

GENE L. DODARO became the eighth comptroller general of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office on December 22, 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He was nominated by President Obama in September of 2010 and had been serving as acting comptroller general since March of 2008.

Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues. Most recently he has testified on the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, the Troubled Asset Relief Program, federal assistance to the auto industry, U.S. involvement in Iraq and Pakistan, the federal government's financial condition and fiscal outlook, and the need to modernize the U.S. financial regulatory system. He has led efforts to fulfill GAO's new audit responsibilities in connection with the 2008 Economic Stabilization Act to help stabilize financial markets and institutions, as well as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – the stimulus legislation designed to combat the economic downturn. Under Mr. Dodaro, GAO has also undertaken initiatives such as a new transition web page and a new high-risk list to help bring to the attention of the 111th Congress and the new administration the major challenges GAO has identified across the federal government, from improving food safety to rebuilding transportation infrastructure.