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#### The New IGFOA.org!

IGFOA recently launched its redesigned website. Members can see its fresh, modern look here. The new website was designed to be easier and more intuitive to navigate and should enable both public sector members and partners to find information more efficiently.

Although there are a few open action items to complete on the appearance, the website functionality is complete. That includes signing in to access member-only benefits, like the Knowledge Exchange.

Thank you to the IGFOA Website Redesign Task Force for sharing their time and expertise over the past three years to see this project to completion. In addition to the Task Force, other IGFOA members contributed time to the success of this project.

#### Website Redesign Task Force

Elizabeth Holleb, Chair, Finance Director, Village of Lake Forest Nick Mostardo, Finance Director, Village of Libertyville John Harrington, Finance Director, Village of Minooka Natalie Schwarz, Senior Manager, Management Consulting, Plante Moran

#### Other Contributing IGFOA Members

Melissa Gallagher, Deputy Finance Director, Lake County
Bill Hannah, Director of Finance, City of St. Charles
Kevin Wachtel, Finance Director, Village of Orland Park
Bill McCarty, Director, Office of Budget and Management, City of Springfield
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# Ruth Limpers' Scholarship Fund Applications Being Accepted!

The RLSF program is positioned to award three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each in these categories: IGFOA member, non-member and diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI) student.

Applications are currently being accepted and will close on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Eligible students are defined as both graduate and undergraduate students (including incoming high school students) working towards a related degree in government finance (accounting, finance, or any business-related degree as well as MBA and MPA degrees).

For those who did not know Ruth, she was a dedicated IGFOA staff member who served the Association for more than two decades. Ruth was devoted to advancing the mission of IGFOA through education. In 2020 Ruth was diagnosed with ALS and in 2021, she lost her battle with the disease. In honor of Ruth's commitment to education, IGFOA created the RLSF program to support the studies of students at accredited educational institutions interested in a career in government finance.

More information on the program and the application can be found here.

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#### Thank you IGFOA Volunteers!

IGFOA's success as an organization is due to the many members who volunteer their time and expertise. Thank you for your dedication to IGFOA's mission to promote excellence in government finance!

#### **Basic Governmental Accounting**

**Speakers:** Brian LeFevre, Partner, Sikich LLP and Rachel Musiala, Director of Finance, Village of Hoffman Estates

#### 2022 Debt Institute

A special thank you to **Don Harmon**, Illinois Senate President for providing a recap of the recent legislative session and sharing insight into what to expect in the future and to **Larry White**, Partner, Chapman and Cutler LLP for coordinating and serving as moderator for the Debt Institute.

#### Speakers:

Coley Anderson, Vice President, Moody's Investors Service Christina Coyle, Director of Finance, City of Elmhurst Kent Flores, Partner, Chapman and Cutler LLP
Andrew Kim, Director, PMA Securities, LLC
Todd Krzyskowski, Director, Mesirow Financial
Philip McKenna, President, Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc.
Anthony F. Miceli, Senior Vice President, Speer Financial, Inc.
Seema Patel, Senior Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP
Stephan Roberts, Director – Public Finance, BAIRD
Jim Snyder, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

#### Downstate Chapter - Southern Region Lunch & Learn

Speaker: Stephen Adams, Director, Public Finance, PMA Securities, LLC

#### Downstate Chapter - Rock River Region Lunch & Learn

**Speakers:** Nick Bava, CPA, MAS, Senior Audit Manager, Sikich LLP and

Lindsey Fish, CPA, Senior Manager, Sikich LLP

#### 2022 Illinois Association of Public Procurement Officials Fall Conference

Speaker: Molly Talkington, Finance Director, City of Rolling Meadows

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#### **IDOR October Local Government Newsletter**

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) Local Tax Allocation Division published its October 2022 Local Government Newsletter.

The content includes information about the implementation of the suspension of the grocery sales tax from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, details on the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY) Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) estimate issued by IDOR, and other important information for local governments.

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# Counties Invited to Review FCC Broadband Mapping Data

America's county government leaders have a unique opportunity to review and inform the Federal Communication Commission's broadband mapping data for their counties. This process, known as the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) process, will be instrumental in the distribution of more than \$40 billion in federal broadband grants to states later this year and into 2023. A brief overview of the process and key summary points are available via this link.

Thank you Joe McCoy, Executive Director, ISACo for sharing this information.

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# State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Contact Center Update

On September 23, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Adewale O. Adeyemo sent a letter (available via this link) to all SLFRF grantees informing them that funding for the SLFRF contact center would be ending. As of October 17, the contact center is no longer able to respond to phone calls and within the next two weeks, the Department of Treasury's response time to recipient emails will be significantly delayed. To ease the burden on local governments, the Treasury Department has provided access to frequently asked questions from grantees (available via this link).

On October 14, the Department of Treasury sent an email (available via this link) to grantees regarding the September 23 letter along with additional information and resources.

More information on SLFRF can be found on the Department of Treasury's website (available via this link).

The National League of Cities (NLC) is also available to assist municipal officials who may have additional questions. Questions can be emailed to NLC at SLFRFhelp@nlc.org.

### Biden-Harris Administration Announces Action Plan to Accelerate Infrastructure

On October 13, the Biden-Harris Administration hosted an Accelerate Infrastructure Summit that brought together local, state and federal leaders to discuss ways to improve infrastructure

projects to ensure they are on time, on task and on budget. The Administration released an Action Plan to Accelerate Infrastructure (available via this link) with best practices.

In 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which will invest in transportation, energy, rail, water and other critical infrastructure projects during the next five years. Illinois will receive more than \$15.957 billion in funding from IIJA for road, bridge and transit projects.

The White House released a Guidebook on IIJA (available via this link) that provides details on how much funding is available for the specific programs contained in the law. In addition, the White House published the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Rural Playbook (available via this link) to help rural communities understand the funding that is available for infrastructure projects.

### New Program to Help Communities Seek Infrastructure Projects

On October 6, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released information on the Thriving Communities Program (TCP). The purpose of this program is to ensure state, local, tribal and territorial governments have the tools needed to access federal funding for projects serving their communities. DOT sent a press release on this topic (available via this link).

TCP will provide two years of technical assistance to under-resourced and disadvantaged communities to identify, develop and deliver transportation and community revitalization activities. The program will utilize capacity builders to help selected communities in a variety of activities including preparing application materials or predevelopment activities, deploying innovative community engagement, workforce development and clean technology strategies. There is no cost for communities to receive support through TCP.

A three-part webinar series on the program occurred on October 12, 13 and 19. Recordings are available on DOT's website (available via this link).

DOT has released a Letter of Interest (available via this link) for community leaders seeking support from the program. Letters of Interest will be accepted through December 6. DOT also released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for capacity builders (available via this link). Applications will be accepted through November 22. More information on TCP can be found on a dedicated webpage (available via this link).

#### **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plans**

On September 27, the Biden-Harris Administration issued a press release (available via this link) announcing it had approved Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plans for all 50 states under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. All states will now have access to Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 NEVI formula funding, totaling more than \$1.5 billion to help build electric vehicle (EV) chargers covering approximately 75,000 miles of

highway across the country. The NEVI formula funding will make \$5 billion available during the next five years to build convenient, reliable and affordable EV charging networks.

Approved plans are available on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) website (available via this link), as well as funding tables for the full five years of the NEVI Formula program (available via this link).

Click here to keep reading.

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#### **Welcome New IGFOA Members!**

IGFOA continues to recognize new members. This week, we recognize new members joining in October 2022.

#### **Public Sector**

Debra Bullock, Niles Park District

Mindy Darcy, Tazewell County

Mike Deluhery, Tazewell County

Hilda Flores, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

Rolando Hernandez, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

Angela Homberg, Plainfield Township Park District

Dongmei Li, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

Ana Lopez, Village of East Dundee

Kimberly Thomas, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

Rosalind Thomas, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

Monica Whitsey, Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

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#### **Members on the Move**

Anthony Fashoda, Finance Director, Village of Carpentersville - afashoda@cville.org

Regina Tuczak, Finance Director, Assistant Executive Director, IPOPIF - rtuczak@ipopif.org

If you have recently retired or changed positions, email info@igfoa.org and let colleagues know where you are!

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#### **CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND**

To view a full listing of available on-demand webinars click here.

2021 Finance Professionals Academy Webinar Series - Back to Basics

IGFOA On-Demand Webinar | Debt 101: Issuing Bonds

IGFOA On-Demand Webinar | A Primer on Public Budgeting for Local Governments

IGFOA On-Demand Webinar | Banking 101

IGFOA On-Demand Webinar | Governmental Accounting Overview

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# **EDUCATION EVENTS**

#### **NEW THIS WEEK!**

Professional Education Committee Lunch & Learn:

# LOCAL RECORDS RETENTION BEST PRACTICES & WORKSHOP

December 8, 2022 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

NIU Naperville 8500 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108



# Local Records Retention - Best Practices & Workshop

December 8, 2022 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Members and Member/Staff Colleagues \$25, Non-Members \$30

Join Steve Colaizzi and Marikay Hegarty, Records Archivists, for an encore presentation on the Local Records Act. Learn about how to identify public records, records management issues and best practices in preventing illegal destruction of records. After the presentation, stay for a working lunch workshop to create or update your agency's application and discuss policy and procedures with other agencies. **Attendees are asked to bring a copy of their organizations application and disposal certificate.** 

#### **AGENDA**

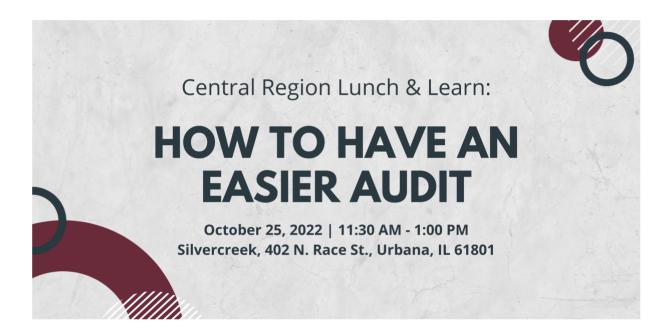
Check-in and Networking: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Presentation: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Luncheon & Workshop Q & A: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

#### LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!



#### How to Have an Easier Audit

Want to learn how you can improve your audit process? Register today to find out!

### October 25, 2022 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM Members and Member/Staff Colleagues \$20, Non-Members \$25

The annual audit is a necessary but sometimes painful process, but it doesn't have to be. Join **Tim Gavin** of Lauterbach of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP as he helps attendees develop a more efficient and responsive process that will make dealing with your auditors more pleasant. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic provides further challenges, so he will also discuss how to adapt these techniques in a remote working environment.

#### **AGENDA**

Check-in and Networking: 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Luncheon: 11:45 AM Presentation: 12:00 PM

#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

#### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Presented by the Professional Education Committee

### Intermediate Governmental Accounting Seminar

November 8 - 9, 2022 | 8 AM - 4 PM

NIU Naperville 1120 E. Diehl Road Naperville, IL 60563



#### **Intermediate Governmental Accounting Seminar**

Looking for something more than Basic Governmental Accounting?

If the answer is yes, this two-day seminar is for you!

November 8-9, 2022 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Early Bird Rates: Members \$225, Member Colleagues \$235, NonMembers \$275

**Instructors:** Frederick G. Lantz, CPA, Director, Government Services, *Sikich LLP* and Bill Hannah, Director of Finance, *City of St. Charles* 

#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**



**Free IGFOA Virtual Roundtable:** 

### 457(b) Plan Provider RFP Best Practices

November 15, 2022 | 12 PM - 1 PM



# Free IGFOA Virtual Roundtable: 457(b) Plan Provider RFP Best Practices

Join **Justin Pisellini** and **Joel Clousing** of The 457 Consulting Group for an interactive discussion on why it is a best practice to issue an RFP for 457(b) provider services. Learn important questions to ask when building the RFP, best practice plan features to request in a proposal, how to identify red flags when updating an existing plan, what to expect when choosing a new provider, and how to handle market value adjustments and unexpected issues. Finally, George Danos, Champaign County Auditor, and Gary Szott, former Finance Director, Village of Bloomingdale, will share their experience on how they improved their plans through the RFP process. Spoiler Alert: One changed providers and one did not.

This event is hosted by the Illinois GFOA. There is no cost to attend.

#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

#### **REGISTER FOR A CHAPTER HOLIDAY EVENT!**











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### REMINDERS

# IS YOUR MEMBER PROFILE CURRENT?

#### **ATTENTION MEMBERS!**

Login to the IGFOA website and update your profile.

- Contact information (name, position, address, phone, email, and website)
- Colleagues
- Membership (primary chapter designation)
- Profile picture
- Employment/Volunteer history

Primary members can also update the following:

- Government Entity profile
- Firm profile

Not sure what to add? Click on the Member Directory under the Membership tab on the IGFOA homepage and search other members profiles for ideas!

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### Connecting With IGFOA Partners

The IGFOA Services Guide is your guide to Financial Services for Government Entities from IGFOA Partners. The Services Guide

#### **IGFOA SUSTAINING PARTNERS**

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Azavar Government Solutions, Inc.

BAIRD

Baker Tilly US, LLP

BMO Harris Bank N.A.

Chapman and Cutler LLP

Enterprise Fleet Management

Equitable

Fifth Third Bank

GW & Associates, PC

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund

J.P.Morgan

MWM Consulting Group
Old National Bank
OpenGov

provides an on-line listing and links to firms providing services to IGFOA members. Here you can find contact names and information for soliciting proposals or links to firms' websites for more information about services offered.

PFM Asset Management
PMA Financial Network, Inc.
PNC Bank

Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC

Segal

Sikich LLP

The 457 Consulting Group

Tyler Technologies, Inc.

Wintrust Government Funds

Zions Bank

#### **IGFOA ASSOCIATE PARTNERS**

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Asset Control Solutions, Inc.

Baecore Group, Inc.

Bernardi Securities, Inc.

**BS&A Software** 

Capital Gains Incorporated

Civic Systems LLC

ClientFirst Technology Consulting

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Crowe LLP

DACRA Tech.

DebtBook

Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago

First Bank Chicago

FORVIS, LLP

Foster & Foster

GovHR USA

GovInvest Inc.

Ice Miller LLP

Illinois Public Risk Fund

Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC)

IntraFi Network (Formerly Promontory Interfinancial Network)

Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc.

Laner Muchin, Ltd.

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd

Moody's Investors Service

Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.

Northland Securities, Inc.

OSG

Paycom Software

Paymentus

Paymerang

Piper Sandler & Co.

Plante Moran
Raymond James
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Selden Fox, Ltd.
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If you are still having trouble receiving information, please contact IGFOA staff at (630) 942-6587 or email info@igfoa.org.

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#### **NEW POSTINGS:**

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Accounting Manager- Full Time | Forest
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Chief Investment Officer | Cook County
Pension Fund

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#### **Knowledge Exchange**

The Knowledge Exchange is a members' only resource that facilitates knowledge and document sharing between members of the IGFOA. Post and tag content, ask and answer questions, launch a poll, and share documents. All content and materials are contributed by members and posted in a searchable on-line forum available 24/7.

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