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Date: June 10, 2005
To: Members, Associates, and Conference Participants
From: Executive Director – Brian A. Estes
Subject: WIAF Summer 2005 Conference

I would like to invite you and other accountability community professionals to attend the upcoming Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum (WIAF) at **the Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 22-23, 2005.**

Conference sessions will include a panel discussion on South Pacific audit issues by CNMI and Guam Public Auditor's Mike Sablan and Doris Flores-Brooks, a session on Yellow Book attestation standards, as well as a presentation on professional development and an interactive session on identifying fraud by David Cotton. Tuesday morning will also feature an interactive workshop on strategies for developing audit report messages, among other topics. The conference **registration fee is \$185** and includes 2 breakfasts, a luncheon, an evening reception, and **12 continuing professional education (CPE) credits.**

As you may know, the WIAF includes audit and accountability organizations at federal, state, and local levels, as well as the non-profit and private sector in the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, Samoa and the Pacific Basin. The Forum meets periodically to consider audit problems advanced by any governmental unit and serves to promote communication, coordination, and cooperation among the members' audit agencies and to foster effectiveness and efficiency of governmental operations on the West Coast and Pacific Basin through the oversight of the accountability community.

A preliminary agenda for the meeting is attached. Please note that the preferred method for conference registration is on-line at www.auditforum.org; see Online Registration. We encourage you to share the information with colleagues who may be interested in attending. The attire for this meeting will be **business casual.**

You may also wish to attend the Pacific Emerging Issues Conference/RPDI from August 24 to 26 at the same hotel. This event is sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), the American Society of Military

Comptrollers (ASMC), and the WIAF. The PEIC/RPDI will offer up to 24 continuing professional education (CPE) credits. For a registration form please see: www.agahawaii.org. For registration information, please contact Gerry Reese of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (www.honolulu-pacific.feb.gov) at 808-541-2637, fax 808-541-3429 or email: gareese@hpfeb.org.

The Sheraton Waikiki is holding a block of rooms for us through July 22, 2005, so please make your room reservations early by calling the hotel's group reservations directly at (808) 921-4611. Rooms are being held under the room block code: Pacific Emerging Issues. A limited number of rooms are available at the government rate for \$129 plus tax (govt. ID required at check-in). See <http://www.sheraton-waikiki.com> for additional hotel information and see <http://www.sheraton-waikiki.com/meetings/sw-meetings-ballroom.htm> for conference space layout.

As part of the conference, we will be holding our Financial/Compliance/IT and Performance Audit roundtables. If you have any topics or questions you would like to see addressed at the roundtables, please include them on the registration form.

If I can provide additional information or if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Brian A Estes