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## **Achieving Transparency—The Next Step to Integrating Your Data**

Date: Wed., Nov. 17, 2010

**Time:** 2 – 3:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

**Location:** IURC ( Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission) 101 W. Washington St- East Tower Suite 1500 – located in the PNC Bank building – Board Room

**Cost:** \$ 10 members and \$ 25 non-members

**CPE:** Two credits

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule—the challenges of data integration.

During this audio conference, you will hear about how to achieve data integration from differing perspectives—from senior management integrating enterprise-wide systems and from the analyst trying to combine inter-agency data to produce reports. You will come away from this discussion armed with insights and tools you can immediately use, whether you are upgrading your financial systems or trying to consolidate sub-recipient reports. Most important, when your data is integrated, it allows for transparent reporting.

**Don Geiger**, acting deputy chief financial officer and acting director, Office of Financial Management at the U.S. Department of the Interior, will share lessons being learned as the agency supports the replacement and integration of its financial management systems, moving from legacy systems to an enterprise solution. He will discuss:

- general planning considerations;
- implementation considerations;
- contingency plans;
- how to gain an understanding of the impact this type of change will have to current work flows; and
- how to ascertain the integrity of the data being moved between systems.

Integrating data internally is not the only data integration issue facing the government accounting community. **David Cofer**, information technology specialist in the Data Mining and Analysis Staff Office of Mission Systems, Office of Inspector General at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will discuss:

- issues related to integrating data being sent in from outside agencies;
- consolidating the differing data elements so that a cohesive view of the information can be produced; and
- the actual techniques he uses to bring divergent data sets together while ensuring data integrity.

**Sheila Hammond, CGFM**, and **Phyllis Eriksen, CISA**, from IDEA®/Audimation Services, Inc., will facilitate the discussion. In addition to the speakers' commentary, about 20 minutes will be set aside for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.