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Redefining Intergovernmental Relations

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Outline

- AGA's Partnership
 - What it is
 - Why it Matters
- The Changing Face of Intergovernmental Relations
- ARRA's Impact on Intergovernmental Relations
- Realignment of Responsibilities?



Partnership for Intergovernmental Management and Accountability

Mission

Open the lines of communication among governments.



AGA's Partnership Based on

- Cash Management Improvement Task Force –

Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990



- EBT Council –

The Quest® Operating Rules April 1996



AGA's Partnership

- Neutral
- A Chance to Do Good
- Equalitarian Work Groups
- Clean Slate
- A Chance to Take A Chance -
Creativity



AGA's Partnership

- No Money At Stake
- Standing
- Non-Partisan
- Staff Support (Glue)





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Partnership Projects

- Related to Government
- Mutual interest to all affected levels of government
- “Cross cutting”, i.e., applicable to more than one program area
- See website for more detail:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/intergovernmental/index.aspx>

September 2007

Categorization of Potential Future Projects

Interest/Impact

	High	Medium	Low
Timeframe			
Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Erroneous Payments•Data Sharing MOU•Evaluating XBRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Purchasing Consortia	
Medium		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Single Audit Process•Federal pmt. systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Disaster Internal Controls
Short		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Consistent cost allocation policies•Intergovernmental pilots•Intergovernmental Alert	



**Is this generally how people
see auditors?**

OOOhhh...I get so mad at those auditors...I'd like to just

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Partnership Projects

- Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative Guide
- Currently Developing: Fraud Prevention Tool Kit
- Cost Allocation Resources
- Risk Assessment Monitoring Tool
- Financial and Administrative Monitoring Tool
- Analysis of Single Audit Act and Improper Payments Information Act



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Partnership Projects

- [List of Completed Partnership Projects](#)

Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative (CAROI)

- [CAROI Guide](#)

Cost Allocation/A-87 Products

- [Risk Assessment Monitoring Tool](#)
- [Financial and Administrative Monitoring Tool](#)
- [Partnership Urgent Issue Paper](#) -Recommendation and Risks/Benefits for: Allowability of Financing Costs for Capitalized Computer Software Development Projects
- [Meeting 21st Century Information Technology Challenges: An Intergovernmental Roadmap](#)
- [SWCAP Contacts](#)
- [Federal Cognizant Agencies](#)
- [Recommendation on Cost Allocation Roundtable](#)
- [Cost Allocation Resource Guide](#)

Single Audit/Improper Payments Improvement Act Products

- [SAA IPIA Comparison](#), 04.10.09
- [The Federal Audit Clearinghouse: Meeting Transparency Challenges](#), 06.01.09
- [Letter on Initial Charge](#), 08.26.09



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The Changing Face of Intergovernmental Relations





“Cooperation Makes it Happen.”

– Sesame Street

The Changing Face of Intergovernmental Relations

- 2008 - The Great Recession
- 2009 – ARRA
- Intergovernmental Focus Shifts to ARRA
- 2010 & 2011 Intergovernmental Relations Shifts
- 2012 and Beyond: Fundamental Reshaping Intergovernmental Relations



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- Install Solar Power for Base
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U.S. TOTAL

For federal contracts, grants and loans as reported by recipients under Section 1512 of the Recovery Act.

February 17, 2009 - March 31, 2011

\$275

Based on Funds Available

\$0 \$31B



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MAP GALLERY

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AGA's Intergovernmental Dialogues

- Conducted Between May 2009 and September 2009
- 1,000 people attended
 - Baltimore, Maryland
 - Portland, Oregon
 - Kansas City, Missouri
 - Boston, Massachusetts
- Produced Written Summary



Recovery Board Dialogues

A forum for officials at all levels of government to talk and share lessons learned

- Sacramento, August 30, 2010
- Chicago, November 8, 2010
- Nashville, February 23, 2011



ARRA Emphasized:

- Improving Oversight
- Proactively Assessing Risk
- Expanding Transparency and Accountability
- Increasing Intergovernmental Collaboration

ARRA: Lessons Learned

- “Relentless Commitment Can Move Mountains”
- “It didn’t seem worth the headache...”
- Increased Emphasis on Prevention and Front-End oversight, Including:
 - Risk assessments;
 - Internal controls;
 - Audits of prime and subrecipients;
 - Documentation requirements; and
 - Leveraging Single Audits as a pre-award tool.

ARRA: Lessons Learned

- States and Local Governments Received No Direct Administrative Funding
- There is “No Turning Back” in terms of advancing government accountability
- The Value of Intergovernmental Collaboration



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Broad Realignment of Responsibilities



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

21st Century Challenges

Reexamining the Base of the Federal Government



- Fiscal imbalances are reshaping our nation and the role of the Federal Government
- If government is to effectively address these trends, it cannot accept all of its existing programs, policies and activities as “givens.”

Broad Realignment of Responsibilities



THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REFORM

The Moment of Truth

DECEMBER 2010



Calls for “adjusting the federal-state responsibility for Medicaid, such as block grants for acute or long-term care.”

Broad Realignment of Responsibilities

- Block Grant Medicaid
- Block Grant SNAP
- Return Non-Security discretionary funding below 2008 Levels



THE PATH
TO
PROSPERITY
RESTORING AMERICA'S PROMISE

FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION

House Committee on the Budget
Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin

budget.GOP.gov

Recap

- “Cooperation Makes It Happen”
- ARRA Changed Intergovernmental Relations
- Intergovernmental Relations – Growing in Importance
- Accountability: No Turning Back
- Realignment of Responsibilities
 - Need a Neutral Setting
 - Need Administration’s Backing



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Questions?

