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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luis Escalante Jr." in a cursive script.

From: Luis Escalante, Jr., Executive Director
Subject: Summer 2011 Conference

The Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum (MPIAF) summer conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 25-26, 2011, at the Magnolia Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The conference theme is: *Doing More with Less: Creative Approaches to Operating in a Complex Environment*. The agenda is filled with dynamic sessions that will keep audit professionals aware of current strategies and lessons learned relating to oversight and monitoring in difficult economic times and doing so with fewer available resources. The conference will also provide outstanding professional networking opportunities. Thursday's sessions will cover innovative ideas from the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the Denver Auditor's Office, risk management techniques, and how governments can leverage existing resources. Friday's sessions will include a discussion on information technologies of interest to the accountability profession, government auditing standard updates, and a discussion of current economic conditions facing governments in the Rocky Mountain West. I invite you to join us for a professionally enriching meeting that focuses on giving you practical tools to improve your operations.

The meeting's two-day registration fee of **\$250** 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 \$141.00 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 10, by calling (888) 915-1110 or (303) 607-9000 and identifying yourself as an attendee of the Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

By way of background, the MPIAF includes the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The MPIAF is an association of audit professionals from federal, state, and local governments and representatives of state societies of certified public accountants. The associations' primary purpose is to promote communication, coordination, and cooperation among the members' audit agencies to facilitate the effectiveness, efficiency, and usefulness of audits.

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 by email at escalantel@gao.gov or, contact Susan Quinlan at (303) 572-7300, or by email at 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.