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AGA Dedicates March as Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) Month

Alexandria, VA – In the spirit of advancing government accountability, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is pleased to announce that March has been declared as the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month.

The CGFM Program is distinguished by academic achievement and experience in government financial management. Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM designation has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. More than 13,300 individuals have achieved this distinct certification and the numbers are growing.

“In the government's complex and changing world, the CGFM certification provides prospective employers with a degree of confidence that candidates are prepared for the real world,” noted AGA Executive Director, Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA.

The rigorous certification process requires that each candidate pass three separate examinations. The exams cover governmental environment, governmental accounting, financial reporting and budgeting, and governmental financial management and control.

Known for its comprehensive coverage of state, local and federal governments, the CGFM designation offers an opportunity to expand an individual's knowledge of governmental financial management and enhance professional development.

The credential not only enhances the careers of government financial managers, but also helps improve government accountability. The credential elevates the profession by requiring CGFMs to maintain a high level of knowledge about the latest developments in the field.

The Association of Government Accountants is an 15,000-member professional organization devoted to meeting the continuing professional education needs of financial managers at all levels of government, the private sector and academia. For more information about the Association or the CGFM Program, call 800.AGA.7211, or visit AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org.

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