

**LEILA MALATESTA** has served as the director of the Office of Fiscal Management for Mississippi's Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) since 1990 where she manages the state's accounting, payroll, and financial reporting operations. She first joined DFA in 1987 after working in public accounting with Ernst & Whinney.

Leila began her career in state government working on the first Mississippi CAFR to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. At DFA she has played a key role in the design and implementation of all current Mississippi statewide financial systems. She is also involved in Mississippi's upcoming enterprise resource planning project, "MAGIC" (Mississippi's Accountability System for Government Information and Collaboration).

In addition to completing accounting and business coursework at Mississippi College, Leila holds a bachelor's degree in secondary math education from the University of Mississippi. After graduation from college, she taught high school math for four years in Mississippi and Texas, and may return to teaching after she retires from state government.

In August 2009, Leila was authorized to serve as Mississippi's official comptroller representative in NASC and NASACT. She has been very involved in NASC's committee activities for a number of years, most recently serving as co-chair of NASC's Advisory Committee for *State Comptrollers: Technical Activities and Functions* from 2009 to 2011 and as co-chair of the Multi-State Consortium on Internal Control in 2007 and 2008.