August 2, 2013, by either accessing the following website:

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=10619065](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10619065)

or calling (800) 233-1234 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'll see you in Denver!