

DOAA State Auditor Training Program: 2025 Local Government Accounting and Reporting Issues Seminar - Draft Agenda			
Eastern Time	Minutes/CPE Credits/Field of Study	Presenter	Session Title/Description
Day 1			
7:30am-8:30am	60 minutes		Registration; In-Person - Macon Continental Breakfast
8:30am-8:35am	5 minutes	DOAA	Announcements
8:35am-9:25am	50 minutes/1 CPE Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)	Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) - Professional Standards and Practices Division (PSPD) - Nonprofit and Local Government Team (NPLG): Panel with Eric Moody, CPA and Jackie Neubert, CPA, CGFM	Session A - Annual Local Government Audit Reports: How Your Audit Report Relates to the Performance of DOAA Desk Reviews as well as Compliance Status & Eligibility for State Funds The panel discussions will focus on reporting issues noted during desk reviews of audit reports submitted to DOAA. Also, discussions will include definitions of significance levels noted in the desk review checklist as well as definitions of resource references. This session will also highlight DOAA's Local Compliance Dashboard with discussions of the features such as reporting requirements, noncompliance status, and eligibility status for state funds.
9:25am-10:15am	50 minutes/1 CPE Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)	Department of Community Affairs (DCA): Representative of the DCA Research Team	Session B - Research Reporting Requirements Discussion will begin by describing reporting requirements to DCA's Research Office such as certain survey programs affecting funding opportunities and how the reporting requirements relate to a local government's audit. The reporting requirements described will include the Report of Local Government Finance (RLGF), Government Management Indicators Survey (GOMI), Authority Financial Reporting, Hotel-Motel Tax, and the relationship between DCA and the Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA).
10:15am-10:30am	15 minutes	break	
10:30am-11:20am	50 minutes/1 CPE Field of Study: Business Law (Governmental)	Joint Session: Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG): Dante Handel and DOAA - PSPD - NPLG Team - Eric Moody, CPA	Session C - Georgia Legislative Updates related to Counties & Municipalities This session will focus on the 2024 and 2025 Legislative Updates for the State of Georgia that applies to Counties and Municipalities with an emphasis on House Bill 581 from 2024 Legislative Session and House Bill 244 from 2025 Legislative Session.
11:20am-12:10pm	50 minutes/1 CPE Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)	Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) - Sales Ratio Division (SRD): Cassie Faulk and Denise Medlin	Session D - 100% Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest (Sales Ratio Study) This session will be discussions of the primary purpose of equalizing the property tax digest and its impact on school funding as well as other impacts on local governments. The goal of this portion is to provide an understanding of what a sales ratio study is, why it is performed, how to interpret the computation report, and recent study design changes in response to legislation.
12:10pm - 12:55pm	45 minutes	lunch	
12:55pm - 2:35pm	100 minutes/2 CPE Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)	Crawford & Associates, P.C.: Macon-Frank Crawford, CPA, President; Virtual-October Frank Crawford, CPA, President and Chris Pembrook, CPA, Partner; Virtual-November Chris Pembrook, CPA, Partner	Session E - SAS 145 & Risk Assessment with AICPA Auditing Standards Updates SAS 145 on risk assessment continues to be a hot topic as practitioners implement the standard's new requirements. This session will revisit the risk assessment process, with a focus on what "understanding the entity and the environment in which the entity operates" really means, and how the auditor can use that understanding to their advantage. This session will also review updates to the AICPA auditing standards.
2:35pm - 2:50pm	15 minutes	break	
2:50pm - 3:40pm	50 minutes/2 CPE Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)	Crawford & Associates, P.C.: Macon-Frank Crawford, CPA, President; Virtual-October Frank Crawford, CPA, President and Chris Pembrook, CPA, Partner; Virtual-November Chris Pembrook, CPA, Partner	Session F - Yellow Book/GAGAS Update This session will provide an overview of the latest updates to the Yellow Book (Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards), highlighting key changes and their impact on auditors. We will discuss revised independence requirements, quality control updates, and reporting considerations to ensure compliance with the new standards. Attendees will gain insights into the best practices for implementing these changes in their audits. This will be a focused discussion to stay informed and to assist auditors in maintaining audit excellence.
3:40pm-4:30pm	50 minutes/2 CPE Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)	Crawford & Associates, P.C.: Macon-Frank Crawford, CPA, President; Virtual-October Frank Crawford, CPA, President and Chris Pembrook, CPA, Partner; Virtual-November Chris Pembrook, CPA, Partner	Session G - Single Audit/Uniform Guidance Update This session will cover key updates to the Uniform Guidance and Single Audit requirements, ensuring compliance with the latest federal regulations. We will discuss changes affecting audit planning, risk assessment, and reporting, along with common challenges and best practices. Participants will gain insights into recent OMB updates, agency specific guidance, and strategies for efficient audit execution. This session will ensure you stay informed on the evolving single audit landscape and its impact on grant recipients and auditors.
4:30pm - 4:35pm		DOAA-PSPD NPLG	Closing Remarks
Day 2			
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12:55pm - 1:45pm	50 minutes/1 CPE Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)	Panel: CPA Hall Talk, LLC: Charles B. Hall, CPA, CFE, MAcc , and Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) - Professional Standards and Practices Division (PSPD) - Nonprofit and Local Government Team (NPLG) - Eric Moody, CPA and Jackie Neubert, CPA, CGFM	Session I - Common Audit Findings for Counties & Municipalities Panel This panel will focus on common audit findings noted for Georgia counties and municipalities. The discussions will include why some findings are reported and others are not reported. Audit failure exists when the auditor issues an unmodified opinion, but material misstatements are present. In light of audit failure potential, some findings (e.g., expenditures in excess of budget) should be reported, but they are of lesser importance than others (\$2 million was stolen due to material weakness in controls). From an auditor's perspective, the more important findings will be those that affect audit planning and performance, such as material weaknesses in controls, noncompliance with grants, or misuse of SPLOST funds. Why? Because audit failure can occur with these. Some findings are just things auditors note while performing the engagement (e.g., deposits are not made daily), but they do not impact the audit opinion. If material weaknesses exist, but the auditor does not respond to those in planning and performing the audit, material misstatements might be missed (e.g., material theft). Or if the government fails to detect material grant noncompliance and this goes undetected, the auditor might issue an unmodified opinion, but the numbers could be materially misstated.
1:45pm-2:35pm	50 minutes/1 CPE Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)	CPA Hall Talk, LLC: Charles B. Hall, CPA, CFE, MAcc	Session J - Important Considerations Affecting Audit Opinions: Control Weaknesses Noted During Risk Assessment This session will focus on how the more important considerations affect the audit opinion, including control weaknesses noted during the risk assessment (i.e., walkthroughs of controls). Auditors should look at prior-year Yellow Book and Single Audit findings (e.g., control weaknesses) as they plan the current-year engagement; if those weaknesses are still present, they might allow material misstatements. Consequently, prior-year findings should be considered early. However, many auditors don't look at them until the end of the audit, when they are creating the report. Often, prior-year weaknesses continue into the next year because the government makes no changes.
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4:30pm - 4:35pm		DOAA-PSPD NPLG	Closing Remarks
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