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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**DR. KATHLEEN D. BAXTER** was appointed as state comptroller for the state of Alabama in July 2017 and has worked for the state of Alabama for 31 years. She has held many positions throughout her career and has been instrumental in upgrading the state's financial system since 1993. Most recently, she has served on the state of Alabama's Coronavirus Relief and Recovery team where \$1.8 billion of Coronavirus Relief Funds were distributed to local governments, medical facilities, educational entities, and small businesses and another \$2 billion of State Fiscal Recovery Funds will be distributed.

Dr. Baxter is a certified government financial manager, certified public manager and served as an accounting instructor with Auburn University Montgomery. She is a graduate of Auburn University Montgomery (B.S.B.A. – Accounting and M.B.A. – Governmental Accounting) and Auburn University (Ph.D. – Public Administration and Public Policy). She is truly a proponent of lifelong learning.

**MARTY BENISON** is Oracle's industry executive director for state and local government providing industry insight, strategy, and customer support throughout the client relationship lifecycle. He advises states and large city and county governments in the area of operations and management, application improvements and business process redesign. Marty had a 30-year career in state government serving as comptroller of the commonwealth of Massachusetts from January of 1999 until May of 2015. Throughout his career Marty focused on using technology to improve processes across government while maintaining high levels of internal controls. Just prior to joining Oracle he served in Accenture's State and Local Government Practice.

He is past president of NASACT and NASC. He also served as a public member of the Professional Ethics Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts from 2001 through 2014. He served as chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council from 2010 through 2015. Marty holds a B.A. in economics from Boston College and a masters' degree in public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

With more than 20 years leading client digital transformations, **IVAN BERAHA** is a lead Solution architect in CGI's strategy and operations team public sector practice, working with some of CGI's largest, most strategic and complex public sector clients. Ivan architected and executed complex partnership engagements working closely with clients, leading application providers and industry experts to create composable, best of breed, award-winning solutions. Ivan leads program marketing and strategy briefings for industry analysts and national conferences and symposiums where he shares his thought leadership, industry best practices and represents CGI and its Advantage ERP program. Ivan holds a B.A. in chemistry and mathematics from Middlebury College and enjoys diving, hiking and skiing in his free time.

**ERIC S. BERMAN**, MSA, CPA, CGMA, is a partner with Eide Bailly. Eric is a nationally-recognized speaker, author, thought leader and auditor with a wealth of government client experience. He brings a unique perspective to the firm's clients as a former deputy comptroller of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, a chief financial officer of a state agency and an audit partner with clients ranging from a well-known stadium to statewide pension systems. Eric's unique background and decades of governmental accounting, auditing and controllership experience allows his clients to meet their standards and goals and achieve new success along the way. He's been recognized with several major awards for his public service and work, and his insight means he can help you solve problems before they happen.

**MARK BETCHEY** attended Colorado State University studying political science and liberal arts. He went on to work for over a decade in political campaigns and government serving for four years in the administration of Governor Roy Romer of Colorado. Mark began his software career in 1998 with JD Edwards. PeopleSoft bought JD Edwards and then was subsequently bought by Oracle where he worked for 15 years. Mark worked for Informatica as the public sector alliance manager for six years before

returning to Oracle in 2019. For 23 years Mark has worked exclusively in state and local government direct selling, management roles largely centered around business development and alliances.

**JOEL BLACK** was named chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, effective July 1, 2020. Joel came to the GASB after almost 16 years as a partner at Mauldin & Jenkins in Atlanta where he was the partner in charge of the firm's audit practice at the time of his departure. Prior to Mauldin & Jenkins, Joel worked for 12 years at KPMG, LLP. During his experience in public accounting, he exclusively served state and local government clients leading audits and financial statement preparation engagements.

Joel previously served on the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council, the AICPA's State and Local Government Expert Panel, and the executive committee of the AICPA's Government Audit Quality Center.

Joel graduated from Georgia State University and is a certified public accountant.

**TAMMIE S. BROWN**, CPA, CFE, is an acting director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, Single Audit Division. She also serves as the single audit coordinator for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Her responsibilities include overseeing the quality control review and peer review activities related to single audits of nonfederal entities. The NEAR staff performs and participates in approximately 600 desk reviews, 20 QCRs and 15 statewide peer reviews of single audits annually.

Ms. Brown has served on various Office of Management and Budget taskforces focused on improving and enhancing the single audit process.

Ms. Brown graduated from Missouri Western University with a B.A. in accounting and from North West Missouri State University with an M.B.A. She is a certified public accountant. She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Government Accountants.

**ADAM CHEPENIK** helps lead EY's Public Sector Restructuring Practice, which advises state and local governments on financial and operational transformations, including multi-year fiscal planning, cash flow and budget forecasts, creditor negotiations, labor contracts, and legacy retiree obligations.

Adam previously was a deputy director in the federal government where he advised senior officials on developing public policy for distressed municipalities, infrastructure finance, and public pensions. He played a key role in developing the federal government's response to Puerto Rico's financial crisis and provided extensive technical assistance to Congress in the drafting of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act.

Adam holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and an M.P.A. from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He also holds three bachelor's degrees from the University of Maryland.

**NELSON CLUGSTON** is a vice president with MAXIMUS. He manages the government and non-profit cost accounting practice for the area that covers South Carolina to Maine and a few other states. Nelson has 33 years of experience in preparing cost allocation plans to help governments recover administrative costs from federal programs and enterprise funds. He is the firm's coordinator for Uniform Guidance and relations with federal negotiators. He has spoken on cost recovery for the Government Finance Officers Association, National Association of State Comptrollers, Virginia GFOA, the Virginia League of Social Services Directors, the Maryland Governor's Grants Office and the Washington, DC Grants Management Conference. Nelson has Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Public Service from Penn State University.

**DOUGLAS COTNOIR** was appointed state controller for the state of Maine in February 2014, having previously served in the positions of deputy controller and director of financial reporting and analysis since 2001.

Mr. Cotnoir began his career with state government in 1984. In more than 35 years of service to the state of Maine, Doug has served in agency financial management, statewide auditing and financial management roles in five different agencies under six governors.

Mr. Cotnoir holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Augusta, and professional designations as certified public accountant and certified internal auditor.

He serves on the Executive Committee of NASACT and serves as vice president of NASC. He is a member of the Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

**JESSICA DUNYON** is director of go-to-market strategy for Infor People Solutions. Jessica is a well-known life hacker: she's passionate about connecting people with technologies that free executive function, allowing the brain to fully focus on completing tasks that provide the most value. Prior to joining the Infor team, Jess was vice president of sales and marketing for a small, privately-owned (<\$100M annual revenue) cloud software company serving state and local government. She also worked as director of marketing, customer success manager, and as a sales executive at Journal Technologies, a Daily Journal Corporation company. Some of her past clients include Oklahoma District Attorney's Council, Clark County Public Defender, Denver District Attorney, and UT State Tax Commission.

Jessica is a recent empty nester living in northern Utah with her dogs, Rembrandt and Leo, and cat Claude Monet. She serves as chairperson for her city's planning and zoning commission and rides her Harley-Davidson as much as possible with trips planned to the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and Devil's Tower for the summer.

**STEVEN FERGUSON** is a 26-year veteran of the IT industry. As the chief information officer for the Technical College System of Georgia, he leads a talented team of professionals in support of TCSG's technical education, adult education, economic development, and workforce divisions across the 88 campuses of Georgia's 22 technical colleges. Ferguson was selected as a 2022 member of Georgia's TITAN 100, 2021 Technology Leader of the Year for Innovation, and the 2019 Georgia CIO of the Year. He is currently driving innovation in higher education through the launch of TCSG's eCampus platform and was recently named as a founding and executive committee member of the National Science Foundation funded National Institute for Artificial Intelligence in Adult Learning and Online Education.

Ferguson holds an M.S. in information technology from Southern Polytechnic State University, a B.S. in business administration, information technology from Columbia Southern University, an A.S. in engineering from Gainesville State College, and is a proud graduate of TCSG's Executive Leadership Academy.

Beyond his service to the state of Georgia, Ferguson is very active in the community, currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Technology Association of Georgia and as a volunteer for various non-profit and educational organizations.

**DR. SAMUEL GALLAHER** is the audit analytics manager and methodologist for the Denver Auditor's Office. Over the past four years, he and the audit analytics team have developed risk assessment and continuous audit scripts through automated connections to Workday and other city systems and databases. The team uses logical and statistical techniques to examine financial and performance data for the auditor's office. He also provides methodological and analytical support to Denver's Audit Service Division. Through his work as an engineer, social scientist, and analytics manager he has over 15 years of program and process evaluation experience, particularly through the application of explanatory and predictive statistics. He has provided analytics courses to auditors around the world and served as part-time faculty at the University of Colorado Denver's School of Public Affairs where he taught graduate courses on *Evidence-Based Decision Making*, *Research Methods and Statistics*, and *Policy Analysis*.

**JANICA GINES** is the director of the Utah Division of Finance. Preceding her role as director, Janica served as an assistant director of the division and prior to that as the assistant state comptroller. Prior to working in the Division of Finance, Janica spent four and a half years with the Utah Department of Health in the Division of Medicaid and Health Financing where she was both an assistant director in the Bureau of Financial Services and an assistant division director in the Division of Medicaid and Health Financing. Prior to her experience with the Department of Health, she served as an auditor in the Office of the State Auditor for 13 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration both from Utah State University, and she is a certified public accountant. She loves traveling, camping, hiking, watching sports and spending time with her husband and three children.

**CHERYL GREY** serves as the administrator of the State Financial Services Division in the Department of Administration. Functions within the division include statewide accounting/policy, enterprise financial and

budgeting ERP, enterprise procurement, local government reporting compliance, and State Social Security administration.

In her 30-plus years of state service, Cheryl has served in a variety of positions including the management of accounting and budgeting functions, management of the state's enterprise financial systems, and serving in other fiscal and information technology related positions.

Cheryl attended Brigham Young University, graduated from Carroll College with an accounting degree, and obtained her CPA certification.

Cheryl grew up and raised her family in Helena and continues to enjoy its splendor by participating in outdoor activities including trail running, hiking, mountain biking, and camping with her husband and dogs. Cheryl enjoys traveling, serving in her church, and spending time with her husband, Rick, their two children and spouses, twin granddaughters and grandson.

**BOB JAROS** was appointed to the position of state controller in May 2013. Prior to this appointment, he served as the deputy state controller since 2006 and was a member of the Field Accounting Services Team. Before working for the Office of the State Controller, Bob worked as an auditor at the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

Prior to working in state government, Bob worked in private industry as an auditor, controller, general counsel and chief financial officer for a number of corporations, including Northwest Airlines. He is both a certified public accountant and a licensed attorney in Colorado.

Bob graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in economics, received a master's of business administration from Columbia University Graduate School of Business, and received his juris doctorate from the University of Detroit.

Bob is active in a number of professional associations, including the serving on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controllers, State Employees Leading Colorado, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Denver County Bar Association Government Counsel Section, and Voluntary Income Tax Association.

**KRISTOPHER E. KNIGHT** began serving as a member of the GASB on July 1, 2017, and he was reappointed by the FAF trustees in 2021 to a second term that concludes on June 30, 2027.

Mr. Knight is Delaware's deputy secretary of state and director of the state's Division of Corporations. In his role, he oversees the state's \$1 billion corporate franchise and servicing of the 1.2 million business entities that make their legal home in Delaware. Mr. Knight also supervises several other divisions of the Delaware Department of State, including the Office of the State Banking Commissioner, the state's Corporate and International Development office, and Delaware's abandoned property Voluntary Disclosure Agreement program. Since 2012, he has also served as treasurer of the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility's Board of Directors. There, Mr. Knight led a comprehensive overhaul of the utility's financial policies and practices.

Previously, Mr. Knight served as the director of Delaware's Division of Accounting. In that role, he administered policy related to the state's procurement card program, which has an \$80 million annual budget. Prior to his career in public service, Mr. Knight served in positions of increasing responsibility at KPMG LLP for more than a decade. As senior audit manager, he managed all aspects of governmental client audits, including those for the University of Delaware, the state of Delaware, and Philadelphia Gas Works.

Mr. Knight holds a bachelor's degree in business administration—accounting from Loyola University. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the AICPA.

Mr. Knight's second and final term concludes on June 30, 2027.

**RACHAEL KRIZANEK** is the director of internal controls and policy at the State Accounting Office in the state of Georgia. She is responsible for establishing and monitoring the statewide internal control guidance which is based on the Federal Green Book. Also, Rachael is responsible for accounting and business process policies, along with certain federal statewide reports including the single audit and SWCAP.

**DIANE LANGHAM**, CPA, has a bachelor's and master's of professional accountancy from Mississippi State University.

She spent 30+ years with the state of Mississippi as the statewide financial reporting and ACFR director, accounting director for the state Department of Education, state comptroller, and SAP ERP operations director.

She is currently working with Plante Moran helping governmental entities in the ERP procurement processes, providing COA best practice education and development, analyzing and assessing business processes, and serving as ERP implementation support.

**WILLIAM McNAMARA** was appointed the 20th comptroller of the commonwealth of Massachusetts by Governor Charlie Baker and sworn in on February 21, 2020. Previously, he served as assistant secretary in the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F). His work included oversight and administrative responsibility for several agencies and quasi-governmental bodies. Prior to his role at A&F, McNamara was a deputy commissioner in the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. In both roles, he led analytical work in areas of revenue policy and state finance, including the impact of federal tax reform legislation on state revenue and state residents.

Before entering government service, Bill McNamara (as he is known informally) had more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. After more than a decade in the finance function as a strategic planner and CFO, he transitioned to investment product management and marketing for a multibillion line of mutual funds. He continued to work as an executive and consultant in the industry until joining the Department of Revenue in 2016.

McNamara became comptroller just as COVID-19 hit the U.S. The challenges of helping state government confront the crisis and leading his organization into a remote work environment were hallmarks of his first year. Now, continuous improvement in processes and tools, and the further development of organizational talent and capabilities, are top priorities for Bill and his leadership colleagues at the Office of the Comptroller.

Bill earned his bachelor of arts in economics and English at Williams College, and a master of business administration with a concentration in finance at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. He resides in Wellesley, Massachusetts with his family and is active in local civic and charitable organizations.

**DR. ROWAN MIRANDA** is senior managing director for government strategy at Workday. In this role, he provides Workday and its clients with state and local/federal government expertise in key functional areas such as budgeting, financial management, HR/payroll and procurement. Prior to joining Workday, Rowan led Accenture's finance and performance management practices for the state/local, federal and higher education industries. Rowan has served as a CFO in city/county government and the higher education sectors. Rowan has also served on the graduate faculty of a number of prominent universities teaching public management and public finance. He holds a Ph.D. in public policy analysis from the University of Chicago.

**MICHAEL NOUGUIER**, CISSP, PMP, is director of cybersecurity services with Eide Bailly. Michael has 20 years of IT and Cybersecurity experience. He focuses on building strategy and hope through innovative cybersecurity solutions and works with organizations to identify the root causes of concern to remediate risk and build a greater security posture. Michael served five years at the state of Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology, where he eventually became the security operations lead focused on incident response, endpoint security and network security.

**PHILIP OLSEN** is the state accounting administrator of Nebraska. He has been with the state of Nebraska for over 16 years, serving three state auditors before joining State Accounting in 2019. He is a certified public accountant and was an active certified information systems auditor until 2021. He earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting and an M.B.A. from Northwest Missouri State University. He has played a significant role in the state's administration of COVID-19 funds including, CRF, ERAP, HAF, CPF, and ARPA/SLFRF.

**REMI OMISORE**, CIA, CISA, MBA, CPA, is a principal in the state and local government group with CLA. He has over 15 years of experience with auditing and accounting. Remi specializes in providing accounting, financial auditing, and consulting services to large and complex governmental audit engagements. Remi is known for his involvement with proposed and new accounting pronouncements

and his understanding of the principles that underlie the various accounting rules and procedures. He is a frequent speaker on government accounting, auditing, and Uniform Guidance audits for professional associations around the country. He also serves as a concurring reviewer on CLA's clients on government accounting and auditing, including OMB Uniform Guidance.

Remi received a bachelor of science in accounting from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland and a master of business administration from the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Remi is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, and Government Finance Officers Association. Remi served on the AICPA young member leadership committee and serves on the GFOA special review committee for the certificate in excellence in financial reporting.

**JENIFER C. O'NEAL** is a multi-faceted leader with substantial experience in leading and optimizing teams and organizations to drive value creation.

She is a highly-qualified financial management executive with significant expertise in empowering strong financial performance and profitable business growth, in both the private and public sectors, within the United States and the British and U.S. Virgin Islands. She is a certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Professional adept in process improvement and change management, specializing in organizational restructuring and revitalization to reform organizations' performance.

Jenifer proudly holds a B.S. in finance from the University of Baltimore and an M.B.A. from the collaboration of the University of Baltimore and Towson University. Jenifer is a forward-thinking leader who takes decisive actions and uses tactical skills to ensure prudent management.

She currently serves as the director of the Virgin Islands Office of Management and Budget and leader of Governor Albert Bryan's financial team since her appointment in January 2019. Over the course of her career, Jenifer has served as an advisor to the highest political and corporate levels.

**JOSEF PILGER** is EY's global pension and retirement leader. Josef works to improve financial well-being and retirement outcomes for all. Governments, private and public pensions, retirement organizations and their product and service providers, have worked with him to achieve their financial well-being goals. He leads pension reform, strategy, governance evolution, business and IT transformation and member engagement evolution.

Josef earned an M.B.A. from Düsseldorf University of Applied Sciences and has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Cologne.

**GEOFF PLANTE** is a partner at KPMG LLP, where he leads the firm's state and local government finance transformation practice and serves as the lead partner for the state of New York. He has more than three decades of experience helping governments, universities, and not-for-profit organizations successfully transform their back-office operations to better serve their workers, constituents, and communities. He focuses on leveraging technology as an enabler, bringing deep functional and industry experience to strategy, program management, quality assurance, finance transformation, procurement, and organizational development initiatives.

**BETH PORTMAN** is a senior manager in Deloitte's accounting and internal controls practice. An experienced leader with a proven track record in process improvement, systems design and implementation, and project management, Beth has 35+ years of experience in government, public sector, healthcare and financial services organizations in various financial accounting and project management roles along with significant project experience with multiple ERP applications. Beth's project approach is to focus on business process best practices and her objective is to optimize the system configuration and chart of accounts design. With more than 20 years in project management and PeopleSoft-related systems implementation, Beth knows how to deliver projects and to ensure a successful go-live.

Beth's clients include state and local governments, including large cities and counties, where she has lead efforts to perform data cleanup and reconciliation, to design and implement enhanced financial reporting processes, and to implement new financial accounting standards including GASB 84 and 87. Beth's long history with PeopleSoft uniquely positions her to identify opportunities to address business process challenges by re-imagining the way in which existing technology can be leveraged.

Beth has an M.B.A. in finance and international business from New York University.

**LISA REIJULA** joined the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee as associate director of outreach and engagement in August 2020, where she leads the PRAC's stakeholder relations, press relations, Congressional relations, and communications efforts. She previously served at the State Department and the Government Accountability Office. Lisa also managed global trade and investment programs for the Chicago metro area's public-private partnership focused on economic development and was a consultant on the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the U.S. Naval War College and was a Fulbright scholar in Estonia.

**MIKE SCHAUB** has worked for the state of Washington for over 28 years and the Office of Financial Management's Statewide Accounting Division since 2003 with work on the ACFR, SWCAP and accounting policies. Mike joined the One Washington Project Team in November 2020 to help move the state from its legacy mainframe financial system to a cloud-based ERP. Mike received his bachelor's degree in business administration – finance from Pacific Lutheran University.

**BRET SCHLYER** is a vice president with MGT and has over 25 years of public-sector consulting experience. He joined MGT in 2008 after holding consulting positions with the Financial Services Division of MAXIMUS, Inc. for over 14 years. He has extensive experience in assisting state agencies in the preparation and submission to federal cognizant agencies of indirect cost rates and indirect cost allocation plans. He has completed ICRP, CAP, and indirect cost rate projects for state agencies, several annually over the course of his career. He has a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Kansas. Mr. Schlyer resides in Columbus, Ohio.

**SHERRI SCHULLER** has more than 15 years of experience in state and local government, technology and spend reconciliation. During this time, Sherri has worked with hundreds of organizations helping them solve challenges associated to mitigating risk, improving employee satisfaction and increasing compliance and controls.

Sherris is APP2P certified, which gives her a unique perspective on how organizations can optimize their resources who work in the back office to add more strategic value when processing one of the largest categories of spend for their organization. Most recently, she has worked with the government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, state accounting offices and the state of Alabama to help them become more efficient in their back offices, provide better insight into employee initiated spend and increase controls and compliance.

**RUTH SCHWARTZ** is the director of SIGMA Operations and Support and a senior deputy director for the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget in Michigan. Ruth has over 25 years of experience with the state. Prior to her current role and her role as director the Statewide ERP implementation, Ruth served as the director of payroll and tax reporting for 10 years. In addition, her experience includes serving as the payroll team lead for the statewide HRMN implementation. She began her career with the Office of the Auditor General conducting financial and performance audits. Mid-career, Ruth spent approximately three years in the private sector as a senior manager of audit, business and technology consulting with a regional CPA firm serving a variety of industries. Ruth is a registered CPA and holds a B.B.A. in accounting from Davenport University.

**MATT SINGLETON** is the chief information security officer for the state of Oklahoma. He is charged with leading all cybersecurity defensive efforts, offensive operations and compliance/privacy practices. Since taking this position, he has overseen the state's efforts to push 32,000 employees to work securely and effectively from home during the global pandemic, established the state's first enterprise fraud prevention, detection, and investigation program, launched the Oklahoma Information Sharing and Analysis Center (OK-ISAC), and completely rebuilt Oklahoma Cyber Command with best-of-breed cybersecurity tools, expanded partnerships, and a diverse, world-class team.

Previously, as chief operations and accountability officer for the state's information services division, Matt oversaw the technology operations for 189 executive branch agencies and affiliates. In that role he executed the unification of 110 IT organizations across the state, realized over \$875M in cost-

savings and was featured in the *Wall Street Journal* best-seller, “One Mission: How Leaders Build a Team of Teams” by Chris Fussell.

Prior to joining the state, Matt excelled as an IT leader for the University of Oklahoma. Notably, playing a central role in establishing OU's cybersecurity program, the OU Cyber-Forensics Lab and OU's highly popular technology retail store which ranked as the #1 institutionally managed Apple reseller in the Southeast. Matt also provided critical leadership for the development of one of the first iPhone apps for higher education (OU2GO).

Matt has a master's degree in applied intelligence, specializing in cyber intelligence, homeland security, and counterterrorism from Georgetown University; a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, a master's certificate in IT service management and numerous other industry certifications.

**ALAN SKELTON** was named director of research and technical activities of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, effective April 1, 2021. In his role as GASB director, he leads the staff and serves as the principal advisor to the chair and Board.

Immediately prior to joining the GASB, Mr. Skelton was the state accounting officer for the state of Georgia, a position he was initially appointed to by the governor in 2012. He was reappointed to the role in 2019. As state accounting officer, Mr. Skelton provided accounting leadership for the state of Georgia, including oversight of statewide financial reporting, issuing accounting policy and application interpretations of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and implementing business process improvements. He served as deputy state accounting officer from 2009 to 2012. Previously, Mr. Skelton had more than a decade of experience in public accounting, primarily with Ernst & Young.

Mr. Skelton served on the GASB's advisory council—the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council—from 2015 to 2021, including as its vice chair since 2018. He is a graduate of Florida State University and a certified public accountant.

**DAVID STARKEY** is a graduate of the University of South Carolina (B.S. accounting) and the University of Delaware (B.A. political science and history). He has over 22 years of accounting experience with 18 of those years specializing in governmental accounting and audit. Prior to working for the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office, he was the chief financial officer of Beaufort County, SC, an audit manager at Elliott Davis, LLC, and an audit associate at KPMG, LLP.

**JEFFREY SURAL** is a senior broadband policy advisor for the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the Office of Recovery Programs. Prior to joining Treasury he was the director of the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office. During his tenure he led the development and publication of the state's broadband plan, developed the state's rural broadband grant program and created several initiatives to address digital inequities. He has spent more than 20 years in public policy and legal positions in state and federal government and the private sector. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Western Michigan University's Thomas M. Cooley School of Law, he lives in Raleigh, NC with his wife and two sons.

**AMY TENER** has 26+ years of experience and more than a decade responsibility across federal, state and local, and not-for-profit clients. She has architected large outsourcing and business services engagements and built high performing teams to drive large-scale transformations, increased capabilities and reduced operating costs. Amy is a leader and mentor who knows that a diverse workforce and inclusive environment facilitate the thinking, collaboration and innovation necessary in large complex engagements. As a graduate from Oklahoma State University for both her B.A. and M.A. in economics, Amy is proud to be living back in Oklahoma and working with state and Local governments to make a difference in the efficiency of government services.

**BRIAN TINNEY** has served as the assistant director for the Washington State Office of Financial Management's Accounting Division since 2015. After spending two decades working in accounting for several large agencies in Washington, Brian knows the importance of serving customers. He knows that providing accurate and timely information allows for better decisions and better government. Brian is focused on configuring a new Workday ERP that will provide more timely and accurate information to leadership while improving the customer experience for Washingtonians. He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor of science degree in economics.

**AMY FERRARO WHITSETT** is a vice president with the Performance Solutions Group at MGT. She has over 25 years of experience working with state and local government and non-profit clients. Her areas of focus are cost allocation plans, indirect cost rates, and revenue recovery. She has programmatic expertise across a wide array of federal programs. She has a bachelor of arts degree from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She also has certificates in health and wellness and diversity, equity and inclusion. She lives in Northeast Massachusetts.

**CHRIS YOUNG** is based out of the Accenture Atlanta Office. He currently leads the buildout of Accenture's public service strategy work. For the past 16 months, Chris has been front-and-center with local and state governments, and particularly their budget offices, across the United States as they address the generational fiscal challenges created by COVID-19. That work now extends to the American Rescue Plan Act helping those same governments think about how they use the federal funds and investment to expedite economic recovery, make transformational changes to the way they operate, and ensure that policy decisions are made with reliable data and through the lens of equality and equity.

Prior to joining Accenture's public service strategy and consulting practice, Chris spent almost 20 years in leadership roles in federal and state governments and multinational organizations. He previously served as deputy chief of staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he held primary responsibility for the day-to-day operations of one of the federal government's largest Cabinet agencies. Prior to this position in Washington, Chris was at the helm of CIFAL Atlanta, a local government training arm of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, located in Cobb County's Kennesaw State University. His career also includes service as the executive director of The Protocol School of Washington and chief of protocol and director of international affairs for the state of Georgia.