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CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Depending on the workshops you attend, you will qualify for a total of 8 CPE credits in Taxation, Accounting and Auditing, or Professional Development. The State Boards of Pennsylvania (sponsor number PX-000052-L) and New Jersey (sponsor number 20CE00054700) have granted us approval as a program sponsor to assign continuing professional education credits.

No prerequisites or advance preparation is required. Level of knowledge is core. Teaching method is lecture and group discussion. The program level is overview. For recordkeeping and administrative purposes, the Philadelphia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, serves as the program sponsor.
Dress is business casual.

Caution: Government Auditing Standards require CPE to directly enhance the auditor's proficiency to perform audits or attestation engagements. Please make your selections carefully!

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

49th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Friday, May 11, 2007



RENAISSANCE HOTEL
500 Stevens Drive
Lester, Pennsylvania

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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

The Association of Government Accountants, Philadelphia Chapter, is a non-profit, all volunteer, professional organization devoted to the improvement of financial management at all levels of government. We have designed this conference to be of interest to all accountants, auditors, and financial managers and to qualify for 8 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in the various categories indicated.

AGENDA

7:00 AM Registration
8:00 AM Workshop Session I
9:40 AM Break
10:00 AM Workshop Session II
11:40 AM Luncheon
1:00 PM Workshop Session III
2:40 PM Break
3:00 PM Workshop Session IV
4:40 PM Adjourn

DATE AND LOCATION

Friday, May 11, 2007
Renaissance Hotel
500 Stevens Drive
Lester, Pennsylvania
610-521-5900

HOW TO REGISTER

All attendees must register at our web site (www.agaphil.com) and send payment by mail. Please mail web confirmation, along with payment authorization or check, payable to AGA-Philadelphia Chapter, P.O. Box 17584, Philadelphia PA, 19105 by April 30, 2007. We cannot accept credit cards.

Sessions will be limited, so please register early. If you have trouble registering on the web site or for more information, please contact Dennis Zawacki at (215) 861-8576.

REGISTRATION FEE

Includes Lunch – Choice of Chicken Cardinale or Pasta Primavera Alfredo

AGA Members - \$100.00
Non-Members - \$150.00

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL

Proceed on I-95 to exit 9A. Take Route 420 South 3/10 mi. to Route 291. Go east (left) on Route 291, 1.5 mi. to Stevens Road and the hotel. The hotel is just south of the Philadelphia Airport. Parking is free.

WORKSHOP SESSION I 8:00 – 9:40 AM

- A – Karl Dahlberg, CFE, CISA, CPA
Professor, Rutgers University**
Topic: *PCAOB AS No. 4 - Reporting on Whether a Previously Reported Material Weakness Continues to Exist* - This presentation will identify when conditions for the engagement have been met, how to plan the engagement, when the work of others can be used, how to obtain evidence and written representations, form the conclusion and report, and communicate with the audit committee. CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- B – Alfio L. (“Al”) Brindisi, CPA,
Brindisi Tax Academy**
Topic: *Tax Fraud Update – Part 1* – This session will include a review of tax fraud law, penalties, and recent tax cases.
CPE Credits: 2 – Taxation
- C – Heather Keister, CPA, CIA, GAO**
Topic: *The Revised Yellow Book* -
This course will cover the recently approved revisions to the Yellow Book as well as the deferred revisions that will be released this year effective at the beginning of next year.
CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- D – Bill Turpin, DOL, Office of Labor
Racketeering and Fraud Investigation**
Topic: *Labor Racketeering and Workers Compensation Fraud* - The presentation will discuss the duties and responsibilities of the IG’s Office. It will provide an overview of current trends and fraud indicators in Labor Racketeering and Workers Compensation Fraud Investigations. CPE Credits: 2 – Professional Development

WORKSHOP SESSION II 10:00 – 11:40 AM

- A – Brian Carroll, CPA, Special Counsel,
Securities Exchange Commission**
Topic: *The Role of the Auditor in Federal Securities Regulation* - This course will generally examine an auditor’s obligations under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, federal securities statutes and SEC rules and regulations when auditing federal securities. It will also compare certain auditing obligations under federal securities regulation with government auditor obligations. CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- B – Alfio L. (“Al”) Brindisi, CPA,
Brindisi Tax Academy**
Topic: *Tax Fraud Update – Part 2* – This session continues the review of tax fraud law, penalties, and recent tax cases.
CPE Credits: 2 – Taxation
- C – Pam Baker, CPA, Barbacane Thornton**
Topic: *GASB Update* – This session will include a discussion of the latest changes in Government Accounting Standards and the impact to accountants and auditors in their work.
CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- D – Edward “Ted” Brown III, CBCP**
Topic: *Linking Sarbanes-Oxley and Business Continuity Planning (BCP)*– BCP is a discipline subject to audit under Sarbanes-Oxley for publicly traded companies and under GASB-34 and Federal regulations for various government and financial institutions.. In case of disasters, BCP is critical to maintain operations. Furthermore, the “customers” are more in need of your services at time of a regional disaster. This session will cover terminology, solutions, and an actual checklist to conduct a BCP audit. CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing

WORKSHOP SESSION III 1:00 – 2:40 PM

- A – Walt Bayer, CPA, SSA - OIG**
Topic: *Payroll Internal Controls and Employee Verification* – This presentation will focus on the background of the Social Security Administration’s programs, assignment of social security numbers, earnings and payroll issues, employee verification programs, and audit ideas.
CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- B – Rich Furlong, Jr. William Mealy, Steve
Connor, Stakeholder Liaisons, IRS
Small Business/Self-Employed Division**
Topic: *The Tax Gap and Its Impact on Tax Administration* – Learn the IRS analysis of the Tax Gap of over \$300 billion (difference between what taxpayers should pay and amount actually paid), legislative proposals being considered, and IRS administration of the Bank Secrecy Act in the areas of Foreign Bank Account Reporting and cash payments over \$10,000 received by businesses. CPE Credits: 2 – Taxation
- C – Gary Sternberg, EPA-OIG and Bob
Coyle, CPA, DOL-OIG**
Topic: *Applying GAS Standards in Report Writing*.
This presentation will address how to write audit reports while adhering to performance and attestation standards as well as financial standards.
CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- D – Jim Gillard, Economic Analyst and
District Liaison, Federal Reserve**
Topic: *The Regional Marketplace in the Next 10 Years* – Long term trends in the Philadelphia area will be covered, the first part comparing Philadelphia with the nation and other metropolitan areas while the second will look at parts of the region that are driving our growth and the parts lagging behind. Conclusions will then be drawn about the overall economic prospects for the region over the next ten years.
CPE Credits: 2 – Professional Development

WORKSHOP SESSION IV 3:00 – 4:40 PM

- A – Tracy Katz, DOL-OIG**
Topic: *FISMA – IT Security* – This presentation will provide an overview of the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and how one agency implements its requirements during the audit process. CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- B – Rich Furlong, Jr. IRS Senior
Stakeholder Liaison**
Topic: *Employee vs. Independent Contractor* – Take an in-depth look at factors IRS considers when determining if a worker should be properly classified as employee or independent contractor. Materials from IRS training manuals and Audit Technique Guides will be discussed along with “common law” rules, statutory employees, and safe harbor relief that may be available for misclassifications. CPE Credits: 2 – Taxation
- C – Jo Ann Samuels, CCP; Kelly Gallagher,
CPA; Patrick Higgins, CPA - DCAA**
Topic: *Executive Compensation Basics* – The “how to” of market pricing executives will be explained including generally accepted compensation practices, the role of the FAR in determining reasonable compensation levels, and the use of compensation surveys. The WorldatWork certification process will be reviewed along with current trends and the impact of FAS 123(R).
CPE Credits: 2 – Accounting and Auditing
- D – Norman Jackson, Deputy Regional
Director, DOL –EBSA-Phila. Region**
Topic: *Employee Benefits Security Administration (ESBA)* – This discussion will focus on the U.S. DoL’s EBSA’s general responsibilities towards taxpayers in the private sector, strategies used to enforce various civil and criminal laws under EBSA’s purview, and an overview of EBSA’s Philadelphia Regional Office. CPE Credits: 2 – Professional Development