



## March 2009

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AGA's mission is to serve professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

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Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

We hear the cry every day in the newspapers, on radio, on television, and on the web. Most, but not all Denver Chapter AGA members are working, and how lucky we are to have secure jobs in this economy. The AGA Denver Chapter website posts jobs that we have been informed are open. Take a look sometime to see what is there. The address is

[www.denveraga.org/](http://www.denveraga.org/).

I checked the USA jobs website today and found 3,971 Federal job announcements open for grades 7 - 13 under the heading "Accounting, Budget, and Finance." There were 150 of these job openings in Colorado. There were 168 on [http://www.federaljobsearch.com/Cat/CO\\_accounting\\_finance\\_job\\_17.asp?cid=0&tid=51205017](http://www.federaljobsearch.com/Cat/CO_accounting_finance_job_17.asp?cid=0&tid=51205017).

If you know about a job announcement in your agency or in another agency, please share it with the Denver Chapter so we can put it on our website right away. Let's help our fellow members find the job match we all want for ourselves. Send copies of job announcements to AGA Denver Director of Employment, Kari Grimshaw, at [Kari\\_Grimshaw@fws.gov](mailto:Kari_Grimshaw@fws.gov).

SO, YOU THINK YOU ARE GOOD WITH NUMBERS?

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER?

SEE IF YOU CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. GO TO THE DENVER AGA WEBSITE AT [www.denveraga.org/](http://www.denveraga.org/) AND SEE IF YOUR ANSWER OPENS THE SPREAD SHEET. IF IT DOES, ADD YOUR NAME, SAVE THE SHEET AND SEND THE PROBLEM TO YOUR FRIENDS WITH THE SPREAD SHEET ATTACHED.

GOOD LUCK!!!

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*Recipients of AGA Denver Chapter Awards  
will be announced during the PDC*

**Registration Rates**

*Postmarked before May 1, 2009/Postmarked May 1, 2009 or later*

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| AGA Member:      | \$250/\$275 |
| NON AGA Member:  | \$275/\$300 |
| Single Day Rate: | \$200/\$200 |

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260722, Lakewood, CO 80226-0722 Attention: Gail Bruce

**Program registration forms available at [www.denveraga.org](http://www.denveraga.org)**

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***—Please join us for this important and timely discussion—***



## AGA Research Study *Continued...*

The report describes the research effort, provides a brief technical overview of XBRL, and contains graphics demonstrating the processes of converting the CAFR data into XBRL, creating the instance document and rendering the instance document into a readable conventional file format.

The significant findings of the research were that:

- 1) A CAFR taxonomy for all states would have to be at a relatively high level since line items (at least by title) are likely to vary considerably among the states.
- 2) There are good reasons for looking at XBRL to improve the handling, exchange and reporting of public sector financial information.
- 3) There is a tremendous opportunity for more research in this area and an even greater opportunity for improved municipal reporting.

Major XBRL projects at the FDIC and United Technologies have clearly demonstrated better data faster, and an XBRL project involving municipal reporting in the Netherlands reported greater efficiency resulting in 75-percent time savings for the creation of financial reports for the balances of accounts and budgets for test municipalities. Prior to XBRL, the creation of these reports entailed labor-intensive activities, much like the creation of external reports in the U.S. public sector.

“Governments today compete for capital around the globe electronically. Our XBRL investments in an efficient global marketplace today will help sow the seeds for lower interest cost tomorrow,” says Oregon State Controller John Radford. “For government financial statement preparers, the marginal cost to convert existing financial reports in XBRL will increase market efficiency, and that’s a good thing. Our experience in Oregon is that the actual cost is slightly more than converting existing files from spreadsheets and word processors to XBRL. As market players convert to XBRL, state and local governments should be ready.”

The report is the product of a research project sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP’s (PwC) Federal Consulting Practice. The authors of this research report are Chon Abraham, Ph.D., assistant professor of Management Information Systems (MIS), College of William and Mary and Joseph L. Kull, CGFM, CPA, Director, PwC.

To view the report, visit: [www.agacgfm.org/research/downloads/CPAGNo16.pdf](http://www.agacgfm.org/research/downloads/CPAGNo16.pdf). Questions: Contact Anna Miller at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313.

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