



3rd Biennial Forum of Central Region Government Auditors
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To: Members, Associates, and Participants
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From: Executive Director – Luis Escalante, Jr.

Subject: 3rd Biennial Forum of Central Region Government Auditors

The Mid-America, Midwestern, Mountain & Plains, and Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forums will have their third joint conference, i.e., 3rd Biennial Forum of Central Region Government Auditors, in South Padre Island, Texas [<http://www.sopadre.com/>] on Sunday through Wednesday, August 5-8, 2007, at the Radisson Resort South Padre Island [<http://www.radisson.com/southpadretx/>]. The conference's theme is "Innovative Techniques for Governmental Auditors" and the three-day conference will include specific topics pertaining to Leading the New Generation of Auditors, Performance Auditing, Effective Surveying Tools, Government Auditing Standards, Managing Across Distances, Ethics, and Fraud Auditing. Moreover, we will end the conference with an exhilarating presentation entitled "You Gotta Get In The Game" given by Billy Cox, Inspirational Speaker, Author, and High Performance Coach, www.yougottagetinthegame.com. The conference's registration fee is \$295 and we will award up to 24 continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

The Radisson Resort South Padre Island is offering a per night conference rate of \$96 for Cabanas and \$192 for Condos [prevailing peak-season federal government lodging per diem rate] plus applicable state and local taxes. The Radisson is also offering a pre/post per night conference rate of \$159 for Cabanas and \$269 rate for Condos. The hotel is holding a limited number of rooms, **so please reserve your room on or before July 13, 2007**. You may make your reservation by calling the Radisson Hotel directly on (956) 761-6511. When making your room reservation, please identify yourself as an attendee of the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum or 3rd Biennial Forum of Central Region Government Auditors. Please note that any rooms cancelled in less than 72 hours of arrival date or no-shows will be charged to the individual's credit card.

By way of background, the Intergovernmental Audit Forums are an association of audit representatives from federal, state, and local governments and representatives of public accounting firms, state professional societies, and other nongovernmental organizations having an interest in governmental auditing. The Forums meet periodically to consider audit issues of mutual interest advanced by any governmental unit in the region. While the Forums do not have decision-making authority to bind the effected entities represented, its members actively support a policy of cooperation and coordination. The primary purpose of the association 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 joint conference, and obtain updated information on the Intergovernmental Audit Forum's Internet web page at <http://www.auditforum.org/onlineregister.htm>. On-line registration is the preferred method for conference registration. However, if you need a registration form emailed to you or if you have any questions about the conference or hotel accommodations, please contact me at (214) 777-5693 or by e-mail at escalantel@gao.gov. If you register for the conference, please ensure that your office's computer system will accept my email address for I will periodically communicate with conference registrants via email. We look forward to seeing you in South Padre Island, Texas!