



## Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum

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Date: May 30, 2008  
To: Members, Associates, and Conference Participants  
From: Executive Director – Brian A. Estes (signed)

Subject: Western and Pacific Northwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum  
Fall 2008

The Western and Pacific Northwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum's joint fall conference will be held September 18-19, 2008, at the Montbleu Resort, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The conference will run all day Thursday, and Friday morning, and **will offer 12 CPEs at a cost of \$195.00**. It will feature a reception, a lunch, and 2 continental breakfasts. Dress at the conference will be business casual.

Conference topics include sessions on auditing flu pandemic planning, law enforcement auditing and accountability, analysis and presentation using Excel pivot tables, and a new feature: significant audit reports from around the region. On Thursday late morning, the WIAF will offer roundtable/breakout sessions on performance auditing and financial/IT/compliance auditing. On Thursday afternoon, GAO's Beverly Norwood will facilitate a lively session on "The Leadership Imperative: Practicing Core Leadership Skills".

On Friday morning, we will have a principals only meeting concurrent with the first two morning sessions and Roland Malan will conclude the conference with an engaging workshop on ethics and auditing.

A **full conference agenda is available on-line at [www.auditforum.org](http://www.auditforum.org)** under the tab, "On-line registration." Please register no later than September 10, 2008. On-line registration is the preferred method; however, should you need a registration form faxed to you, please contact Mike Trujillo, WIAF & PNI AF Administrative Assistant, ([trujillom@gao.gov](mailto:trujillom@gao.gov) or 415-904-2150). **If paying by check please mail it to: WIAF c/o Steve Jue, U.S. GAO, 701 Fifth Ave., Ste 2700, Seattle, WA 98104.**

**Overnight hotel accommodations have been reserved both in Nevada and California. The Montbleu Resort, 55 Highway 50, Lake Tahoe, NV, (Nevada side), is holding rooms at a rate of \$89 plus tax per night. The Montbleu also charges a \$4.99 per night Resort fee and room deposits are refundable only with a 2-day advance notice of cancellation. Please reserve your room no later than September 5, 2008, by calling the hotel at (866) 844-2696 and identifying yourself with group code STWPIA8 or Western & Pacific Northwest Audit Forum.**

**For conference participants that need to stay in California, the Embassy Suites Lake Tahoe, 4130 South Lake Tahoe Blvd, Lake Tahoe, California is holding rooms at a rate of \$132 plus tax. Room deposits are refundable only with a 3-day notice of cancellation. Please reserve your room no later than August 25, 2008, by calling the hotel at (800) 988-9894 and identifying yourself with the Western**

**Intergovernmental Audit Forum.** Rooms may be available after this date but at a higher rate.

Please note, I am retiring from GAO June 3, 2008, and until a successor is identified, Mary Mohiyuddin, Assistant Director in GAO's Office of Strategic Planning and External Liaison in Washington D.C. will serve as the point of contact for issues related to the WIAF and PNIAF. You can reach Mary at 202-512-3087 or [mohiyuddinm@gao.gov](mailto:mohiyuddinm@gao.gov). Should you have any questions about WIAF or PNIAF conference registration or payments please contact Michael Trujillo, 415-904-2150 or [trujillom@gao.gov](mailto:trujillom@gao.gov). In mid-July I will be working for the King County Auditors Office in Seattle and I can be reached at [brian.estes@kingcounty.gov](mailto:brian.estes@kingcounty.gov) or 206-296-1655.

Although I have retired from GAO, I will be attending the conference so I look forward to seeing you in South Lake Tahoe in September!