



NEW ENGLAND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUDIT FORUM MEETING (NEIAF)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM (EDT)

Information Accountability:
Utilization, Diversity & Security

6 CPE Credits

MEETING AGENDA

- **8:10 – 8:30 AM** **PRE-EVENT SOFTWARE CHECK**
Staff will be available to help attendees login and test links in advance of the meeting
- **8:30 – 8:40 AM** **EVENT BEGINS: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
Ben Howe, Audit Manager, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
- **8:40 – 9:30 AM** **FIRESIDE CHAT: ADVANCING THE AUDIT PROFESSION**
John C. Geragosian, State Auditor, Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts
Jeffrey S. Shapiro, Inspector General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MODERATORS:
Vincent Filippa, Deputy State Auditor, Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts
Emily Pedersen, Director, Internal Special Audit Unit, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General
- **9:30 – 9:40 AM** **BREAK**
- **9:40 – 10:45 AM** **LEADERSHIP AND DATA ANALYTICS**
Thomas Meier, CIO/Director of Information Technology, Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor
Maryann Pereira, Director, Law Enforcement and Terrorism, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General
MODERATOR:
Maureen Duddy, Assistant Inspector General of Audits, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General



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- 10:45 – 10:55 AM **BREAK**
- 10:55 – 11:55 AM **AUDITING WITH A DEIA LENS**
Dr. Althea Hosein, Mathematical Statistician, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Manuel Valverde, Senior Analyst, Education, Workforce and Income Security, U.S. Government Accountability Office

MODERATOR:
Kate Blumenreich, Assistant Director, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- 11:55 – 12:55 PM **BREAK: FREDERICK A. BEEBE NETWORKING LUNCHEON (VIRTUAL)**
Emerging Trends and Networking Session (Open Discussion) - Led by Ben Howe
To learn more about Fred and his contributions to the NEIAF forum, please visit:
<https://auditforum.org/neiaf-tribute-to-fred-beebe/>
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **CYBERSECURITY: STAYING AHEAD OF THREATS LEVERAGING PEOPLE, PROCESS AND TECHNOLOGY ILLUSTRATED WITH A CASE STUDY**
Erich Schumann, Managing Partner, Global Atlantic Partners LLC
Meg Speranza, Resiliency Program Manager, MassCyberCenter

MODERATOR:
Emily Pedersen, Director, Internal Special Audit Unit, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM **BREAK**



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**OVERSIGHT OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)**

Jean Bloom, Supervisor Auditor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Kevin N. King, Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OIG

MODERATOR:

Colin Sullivan, Senior Auditor, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
Office of Inspector General

● 3:15 – 3:20 PM

CLOSING REMARKS (MEETING ADJOURNS)

Ben Howe

NOTE: Speakers and moderators are subject to change.