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Stephen Adams, Director, Public Finance of PMA Securities, Inc. joined PMA Securities in February of 2018. He has been in the public finance industry since 2000 when he began his career with the Illinois Rural Bond Bank. He then spent approximately the next fifteen years working in the public finance department for an Illinois based underwriting firm. In that time, he assisted with issuances ranging from \$150,000 to \$50,000,000. Mr. Adams became a part of PMA to expand the footprint of clients served in both Central and Southern Illinois. His primary responsibility is to provide municipal advisory services to municipal entities that are issuing debt. Mr. Adams earned his Bachelor of Science – Business Administration/Economics from Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois. He earned his MBA from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He holds FINRA Series 50, 52 and 63 licenses. He is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials.

Sofia Anastopoulos is the Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of IMET. Sofia has spent her career working with the public sector in treasury and investment management. She started with the Government Finance Officers Association, where she was responsible for the GFOA's treasury and investment management initiatives, including staffing its TIM committee, the committee that identifies and promotes best practices in treasury and investment management. She also served as editor of the GFOA TIM *Newsletter* and instructor for the GFOA and regional associations. She has written various publications on public sector investing. Since GFOA, she has worked in investment management and for her own firm, Public Funds Consulting, where she advised public sector entities in investment management best practices. Sofia is a graduate of Northwestern University and received an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago. She holds the designation of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Robbin Blackert is the City Administrator for the City of Rock Falls. In her position, she supervises all general fund and utility operations, including the Rock Falls Electric Department. In addition, she is charged with overseeing a \$24M budget for the small town of 9200 residents. Blackert has been heavily involved in the formation, financing and build-out of the City's municipal fiber to the home project. During her 7-year tenure, Blackert became the 3rd person in the United States to earn the American Public Power Governance Certification. Before her current position, Blackert was a legislative aide in the Illinois House of Representatives for State Representative Jerry Mitchell.

Peter Burchard, President of Peter Burchard, LLC is a multi-sector consultant focusing on ethics, innovation, organizational effectiveness, executive coaching and healthcare strategy. Peter is an adjunct faculty member at Northern Illinois University where he teaches ethics and innovation in public service. Peter reviews textbook proposals regarding ethics in public administration for a major publisher. In recent years, Peter has worked for the 21st Century Institute instructing Chinese officials in American local government. Previously, Peter served as the city manager of Naperville and village manager in Hoffman Estates. As a next step, Peter became the chief operating officer for inVentiv Medical Management, in Augusta, Georgia. Peter received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from NIU which included a semester at Salzburg College in Austria. He has been recognized as a Public Service Education Fellow and member of the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. Peter is a former board member and chair of a Chicago area hospital. Peter says his most unusual life-experience was serving for ten years as a pastor and religious counselor for residents of a nursing home in Des Plaines. Since his high school days, Peter has been an auctioneer specializing in automobiles and government surplus. He is a charity auctioneer having worked on-stage with Ellen DeGeneres and Howie Mandel.

Brian W. Caputo became the Vice President for Administration and Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer) at the College of DuPage in March 2017. Previously, he served for nearly 19 years as the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer of the City of Aurora, Illinois. Dr. Caputo's earlier experience in public finance included positions with the Villages of Mount Prospect, Hoffman Estates, and LaGrange, Illinois. In addition, he also worked as an auditor with Price Waterhouse in Chicago. In 2015, Dr. Caputo became a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. He is a past president of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) and a past chair of the IGFOA Technical Accounting Review Committee. He has also served as an adjunct professor of public finance at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Dr. Caputo holds a B.S. from the United States Military Academy, an M.S. in Accountancy from DePaul University, and an M.P.A. from NIU. He earned a Ph.D. degree from NIU with fields of study in public administration, public policy, and government finance. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer.

Brad Cole serves as executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, which is the statewide association of 1,298 cities, villages, and towns. The League's mission is to articulate, defend, maintain, and promote the interests and concerns of Illinois communities. He began in this position in December 2014. Brad most recently was Senior Vice President of Pepsi MidAmerica, a privately-owned soft drink bottling and distribution business servicing a five-state franchise territory. His duties involved supervision of all aspects of the company, including finance, administration, human resources, fleet management, equipment services, and sales. Prior to entering

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the private sector, he worked as Downstate Director for U.S. Senator Mark Kirk, of Illinois. In that position, he was a key member of the senator's senior management team and was responsible for strategies initiative, outreach and constituent services in 95 (of 102) counties of Illinois. Cole served as Mayor of the City of Carbondale, Illinois for two four-year terms, which followed one four-year term on the City Council. He was first elected Mayor at the age of 31. As the chief elected official, he set policy direction for the leading regional municipality that is also the home community to a major public university. Before entering local government service, Brad was Deputy Chief of Staff to Illinois Governor George H. Ryan. He directly advised the Governor and coordinated the administration of government services relative to the southern 40 counties of Illinois. Active as a leader for numerous public and private organizations, he has served on a library board, a park district board, a school board, a regional healthcare system board, a multi-state economic development commission, and in many other similar posts. He has been appointed to commissions by four of the past five Governments of Illinois and was nominated to national board appointment by President George W. Bush. He is Chairman Emeritus of Sister Cities International (a citizen diplomacy organization based in Washington, DC), having served two years as chairman of its global board of directors. Brad Cole is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a bachelor's degree in a double major of Political Science and Biological Science, and a Master of Legal Studies degree from the SIU School of Law. He originally hails from Macon Illinois.

Jason Coyle is a Partner with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and has been in the accounting industry for 20 years. Jason is a member of the Public-Sector Practice Group and specializes in providing financial and compliance audits, as well as accounting services. He has extensive experience serving municipalities, counties, special districts, and school districts. He serves as the partner-in-charge of financial and compliance related audit engagements and assists local governments with the implementation of new accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Jason is a member of the Special Review Executive Committee of the GFOA which reviews financial statements submitted to the CAFR program, a member of the Illinois GFOA Technical Accounting Review Committee, and a member of the ICPAS Governmental Executive Committee.

Paul Denham is an attorney with Clark Baird Smith, LLP, and represents management clients in all areas of labor and employment law, including collective bargaining negotiations, arbitration, federal and state litigation, appellate review, unfair labor practice charges, and matters before administrative agencies. Prior to joining Clark Baird Smith, Paul most recently worked as an in-house labor and employment attorney for the City of Rockford, in which ultimately, the City also appointed him to serve as its Director of Human Resources. Paul has briefed and argued cases before the Illinois Appellate and Supreme Courts. He is also an experienced litigator and negotiator who has received summary dismissal for his clients in federal court, successfully appeared before the Illinois Labor Relations Board, and has served as lead negotiator for collective bargaining for fire, police and staff union contracts. Prior to law school, Paul served as a Congressional staffer for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business. Paul has a juris doctor degree from the Northwestern University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from The George Washington University.

Michael J. Earl has been a Senior Vice President at GovHR USA since April 2016 following a 31-year career in local government management. He spent most of his career with Wilmette, IL where he served for 18 years first as Assistant Village Manager and then as its Village Manager. Mike also worked as the Director of Human Resources in Des Plaines, IL and the Director of Community Services for Lake Zurich, IL. Throughout his career, Mike has served in several leadership positions with various intergovernmental agencies and special purpose entities including President of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA), Chair of the Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency (MICA), and Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee for the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC). Mike is a Past President of the Illinois Association of Metropolitan Managers and the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants. Mike Earl holds a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Public Administration both received from Northern Illinois University. He is a former ICMA Credentialed Manager and is a Senior Certified HR professional through the Society of Human Resource Management. Mike is also a trained mediator through the Center for Conflict Resolution in Chicago.

Steven Ford has enjoyed a successful acting career for over 25 years appearing in over 800 hours of film and television productions. He has worked on over 30 films and many guest leads in television. Most recently you would have seen Steve appearing in the hit movie *Transformers* and *Black Hawk Down*. Steve's other film credits would include films such as *Contact* with Jodie Foster, *Armageddon* with Bruce Willis, *Starship Troopers*, *Eraser* with Schwarzenegger, *Heat* with Al Pacino, *Carrie II* and *When Harry Met Sally* as Meg Ryan's boyfriend. He has also done numerous guest leads in television shows such as *Suddenly Susan*, *J.A.G.*, *Flipper*, *Walker Texas Ranger*, *Dr. Quinn*, *Baywatch*, *The Cape*, *Columbo*, *Murder She Wrote* and *Happy Days*. Steve also hosted a full season, 22 episodes of the prime-time series *Secret Service* for NBC. Early in Steve's career he spent six years playing the character Andy Richards on the Emmy Award winning daytime show *The Young and the Restless*.

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Before becoming an actor in 1980, Steve worked on the professional rodeo circuit as a team roper and still ropes today in his spare time. He owns a ranch in California. Steve served three years on the Board of Directors of The National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and currently serves on The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation. He is also highly sought after nationally as a motivational speaker for corporate events relating his inspiring experiences during his family's stay in the WHITE HOUSE and his years in Hollywood. Steve also speaks about his own successful battle overcoming alcoholism over twenty years ago. He shares with audiences inspiring stories of character and leadership that lead to the Ford family's success which will help audiences rethink their own lives. He is the third son of President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford.

Sergeant Steven Formenti has been a Police Officer since 2001 and with the Will County Sheriff's Department since 2004. He is currently assigned as the Training Unit Supervisor and is an active member of the Departments SWAT team.

Jason Franken is a consulting actuary and principal with Foster & Foster in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Jason is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries and is an Enrolled Actuary per ERISA. He earned a B.S. degree in actuarial science from the University of Iowa. He has over 18 years of actuarial consulting experience.

Jill Hagan, Senior Vice President, Government Banking Division Manager is MB Financial Bank's government banking expert and a well-known and respected member of the government banking community. Jill has acquired more than 20 years of industry knowledge and has established strong relationships with local government entities. She excels in developing treasury management solutions and providing exceptional client service. Jill has been a member of the IGFOA for 16 years, a current South Metro board member and a member of the Partners Forum Committee.

Donna Hare, MFA, is currently a Teaching Fellow in the Communication Studies Department at Augustana College. For over 10 years, she has been teaching various Communication courses at Augustana College and St. Ambrose University, including Public Speaking, Business & Professional Communication, Argument & Oral Advocacy, and Social Relationships. She is also a co-creator of four modules (Communication and Presentation) for the Online Competencies Curriculum in association with The Teagle Foundation. Donna has conducted seminars for Modern Woodmen of America and for Augustana College's Multicultural Student Life and Residential Life Area Coordinators regarding best practices for public speaking in a professional climate. Donna has also presented at the American College Theatre Festival.

Carla Harris is a Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Senior Client Advisor at Morgan Stanley. She is responsible for increasing client connectivity and penetration to enhance revenue generation across the firm. She formerly headed the Emerging Manager Platform, the equity capital markets effort for the consumer and retail industries and was responsible for Equity Private Placements. In her 30-year career, Ms. Harris has had extensive industry experiences in the technology, media, retail, telecommunications, transportation, industrial, and healthcare sectors. In August 2013, Carla Harris was appointed by President Barack Obama to chair the National Women's Business Council.

For more than a decade, Ms. Harris was a senior member of the equity syndicate desk and executed such transactions as initial public offerings for UPS, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Ariba, Redback, the General Motors sub-IPO of Delphi Automotive, and the \$3.2 Billion common stock transaction for Immunex Corporation, one of the largest biotechnology common stock transactions in U.S. history. Ms. Harris was named to Fortune Magazine's list of "The 50 Most Powerful Black Executives in Corporate America", Fortune's Most Influential List, U. S. Bankers Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Finance (2009, 2010, 2011), Black Enterprise's Top 75 Most Powerful Women in Business (2017), and "Top 75 African Americans on Wall Street", and to Essence Magazine's list of "The 50 Women Who are Shaping the World", Ebony's list of the Power 100 and "15 Corporate Women at the Top" and was named "Woman of the Year 2004" by the Harvard Black Men's Forum and in 2011 by the Yale Black Men's Forum.

Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, Carla received an MBA, *Second Year Honors* from Harvard Business School and an AB in economics from Harvard University, *Magna Cum Laude*. Carla has also received Honorary Doctorates of Laws, Humanities and Business from Marymount Manhattan College, Bloomfield College, Jacksonville University, Simmons College, the College of New Rochelle, St. Thomas Aquinas College and Fisk University, respectively. Carla Harris is actively involved in her community and heartily believes that "we are blessed so that we can be a blessing to someone else."

She is the past Chair of the Board of the Morgan Stanley Foundation and of The Executive Leadership Council

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and sits on the boards of Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO), A Better Chance, Inc, and St. Vincent's Hospitals, and is an active member of the St. Charles Gospelites of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Mark Howell Singers. She is a member of the board of overseers of Harvard University and of the board of directors of the Walmart Corporation. Ms. Harris was co-chair of the National Social Action Commission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She has been named to the New Jersey Hall of Fame (2015) and has received the Bert King Award from the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association, the 2005 Women's Professional Achievement Award from Harvard University, the Pierre Toussaint Medallion from the Office of Black Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York, the Women of Power Award given by the National Urban League, the Women of Influence Award from The Links, Incorporated and many other awards. In her other life, Carla is a singer, and has released her third gospel CD "Unceasing Praise" (2011), her second CD, a gospel album titled, "Joy Is Waiting", was featured on BET Nightly News while her first CD entitled, "Carla's First Christmas", was a bestseller on Amazon.com in New York and in record stores and was featured on the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather in his "American Dream" segment. She has performed 5 sold out concerts at Carnegie Hall. Carla is also the author of the books, *Strategize to Win* (2014) and of *Expect to Win* (2009) (Hudson Press).

Jill Jaworski joined PFM as a managing director in 2010 and manages the Chicago financial advisory practice. She has extensive experience serving as financial advisor for technically complex long-term assignments. Prior to joining PFM, Jill was an investment banker and financial advisor for 12 years, working with Chicago and Denver issuers and other major governmental entities in the Midwest region. As part of her engagements, Jill has overseen and managed the development of new credits, the implementation of springing covenants in existing indentures, creation and implementation of rating agency strategies, obtaining credit enhancement, creation of debt policies, evaluation and implementation of derivative strategies and long-term capital planning. Her experience includes public bond sales, private placements and federal loans and grants. Jill is a graduate of the University of Chicago, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She is also a Registered Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50).

Deputy Jeff Jerz has been a Police Officer since 2001 and a Deputy with the Will County Sheriff's Department since 2004. He is currently assigned to the training unit and is an instructor in tactical trauma and shock management, use of force, firearms, MACTAC, Rapid Deployment and Rescue Task Force. He is also a Crisis/Hostage Negotiator on the Departments SWAT team.

Susan R. Jones, CPA, MBA Principal is the leader of Miller Cooper's Institutional Services Group and has overall responsibility for coordinating all of Miller Cooper's services to her clients. In addition to handling the accounting and audit needs of her clients, she consults with clients regarding planning and various organizational matters and shares best practices from working with a variety of organizations. Ms. Jones joined Miller Cooper from a national accounting firm in which she had more than 20 years' experience serving a broad range of governmental, nonprofit and public audit clients. Ms. Jones has managed numerous tax-exempt bond offerings and advised clients on the Uniform Guidance, state and local reporting requirements. Ms. Jones received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana. She also received a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University: Kellstadt Graduate School of Business. Ms. Jones is a member of the Illinois CPA Society and it's Not For Profit Committee, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials and Illinois Government Finance Officers Association. She is also Treasurer of the Illinois Biotech Organization and on the Board of Goldie's Place.

Gary Karshna, President/CEO of Capital Gains Incorporated has over thirty years of investment management experience. He served as a Treasurer and Finance Director from 1984 to 1992. Under Gary's direction, investment revenues increased dramatically. Because of Gary's knowledge and enthusiasm for investments, he started his own company "Capital Gains Incorporated" in February of 1992. Since that time, Gary has successfully managed public sector investment portfolios; general funds, police and fire pension funds. Mr. Karshna has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Master of Arts degree in Public Finance from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. He has a Series 63 and Series 65 license and is a registered Investment Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the State of Illinois since 1992. Gary is also a frequent speaker at IPPFA and IGFOA seminars and his article: "Duration - What Does It Mean?" has been featured in educational materials for business and finance such as "Fundamentals of Investments" by Haim Levy, Prentice Hall, First Edition, 2002. Gary stays abreast of changes in accounting standards and pension statutes through membership in the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA), the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the Illinois Professional Firefighters' Association (IPFA), the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts (NIAFPD), the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) and the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI).

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Shayne Kavanagh is the Senior Manager of Research for GFOA and has been a leader in developing the practice and technique of long-term financial planning and policies for local government. He started GFOA's long-term financial planning and policy consulting offering in 2002 and has been working with governments on financial planning and policies ever since. Shayne's financial planning experience also drives his research at GFOA. He is the author of a number of influential publications on financial planning, including *Informed Decision-Making Through Forecasting*, GFOA's newest book on how to make accurate forecasts and effectively integrate them into decision-making. The leading and highly regarded book about long-term financial planning in local government, *Financing the Future. Financial Policies: Design and Implementation*, GFOA's flagship publication on the topic. Articles in magazines including *Government Finance Review*, *Public Management*, *School Business Affairs*, *Public CIO*, and the *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, and *National Civic Review*. He is on the editorial board for the *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*. Prior to joining GFOA, Shayne was the Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Palos Park, Illinois, where he was responsible for managing all aspects of financial management operations, including budgeting, utility billing, payroll, and accounting. He received his MPA degree from Northern Illinois University.

Andrew Kim, Director, Public Finance of PMA Securities, Inc. joined PMA Securities in 2015. He has been in the public finance industry since 2009, having started his career at a financial advisory firm before spending the majority of his career at an underwriting broker-dealer. While at his prior firms, his primary responsibilities included providing quantitative and qualitative research, financial analysis and client support for local government and non-profit clients. At PMA, his responsibilities include expanding the firm's footprint among Illinois municipalities. Some of his specific engagements include providing financial advisory services to the Village of Mt. Prospect, the City of Country Club Hills, the City of Crystal Lake, the Village of Huntley, the Village of Bolingbrook, the Town of Cortland, the Park District of La Grange as well as other park districts and various school districts. Mr. Kim has a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago. He holds FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses. Mr. Kim is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association and Illinois Association of School Business Officials and has previously presented at prior IGFOA events.

Frederick G. Lantz, a Certified Public Accountant, is partner and the Director of Government Services at Sikich, LLP. He is responsible for providing technical services to Sikich's clients in all areas of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, budget development, revenue and expenditure forecasting, and cash and debt management. Prior to joining Sikich, Fred was an assistant director for the Technical Services Center of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), where he was a nationally recognized expert in the state and local government industry. At GFOA, he was responsible for managing the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program, providing accounting, auditing and financial reporting assistance to state and local government officials and their auditors, and serving as a liaison to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Fred is a member of the Illinois CPA Society, serving on the Governmental Report Review; the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, serving on the Technical Accounting Review Committee; the Association of School Business Officers, serving as a panel review chair for the Certificate of Excellence Program; the Government Finance Officers Association serving on the Special Review Committee for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program; the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association and the Illinois Municipal League.

Nicole Larson is the Finance Director for the Village of Glencoe, where she is responsible for coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Finance Department, the annual budget, audit, general accounting and risk management. Prior to working for the Village of Glencoe, Mrs. Larson was the Finance Director at the Village of Vernon Hills, where she was charged with the oversight of the municipal finance operations, human resource function, risk management and information technology division. Prior to Vernon Hills, she was Finance Director for the City of Highland Park and Accounting Manager at the Village of Palatine. Mrs. Larson is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Accounting from Roosevelt University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration for Northern Illinois University. Mrs. Larson is a member of the AICPA and Illinois CPA Society. She is also a member of GFOA, IGFOA and is currently the Past President of the IGFOA Chicago-Metro Chapter Board.

Timothy J. McCarthy was employed with the United States Secret Service from 1972 – 1993. Highlights of his career with the United States Secret Service included almost nine years assigned to the Presidential Protection Division in Washington D.C. on two separate tours of duty rising to Assistant Special Agent in charge of the Presidential Protection Division from 1985 to 1989. In 1989, Mr. McCarthy was selected for the senior executive service and promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Division of the U.S. Secret Service with responsibility for complex criminal investigations and protective operations in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Northern Indiana. He managed approximately 150 employees in offices in Chicago, Springfield, Milwaukee, Madison and

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Hammond, Indiana. Mr. McCarthy retired from the U. S. Secret Service in October 1993. In May 1994, he was selected as Chief of Police for the Village of Orland Park where he manages 110 sworn officers, and an additional 80 civilian members. Major components of the department are Administration, Patrol, Investigations, Communications, Records, Detention, Evidence and Emergency Services. During his tenure as Chief of Police, the Orland Park Police Department has achieved the highest level of accreditation, Tier II, through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The department is Storm Ready certified through the National Weather Service, received the City Livability Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors for community policing; the Agency Preparedness Award from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems for emergency preparedness and numerous other awards and recognitions. Recently the Orland Park Police Department has trained over twenty officers and two supervisors as a Crisis Intervention Team to deal with the growing issues with the mentally ill. In addition, Orland Park has trained and equipped all officers with NARCAN to treat persons who overdose on opioids. Mr. McCarthy was the police department project manager for the construction of our current state of the art, 65,000 square foot, 15 million-dollar police headquarters. He has extensive experience in contract negotiations, arbitration and labor issues with our labor unions to include AFSCME and Metropolitan Alliance of Police as well as dealing with labor union exercising their right to conduct job actions as picketing and protesting. He has been both the lead negotiator and member of the negotiating team on numerous labor contracts. In 2016, he was selected as the first Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; Police Chief of the Year 2016 From July 2016 to May 2017, he was appointed as the Interim Village Manager for the Village of Orland Park and remained as the Chief of Police of Orland Park during that time.

Chris Morrill serves as the Executive Director/CEO of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the US & Canada. He served from 2010 to 2017 as city manager of the City of Roanoke, VA. Previously Chris served as the Assistant City Manager and Budget Director for the City of Savannah, GA and as a budget analyst for Catawba County, NC. From 1999 through 2001, Chris served as Senior Municipal Finance Advisor to the South African National Treasury under a United States Agency for International Development project. In this position, he assisted the South African government with developing local government finance legislation, municipal budget reforms, and capacity building programs. He served from 1992 through 1994 as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in the former Soviet Union, where he advised the City of Lviv, Ukraine on finance and management issues. Morrill co-authored *The Savannah Story: The Road to Equity and Sustainable Community Development* in Economic Development in American Cities: The Pursuit of an Equity Agenda. He completed a three-year fellowship in the Kellogg National Leadership Program, exploring conflict resolution and community building in Peru, China, Northern Ireland, and South Africa.

Scott Nees is an Associate Director in the Local Governments group at S&P Global, specializing in general obligation, special tax, and special purpose district bond ratings in Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and North and South Dakota. Before joining S&P, Scott worked at a consulting firm in central Indiana doing economic development and comprehensive planning for local governments throughout the state. Scott received a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePauw University with a major in philosophy and minor in English literature, a Master of Arts degree in philosophy from Georgia State University, and a Master of Public Affairs degree with a concentration in public policy analysis from Indiana University (Bloomington)'s School of Public & Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

Jason Palmer, Senior Managing Consultant for PFM Asset Management LLC is the Multi-Asset Class Strategist for the Midwest region. In this role, he updates clients and prospective clients on the multi-asset class management team's investment views, portfolio positioning, and investment performance. Jason also leads the Chicago team's focus on Illinois Police and Firefighter pension funds. He is a frequent speaker at various Illinois Police and Firefighter pension and IGFOA conferences. Mr. Palmer brings an extensive institutional investment background with experience in corporate pension fund management and as an investment consultant for large public pension funds.

Gregory J. Peters, Retired Municipal Finance Director, has over 40 years of local government finance management experience. He spent his full-time career as Director of Finance for the Village of Wheeling (11 Years); City of Des Plaines (10 years) and completed his career in 2006 as Director of Finance for the Village of Oak Park (10 years). Since 2006, Greg has performed municipal finance consulting services to 12 different communities throughout the Chicago metropolitan region. He has also served as Finance Section Chief for MABAS in Wheeling, Illinois from 2008 through 2014. He is an adjunct professor of Public Finance in the Public Administration graduate program at Illinois Tech (formerly Illinois Institute of Technology). Throughout his career, Greg has served in a number of leadership positions with various intergovernmental agencies and special purpose entities including the first treasurer of the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC). Greg is a Past President of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association and Past President of the Metropolitan Municipal Finance Officers Association. Greg holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Loyola University (Chicago) and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and

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Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He has also attended performance measurement training at the Kennedy School of Public Affairs at Harvard University as well as numerous GFOA and IGFOA seminars and conferences.

Stephan Roberts, Director, joined the Baird public finance team in 1998. Since then he has provided issuers, large and small, with leadership and investment banking expertise. Mr. Roberts provides services to such clients as the Cities of Chicago, and St. Louis and the State of Illinois. He has also worked with the Chicago Transit Authority, the Villages of Antioch, Addison, Glen Ellyn and Tinley Park, the Cities of Moline, Rochelle, Rockford and Woodstock, and the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District. In total, he has served on over \$15 billion in bonds. He brings innovative ideas to clients' unique needs. Testament to his skills was his participation on *The Bond Buyer's* Midwest Regional Deal of the Year Award in 2005 on a complicated pension transaction and Nontraditional Deal of the Year in 2009 assisting a client with swap counterparty negotiations. Another of his clients won the award again in 2011 for the National Small Issue Deal of the Year. Mr. Roberts is a graduate of North Central College, in Naperville, Illinois where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in Finance. He is also a General Securities Representative (Series 7), a Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Municipal Securities Registered Representative (Series 52) and a Uniform Securities Law Registered Representative (Series 63).

Larry Schroth, Director of Information Technology for the Village of Palatine. Over the last 28 years, Larry has held different positions in Private and Public entities in IT Management, Development and System Administration. During this time in IT, Larry focused on Finance, Financial Management, Human Resources, Manufacturing, Education & Training. Larry has his BA from Kent State University and his MBA from Lake Forest School of Management.

Todd Sholeen is part of the Huntington Bank, Government Banking team in Illinois, with over 25 years of banking experience in the government sector. Todd joined the bank in 2012 and is currently a member of the IGFOA where he has serves on the Partners' Forum and is a member of IASBO where he serves on the Cash Management Debt Service Committee. Todd also serves locally as a trustee for the Village of Barrington and volunteers for various nonprofit organizations. Todd graduated from Principia College with a bachelor's degree in English and he received his Masters in Accounting at DePaul University.

Patti-Lynn Silva, Chief Accountant, has been a member of the senior executive team for the City of Bloomington, IL since May 1, 2012. Ms. Silva holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Quinnipiac University located in Hamden, Connecticut and is a CPA. She began her career in 1999, as a public accountant and government auditor for McGladrey & Pullen LLP in New Haven, Connecticut where she focused on municipal clients. Ms. Silva continued her career in project management implementing both financial software and government accounting standards at the Town of Stratford, Connecticut where she was later hired as the Assistant Finance Director. Subsequently, she served as the Finance Director, the Town of Cheshire, Connecticut until she relocated to Bloomington. Ms. Silva has extensive background in pension administration, debt management, long term financial planning, municipal budgets, benefits, tax collection, audit, procurement and financial accounting and reporting.

Molly Talkington is the Finance Director for the City of DeKalb, Illinois. She is responsible for the overall administration and operations of the Finance Department. This includes budget preparation and execution, financial aspects of the Capital Improvements Plan, property tax levy, revenue projections, audit, and other projects. Molly is also a key team member tasked with replacing and implementing new financial and human resources software. Additionally, she is the President of the Downstate Chapter of the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association. Previously, she was the Financial Services Manager/Budget Officer for the City of Champaign, Illinois and in other Illinois communities. Molly holds a Bachelor of Science in History from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and a Master of Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. She is a Distinguished Budget Award and Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award reviewer.

Thomas A. Thomey (Tom) offers almost thirty years of experience as a public servant, senior consultant, project manager, software engineer, and business entrepreneur. He is president and founder of Municipal GIS Partners (MGP) Inc (www.MGPInc.com). MGP is a shared-services company that partners with communities to make informed decisions by managing and visualizing their data. Tom began his career in 1986 as a software developer for Geonex Corporation, where he managed several of the company's largest GIS clients. From 1994 through 1997, he was GIS Manager for the City of Highland Park, IL overseeing system implementation, data maintenance, software development, and program management. In 1998, Tom founded MGP to make GIS programs in the greater Chicago area more effective and affordable for small and medium-sized communities through a shared-services model. His vision has been adopted by 34 communities and is known as the GIS Consortium (www.GISConsortium.org). Tom has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Applied Science, with a minor in Mathematics, from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

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Brenda Towers is Manager of the Local Tax Allocation Division for the Illinois Department of Revenue. The Illinois Department of Revenue's Local Tax Allocation Division acts as a liaison between the local governments and the Department. The Local Tax Allocation Division's primary responsibility is the verification and disbursement of various taxes to municipalities, counties and various taxing districts. Other duties include administering rate change ordinances, resolving disputes between local governments regarding taxpayer's locations and responding to correspondence from local governments. She earned a B.S., Business Administration from the Illinois College.

Kevin Wachtel has 20 years of experience in local government management and finance administration. Mr. Wachtel was appointed Finance Director for the Village of Villa Park in 2014 and serves as a Trustee on the Villa Park Fire Pension Board. Prior to working in Villa Park, Mr. Wachtel served in leadership roles in other small and mid-sized suburban Chicago communities. Kevin earned a B.S. in Political Science in 1998 and Master of Public Administration degree in 2000 from Northern Illinois University. In 2011, Mr. Wachtel was recognized by the GFOA as a Certified Public Finance Officer. Mr. Wachtel has been active in the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association, where he is currently serving on the Executive Board. He has served on the IGFOA Professional Education Committee and the South Metro Chapter board from 2005 - 2009, including President from 2007-2008.

Dalena Welkomer, Senior Vice President, has been a member of Baird's public finance team since 2004. She has assisted many Illinois issuers with their bond transactions such as the Cities of Champaign, East Peoria and Streator and the Villages of Bedford Park, Oswego and Plainfield. Her experience cuts across many types of financings including advance and current refundings, general obligation and revenue, special district, water and sewer, tax increment, school, and higher education. Dalena graduated Magna Cum Laude from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois where she received a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance with a minor in International Business and Economics. She is licensed through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as a Municipal Securities Representative (Series 52) and is a registered Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Municipal Advisor (MSRB) (Series 50).

Larry White is a partner in the Public Finance Department at Chapman and Cutler LLP and has been practicing law since 1990. He serves as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel to governmental entities and underwriters on a wide variety of governmental financings. Larry also counsels investment banks, commercial banks and financial advisors on a wide variety of government related topics, including public offering disclosure and regulatory compliance. In addition, Larry is a frequent speaker on public finance and related regulatory topics. Larry has focused his public finance practice on general obligation and revenue bond transactions, including financings for cities, villages, school districts, park districts, counties, libraries and fire protection districts. In addition, he is one of the lead attorneys in the firm's bond counsel representation of each of the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Larry White is a partner in the Illinois Public Finance Department at Chapman and Cutler LLP and has been practicing law since 1990. He serves as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel to governmental entities and underwriters on a wide variety of governmental financings. Larry also counsels investment banks, commercial banks and financial advisors on a wide variety of government related topics, including public offering disclosure and regulatory compliance. In addition, Larry is a frequent speaker on public finance and related regulatory topics. Larry has focused his public finance practice on general obligation and revenue bond transactions, including financings for cities, villages, school districts, park districts, counties, libraries and fire protection districts. In addition, he is one of the lead attorneys in the firm's bond counsel representation of each of the City of Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Larry was previously named one of the 40 Under Forty Lawyers to watch in Illinois by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company. He has also previously served as Assistant Legal Counsel to Speaker Michael J. Madigan of the Illinois House of Representatives. Larry earned a B.B.A., Accounting, with High Honors, from the University of Texas, and J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Jonathan Wilson a Loss Control Consultant with Gallagher Bassett has ten years of experience in safety and loss control. He Provides loss control consulting to industrial, construction, municipal, educational and religious clients. Conducts inspections and hazard surveys to determine loss exposures. Analyzes loss exposures and provides recommendations to clients to improve injury and illness rates. Develops and implements loss control programs, policies and procedures. Conducts safety training and seminars for regulatory compliance, occupational wellness, and client management. Jonathan is well versed in OSHA compliance standards, including: Hazard Communication, Walking Working Surfaces, Powered Industrial Trucks, Machine Guarding, Ergonomics, Temporary Worker Initiative. Jonathan earned an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science Technology from College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He is an authorized OSHA Instructor: OSHA 10 and 30-Hour Courses and a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

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Jason Ashmore is the Mayor of the City of Sesser in rural Southern Illinois since 2013. Jason is also a full-time Business Representative with the Teamsters Union. He has a passion for life-long learning and continues to take education, training programs and seminars to increase his knowledge so he can become a better leader and mentor for the youth of his community. He recently completed the Delta Regional Authority's Executive Leadership Program, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Leadership Program, and University of Southern California-Sol Price School of Public Policy Executive Education Forum for Policy. He earned his Associates Degree in Political Science and a Bachelors in Science in Business Management. He is currently working on his second bachelor's degree in Workforce Education and Development. He has taken on the role of economic developer, marketing manager among other unofficial titles for the City of Sesser. He has taken on official roles as Vice-President of the Southern Illinois Mayors' Association, Treasurer of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), member of the Board of Directors for the Southern Illinois Community Foundation, Commissioner with the Greater Egypt Planning Commission, National League of Cities' (NLC) Community and Economic Development Federal Committee and NLC Leadership Fellows Federal Committee and Delta Regional Authority Delta Leadership Network Co-Chairman for Illinois and have become a member of various organizations including City Club of Chicago, National League of Cities, Illinois Government of Finance Officers Association.

Scott Bordui is the Finance Director for the Village of Flossmoor, Illinois. He has held that position since 1996. Prior experience involves both public and private sectors including positions as Assistant Finance Director for the Village of Oak Park, Comptroller for a bank, and Field Examiner (auditor) with the Indiana State Board of Accounts. He also has experience teaching accounting classes at the college level. He has a B.S. in Accounting from Indiana University Kelley School of Business, is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and is a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). Professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Illinois CPA Society, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). He has been a speaker at the GFOA Annual Conference, the IGFOA Annual Conference, at IGFOA seminars and at other local events. He served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) for 5 years and had a total of 13 years of service on the IMET Board. He has served on the IGFOA Executive Board previously as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Past President and has a total of 10 years of service on the IGFOA Board. He has served as Chair of the IGFOA Annual Conference Program Committee. He is also a Past President of the South Metro Chapter of IGFOA and a current Board member for the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.

Andrew Brown is the Deputy Director of Finance for the Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, serving in that capacity since May of 2014. He has a BA in Accounting from Western Michigan University in 2005, during his tenure there he served on the Executive Board of Beta Alpha Psi, the international honors organization for financial information professionals. In 2010 he completed his Masters in Professional Accounting from Elmhurst College. Andrew has over 10 years of Governmental Accounting experience that includes over 8 years at The Town of Cicero prior to his current position. Andrew oversees the day to day operations of the Finance and General Services Department, which includes utility billing, accounts payable, accounts receivable, licensing, and customer service. Other responsibilities include coordinating the annual audit, Popular Annual Financial Report, sections of the annual budget, and strategic plan initiatives and projects Village wide. The Village of Buffalo Grove has received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for thirty-three consecutive years, Distinguished Budget Presentation Award four consecutive years and the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award 2 consecutive years. The Village maintains a "Aaa" bond rating from Moody's and Standard and Poor's Investors Services, which is the highest bond rating achievable by a governmental entity. Andrew serves as a staff liaison to the Buffalo Grove Days Committee and Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band. Public and professional contributions include membership to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Illinois Government Financial Officers Association (IGFOA), and Midwest Association of Public Procurement (MAPP). Andrew serves IGFOA in multiple capacities; Executive Board Member Non-CFO, chair of the Growth and Engagement Network, and member of the Professional Education Committee. He also sits on the Finance Committee for the Northwest Municipal Conference.

Paul N. Christensen is the Assistant City Manager and Finance Director for the City of Woodstock. Paul has held the Finance Director position since November of 2013 and was promoted to also serve as the Assistant City Manager on July 18, 2016. Prior to this, he worked at the Village of Schiller Park (2008-2013) and the Village of Fox Lake (1997-2008). During his employment at the Village of Fox Lake, Paul served as the Treasurer starting in May of 2000 and prior to this held the title of Accountant. At the Village of Schiller Park, Paul was the Finance Director and also served as an appointed trustee to the Village of Schiller Park's Police Pension Board. Preceding his employment at the Village of Fox Lake, he worked as a staff accountant auditing school and local government. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Public Finance Officer and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Iowa. As the Finance Director for the City of Woodstock, he is responsible for directing and supervising all financial responsibilities for the City's 33-million-dollar budget. These include, but are not limited to, budgeting, investing, debt, utility billing, payroll, accounts payable, and maintaining all aspects of the general ledger. Paul also serves as the Treasurer for the City. Paul is a member of the Illinois Society of

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Certified Public Accountants (ILCPAS), the Government Finance Officers Association of United States and Canada (GFOA), and the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). He has served as a Trustee to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and was on their executive director hiring committee.

Christina Coyle is the Finance Director at the Village of Glen Ellyn. She oversees the Village's \$68 million annual budget, accounting, financial reporting, and financial planning. Christina was the Village of Glen Ellyn's Assistant Finance Director before serving as Finance Director. Prior to joining the Village, Christina was an Audit Manager at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. Christina is also the Chair of the Technical Accounting Review Committee (TARC) of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). Christina is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she double-majored in Finance and French.

Linda Dalton is the Accounting Manager at the Village of Woodridge. She came from the private sector with over 10 years of fund accounting experience and has served the Village of Woodridge for 19 years. She received her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and her Bachelor's Degree from Lewis University in Finance. Linda is a member of GFOA and IGFOA. She served 4 years on the IGFOA Executive Board (chairing the Assistants' Network Program) and is currently on the IGFOA Membership Committee.

Mary Dankowski is Past President of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association. She is a Certified Public Accountant with a Masters Degree in Finance from DePaul University and an undergraduate degree in Accounting from Loyola University. Mary was Deputy Village Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director for the Village of Park Forest, Illinois for twenty-two years. Prior to this time, she was Deputy City Manager and Finance Director for Country Club Hills, Illinois. Before entering municipal finance, Mary worked ten years in industry as a financial analyst. She was also Executive Director of the Small Business Development Center at Moraine Valley Community College. The Village of Park Forest was proud to have received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting during Mary's tenure. She is also past president of the Chicago South Chapter of the Illinois CPA Society and of the South Metro Chapter of the IGFOA. Mary was named CFO of the year by the Daily Herald Business Ledger in 2014. Mary is married to husband, Brad, and has three daughters. She served as Treasurer for the University of Nebraska Parents Association. Go Huskers! For fun she serves as President Elect of the Park Forest Rotary, Treasurer of the Tall Grass Arts Association, Fundraising Chair of the Park Forest Area League of Women Voters and Trustee for the Park Forest Firefighters Pension Fund.

Anthony Fashoda is the Assistant Director of Finance for the Village of Hoffman Estates. He is responsible for the day to day operations of the Finance Department, organizing and compiling the annual budget, coordinating and managing the annual audit, and general accounting responsibilities. Previously, he was employed with the Village of Arlington Heights and the City of Wood Dale. Anthony has over eight years of governmental accounting experience. Anthony received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 2008 and Masters in Professional Accountancy degree in 2010, both from Elmhurst College. Anthony is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) and Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He also is the Vice President for the Chicago-Metro Chapter of IGFOA.

Christina Fisher is the Finance Supervisor for the City of Country Club Hills and has worked in this capacity for over two years. She also has 15 years of experience in providing various financial services for other local municipalities and nonprofit organizations in the Chicagoland and St. Louis metropolitan areas. She currently serves as Treasurer for the South Metro Chapter of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) and is a public member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). In 2017, she became a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Illinois. Her other credentials include a Masters degree in Accounting (MSA) from DePaul University, and a Masters degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Timothy J. Gavin, CPA, is responsible for the governmental audits, including municipalities villages, park districts, school districts, and other special districts at John Kasperek Co., Inc. Tim is both an expert auditor and consultant, with 12 years of experience leading staff and performing audits, accounting services, financial reporting, agreed-upon procedures, and other consulting engagements for a wide range of clients in the Chicagoland area. Tim serves as one of the firm's quality control leaders, ensuring the company is up to date with the most current standards and best practices. He is directly involved in both staff training and final audit review and has highly specialized skills in accounting/auditing software. Apart from working with some of the best and most financially progressive Illinois governments, Tim continues to be an educator and presenter on various topics related to governmental accounting and financial reporting. He has been featured in industry publications such as Accounting Today and CPA Practice Advisor. Additionally, Tim serves on the Social Media Task Force for IGFOA, as a reviewer for GFOA's Financial Reporting Certificate Program, and has helped a large number of clients obtain both GFOA and ASBO certificates for excellence in financial reporting. Tim earned his master's degree in Business

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Administration from Northern Illinois University and his bachelor's degree in Accounting from North Central College.

John Harrington joined the Village of Minooka as the Finance Director in January 2007. Prior to joining the Village, he was the Controller of the Housing Authority of the County of Cook and an audit manager for the accounting firm BDO Seidman, LLP in Chicago. He received a B.S. degree in Accounting from North Central College in Naperville and is a CPA. John is a member of the executive board for the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) and sits on the Membership Committee and South Metro Chapter board. John also sits on the Executive board for the Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Association (IMTA), the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) and the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce.

Elizabeth Kubal has over 18 years of accounting experience from the private, non-profit, and local government sectors. She is currently the Comptroller for the City of Kankakee, where she has served since 2013. Prior to Kankakee, Elizabeth held positions with the Village of Steger, IL and the Bourbonnais Township Park District. Elizabeth graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. Elizabeth is a member of the GFOA and the Illinois GFOA.

Andrea Lamberg is a Certified Public Accountant with over 25 years of accounting, finance, and insurance administration experience in public company, private company, and local government settings. Andrea has been with the City of Park Ridge for the last six years where she currently serves as the Finance Director and Treasurer. In her role with Park Ridge she has oversight of Finance, Information Technology, Purchasing, and the Commuter Parking Program. Andrea is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, and is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, Illinois CPA Society and the Illinois City/County Management Association. Andrea currently serves on IGFOA's Professional Education Committee.

Martin Lyons is the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer for Aurora, Illinois, the second largest City in the State. In this role he is responsible for a \$400 million budget, the Treasurer for the Police/Firefighters' Pension Funds and the President of the Retiree Insurance Trust for the City. Mr. Lyons is also a key member of the Economic Development Team for the City, administering 8 Tax Increment Finance Districts. The City is currently contemplating the creation of new TIF districts and is also in the process of creating a Business Improvement District, which uses an additional sales tax as the revenue source for development. The City is currently contemplating multiple economic development agreements involving "pay as you go", TIF financing, General Obligation Financing and Line of Credit funding sources. Mr. Lyons joined the City of Aurora in January of 2018. Prior to joining Aurora, Mr. Lyons was the Assistant City Manager/CFO/Treasurer for the City of Evanston for 10 years, Area Vice-President for Gallagher Benefit Services in Itasca for 6 years, Senior Director of Finance and Information Services for the Village of Downers Grove for 9 years and Finance Director/Asst Director for the Village LaGrange, for 5 years. This experience in private sector sales/service and as a public-sector CFO/Asst City Manager gives him a unique approach to public finance, economic development and service provision in the public sector. Mr. Lyons has a Masters Degree in Business Administration and has an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

William D McCarty II became Director of Budget and Management (OBM) on May 2, 2011. As Director of OBM, Director McCarty is responsible for overseeing accounting, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, and citywide fleet maintenance services. From October 2007 through May 2011, William was Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Property Management for the State of Illinois Central Management Services. From April 2005 through April 2009, he served as Village President of Williamsville, Illinois. Prior to becoming Mayor, he spent three years as Village Trustee in Williamsville. He received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Illinois - Springfield. Currently, William is a member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association Executive Board and is Chair of the IGFOA Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the Illinois Municipal League Legislative Committee and Vice Chairman of the National Association of Fleet Administrators US Legislative Affairs Committee.

Justin Miller is the Finance Officer for the City of Peru. He has worked for the City of Peru for the past 4 years. Before working for Peru, he worked as an auditor for RSM/McGladrey. Justin graduated from Illinois State University with bachelor's degrees in accounting and finance and is working towards his master's in public administration from the University of Illinois. He earned his CPA license in 2012. He currently serves on the IGFOA's membership committee and serves locally on his community's United Way Board.

Sarah Montanari, CPA, MAS, is an audit manager at Sikich and has experience auditing a variety of governmental entities, with a focus on cities and villages. She is responsible for performing key audit procedures and internal control evaluations, report preparation and the supervision of audit fieldwork teams. Sarah earned a

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Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Accounting Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Mark Nannini is the Chief Financial Officer for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Previously worked as Director of Finance/Treasurer for the City of Crystal Lake, Director of Finance City of Rolling Meadows and Comptroller Village of Niles. As of 12/31/15, IMRF has 174,098 active members, 118,038 benefits recipients and 121,664 inactive members, \$35 billion in assets under management. The plan is administered under an Agent Multiple Employer plan. Mark has an M.B.A. in Finance and an Undergraduate Degree in Accounting. He is a National Budget Reviewer for Government Finance Officers Association, a member of the National GFOA Committee on Retirement and Benefits Administration and a member of the Technical Accounting Review committee for IGFOA.

Adam Pulley, CPA, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has eleven years of experience, and specializes in audits of governmental entities. He has also served the engagements of various governmental entities conducted under the Single Audit and OMB standards. He Supervises financial audit engagements and single audits, provides technical assistance to personnel during engagements, assists in governmental entities in preparing financial statements to obtain the GFOA Certificate of Excellence. Adam has a Masters of Accounting, Accounting, from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Accountancy, Accounting, from the University of Illinois. He is a member of Illinois CPA Society, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Young Professionals Organization of Greater Peoria, Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, and Board Secretary of Crittenton Centers.

Scott Shamberg acts as Vice President of Azavar Government Solitons. Mr. Shamberg has been with Azavar Government Solutions for over eight (8) years and is responsible for the day-to-day activities. He comes from a background in municipal work with a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) and has worked for the Village of Elk Grove Village in the village manager's office and the City of Highland Park in economic development. Mr. Shamberg has led the development of the sales tax address review program and the revenue monitoring and collection automation software for locally imposed and administered taxes. He authored and coordinated with the Will County Governmental League in passing Public Act 98-1058 which gave all municipalities in Illinois access to financial sales tax data. Mr. Shamberg is involved multiple municipal organizations and regularly gives presentations on local government revenues throughout Illinois.

Patrice Sutton is the Finance Director for Lake County. Previously, she served as the Finance Director of the Villages of Libertyville and Round Lake Beach as well as the Deputy Finance Director of Lake County and the City of Highland Park. She is a CPFO and chairs the CPFO Team of the IGFOA Professional Education Committee. Prior to her work in government finance, she was a consultant working with government organizations on technology assessments and system procurement and implementations. She has a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

Rita A. Trainor, finance director for the Wheaton Park District, began her professional career in "Big 8" public accounting. Subsequently Rita worked in internal auditing in manufacturing and spent 10 years in corporate offices of telecommunications corporation in a variety of positions including SEC reporting. She has worked in local government since 1994 as a Finance Director in both park districts and municipal environment. Rita is a past president of the IL Government Finance Officers' Association and an active member of the IGFOA's Technical Accounting Review Committee since 1995. Rita is a CPA, CMA and certified IL Government Finance Officer with over 30 years of experience. She earned a B.S. and M.S. in Accounting. One husband, two sons and two dogs and will become a grandmother for the first time this month (September).

Kevin Wachtel has 20 years of experience in local government management and finance administration. Mr. Wachtel was appointed Finance Director for the Village of Villa Park in 2014 and serves as a Trustee on the Villa Park Fire Pension Board. Prior to working in Villa Park, Mr. Wachtel served in leadership roles in other small and mid-sized suburban Chicago communities. Kevin earned a B.S. in Political Science in 1998 and Master of Public Administration degree in 2000 from Northern Illinois University. In 2011, Mr. Wachtel was recognized by the GFOA as a Certified Public Finance Officer. Mr. Wachtel has been active in the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association, where he is currently serving on the Executive Board. He has served on the IGFOA Professional Education Committee and the South Metro Chapter board from 2005 - 2009, including President from 2007-2008.

Susan Wade is Vice President of Public Funds for First Midwest Bank. She has over 27 years of banking experience almost exclusively in the public funds market. She is a treasury manager specialist, manages the banking relationships for governmental entities and is a frequent speaker and volunteer at association events. She is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Susan is a member of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, Will County Governmental League, South Suburban Mayors and Manager's Conference appointed to the Financial Advisory Board for the City of Naperville and sits on the Foundation Board of Directors for Moraine Valley Community College.

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