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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

NATHAN ABBOTT, CISA, CFE, EA, is a senior information systems specialist with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office Division of Local Government Audit. Nathan has been with the office for 25 years and works with the audit team providing technical support to the audit staff. Mr. Abbott holds a bachelor of business administration in accounting from Freed Hardeman University and is an active member in the Association of Government Accountants and the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners. Mr. Abbott has conducted training in the areas of computer forensics, Excel, Word, and computer applications. For the past three years Nathan has dressed up as Santa Claus for the office-wide Christmas party. Nathan resides in Franklin, Tennessee, with his lovely wife Amy and two beautiful twin girls Ellie and Sophie.

ANDREW CIPRIANO, CPA, CFE, is a principal IT auditor for the New Jersey Office of the State Auditor. He has over 11 years of experience in government auditing, including performance audits, financial audits, and information technology audits. Andrew is also a member of the Office Training Committee and provides training to new office employees.

MATT ETZEL is a principal auditor with the Kansas Division of Legislative Post Audit and has been with the division since 2010. In that time, Matt supervised audits concerning the state's unemployment insurance program, juvenile justice reform, the state's Medicaid program, and K-12 health insurance consolidation. He also oversees the division's data mining function. He holds a B.A. in sociology from the University of Kansas.

LAUREL GRUBER, CPA, CISA, is a legislative information systems auditor with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office Division of State Audit. Laurel has been with the office for six years and works with the various audit teams performing data analytics, data reliability and data retrieval functions. Laurel has a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from Tennessee Tech University and has recently completed a graduate certificate program in data analytics from Middle Tennessee State University. She is currently working towards completing the graduate degree program in data analytics. At the same time, she is also studying for her certified fraud examiner certification. Laurel lives in Hendersonville, Tennessee, with her moody cat, Miss Kitty.

C. ROBERT (BOB) KERN II, CISA, is a principal audit supervisor with the Michigan Office of the Auditor General and has over 23 years of audit experience. His background includes information technology auditing, as well as Circular A-133 (single) auditing, financial auditing, and performance auditing. Bob has been responsible for planning and supervising audit engagements covering various aspects of IT general and application controls, IT security, and IT governance. He has also been responsible for providing IT audit support to financial and single audits.

Since 2007, he has served in various positions on the board of directors for ISACA's Western Michigan chapter and was chapter president from 2010 through 2012.

Bob has an associate's degree in computer security and controls from Lansing Community College and a bachelor's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in organizational communications from Western Michigan University.

KATHY LOVEJOY, CPA, CISA, is the principal of IS audits for the Illinois Office of the Auditor General. Her areas of responsibility include managing financial audits, attestation examinations and overseeing the office's information systems reviews of Illinois government agencies. Kathy has over 25 years of experience of auditing governmental entities and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and ISACA.

GEORGE STRUDGEON, CPA, CGFM, MBA, is an audit director at the Virginia Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts. George's portfolio includes the Virginia statewide single audit and in support of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report: Departments of Transportation, Motor Vehicles, and Education. Additionally, George serves on the Association of Governmental Accountants' Intergovernmental Partnership Steering Committee, the Association of Certified Public Accountants' Governmental Audit Quality Center Executive Committee, and is vice chair of the National State Auditor Association's Single Audit Committee. Finally, George shares his insight and knowledge by presenting at national conferences and other events.

KAREN WILSON, CPA, CISA, is a systems audit manager with the Washington State Auditor's Office. In her role, she manages a team responsible for on-site audit work and developing, training, and maintain audit tools related to automated controls and system testing. During her tenure with the office, Karen has worked with some of the smallest agencies throughout Eastern Washington, as well as larger state and local entities statewide.