

**ERIC S. BERMAN**, CPA, was appointed deputy comptroller for the Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller in August of 1999. He is responsible for three bureaus, including the Financial Reporting and Analysis Bureau, which is responsible for preparing the commonwealth's two independently audited financial statements, fixed asset and the commonwealth's debt accounting; the Accounting Bureau, which is responsible for the management of the commonwealth's capital project funds, establishing and maintaining spending and revenue authorizations for over 150 state departments, maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the commonwealth's ledgers for its funds the receivables, e-commerce, PCI compliance, revenue maximization and cost avoidance; and the Federal Cost Accounting Bureau, which is in charge of preparing, negotiating and implementing a number of cost plans with the federal government and federal aid billing for the commonwealth. He is also in charge of the financial relationships between the commonwealth and its authorities, schools of higher education and their foundations. He is also in charge of the commonwealth's annual single audit.

He is a nationally recognized authority on GASB Standards 34, 35, 37, 38 and 45 and has authored guides for their implementation. He has also edited a guide along with the GASB for financial analysts in implementing those standards. He also serves on various committees to comment on new standards on post employment benefits other than pensions, derivatives and credit and investment risk.

Mr. Berman is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Mass. Society of CPA's, and is the past chairman of the Government Accounting and Auditing Committee of the society. He has been nominated twice for the AICPA outstanding CPA in Government Award. He serves on GASB's derivatives project, GASB's environmental remediation project. He also chairs NASC's task force on other post employment benefits. As a member of the GASB Statement 34 Implementation Team, he recently was awarded the Manuel Carballo Award for Excellence in Public Service. He has served on an audit committee of a major not-for-profit organization in Boston and is a founding vice president / treasurer of another not-for-profit. He participates on the AICPA's State and Local Government Expert Panel and has been named chairman of the Government Performance and Accountability Committee. He also serves in the Boston Chapter of the Association for Government Accountants and is the incoming chairman of the AGA's National Financial Management Standards Board. He is also representing AGA on the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.