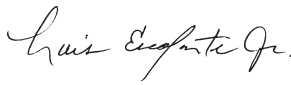




# Southwest and Southeastern Intergovernmental Audit Forums Joint Conference



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To: Members, Associates, and Conference Participants

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Southwest and Southeastern Intergovernmental Audit Forums' Joint Conference

The Southwest and Southeastern Intergovernmental Audit Forums (SWIAF/SEIAF) cordially invite you to attend their joint conference on September 14 -17, 2008, at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference will run Sunday evening through noon on Wednesday, and will offer up to 20 CPEs at a cost of \$250.00. It will feature a reception, two lunches, three continental breakfasts, and a group dinner event. The dress is business casual.

Our overall conference theme is *"Auditing in a Recovery Environment"* and the tentative agenda includes an impressive list of topics and speakers. In addition to presentations on Oversight and Foresight of Gulf Coast Recovery Efforts, we have scheduled sessions on Fraud Awareness, Attestation Engagements and Performance Auditing, a panel session on Processes to Implement the New Yellow Book, and a presentation on Intergenerational Differences. We have designed the sessions to provide valuable information that is of broad interest. In addition to the technical program, we have scheduled committee meetings that we invite you to attend, and professional opportunities to interact and network with your local, state, and federal counterparts. A full tentative conference agenda is available online at [www.auditforum.org](http://www.auditforum.org) under the link, "Online Registration." Please register online no later than September 8, 2008.

The Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, 621 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA, 70140, is holding a block of rooms through Monday, August 25, 2008, so please make your room reservations early by calling Omni Reservations at 1-800-843-6664. Rooms are being held under the Group name "Intergovernmental Audit Forum." A limited number of rooms are available at a single and double occupancy rate of \$99.00/night plus tax. The hotel will honor the group rate 3-days prior and post-conference dates, based upon availability. For more information on the hotel, please visit: <http://www.omnihotelneworleans.com/>. In the event that you leave earlier than your reserved checkout date, the hotel will add an early checkout fee in the amount equal to one night room and tax to your individual account. To avoid this fee, please advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact either Luis or Catherine. Luis can be reached at 214-777-5693 or [escalantel@gao.gov](mailto:escalantel@gao.gov); Catherine can be reached at 404-679-1994 or [myrickc@gao.gov](mailto:myrickc@gao.gov). We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!