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2009 Southeast Region  
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Conference*

# Accountability, Challenges, and Change



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2009 Southeast Region Professional Development Conference

**Wednesday, April 1, 2009**

## Registration

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Cumberland Lobby

## Hospitality Suite

3:00 p.m. until Room 920

**Thursday, April 2, 2009**

## Continental Breakfast

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Cumberland Lobby

## Registration

7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cumberland Lobby

## Opening Ceremony

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Cumberland North  
*Introduction*  
**Melinda Parton, Southeast Regional Vice-President**  
*Welcome*  
**Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville**

## Keynote Address

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Cumberland North  
*Think Big! Act Courageously! Make a Difference!*  
**William Morehead, AGA National President-Elect**  
*Introduced by Melinda Parton*

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. **Break** Cumberland Lobby  
*Sponsored by*  Crowe Horwath.

## General Session

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Cumberland North  
*Creating an Ethical Environment for Tennessee*  
**Willow Perkins, TN Ethics Commission**  
*Introduced by Joe Holzmer*

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. **Break** Cumberland Lobby  
*Sponsored by*  Crowe Horwath.

## General Session

11:00 a.m. - Noon Cumberland North  
*Defining Success*  
**Janice Holder, TN Chief Justice**  
*Introduced by Glen McKay*

## Luncheon

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Noon - 1:30 p.m. Cumberland South  
*Key Fiscal Challenges Facing the Accountability Community*  
**Gene Dodaro, U.S. Acting Comptroller General**  
*Introduced by Richard Norment*

## Concurrent Sessions

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Cumberland North  
*Avoiding Purposeful and Accidental Plagiarism*  
**Luther Wright, esq., Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP.**  
*Introduced by Terry Mason*

Tennessee Ballroom  
*Derivatives*  
**James Williams, Member of GASB**  
*Introduced by Robert Smith*

Brentwood/Franklin  
*Citizen Centric Reporting*  
**Reimond Van Daniker, AGA Executive Director**  
*Introduced by Charles Harrison*

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Break** Cumberland Lobby  
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## General Session

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Cumberland North  
*Internal Controls & Transparency & Reporting Requirements-ARRA*  
**Cindy Schwimer, Oracle**  
*Introduced by J.D. Williams*

*FAF/GASB Changes*  
**Kinney Poynter, NASACT Executive Director**  
*Introduced by Deborah Loveless*

**Hospitality Suite**  
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5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Room 920

**Social Event**  
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7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Wildhorse Saloon

**Hospitality Suite**  
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9:00 p.m. until Room 920

**Friday, April 3, 2009**

**Continental Breakfast**

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Cumberland Lobby  
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**Registration**

7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cumberland Lobby

**General Session**

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Cumberland North  
**GASB Update**  
**Bob Attmore, Chair of GASB**  
Introduced by Gerry Boaz

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Break** Cumberland Lobby  
Sponsored by  Crowe Horwath.

**Concurrent Sessions**

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Cumberland North  
**Why You Need Digital Investigative Services**  
**Lance Fielder, NetEvidence Inc.**  
Introduced by Rusty Lacy

Tennessee Ballroom  
**Does Character Count?**  
**Tom Carr, Executive Director of Character Counts**  
Introduced by Hellens Kruzynski

Brentwood/Franklin  
**Mom, Apple Pie and Performance: Smart Tactics in Tough Times**  
**William Aaron, Chief of Consulting for Weidner, Inc.**  
Introduced by Phil Carr

**Luncheon**  
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11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Cumberland North  
**Dotting the I's and Crossing the T's**  
**Mike Keith, Sports Radio Announcer, "Voice of the Titans"**  
Introduced by Ann Collett

**Concurrent Sessions**

1:00 Silent Auction Closed

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Cumberland North  
**Risk Assessment Standards**  
**Hiram Hasty, Technical Manager of AICPA Audit and Attest Standards Team**  
Introduced by Britt Wood

Tennessee Ballroom  
**Keeping Your Organization Out of the Papers**  
**Mark Paganelli, Executive Director of UT Audit and Consulting Services**  
Introduced by Michelle Earhart

Brentwood/Franklin  
**Work Styles in the Workplace**  
**Ollie Mannino, President of Associates Training and Consulting**  
Introduced by Karen Hale

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Break** Cumberland Lobby  
Sponsored by  Crowe Horwath.

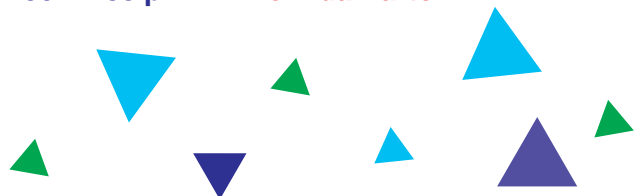
**General Session**

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Cumberland North  
**Recovery Act**  
**John Morgan, TN Deputy Governor**  
Introduced by Jim Arnette

**Identity Theft: Yes, It Could Happen to You**  
**Dennis Dycus, TN Comptroller Director of Municipal Audit**  
Introduced by Kathy Anderson

**Closing Remarks**

4:30 - 4:35 p.m. **Melinda Parton**



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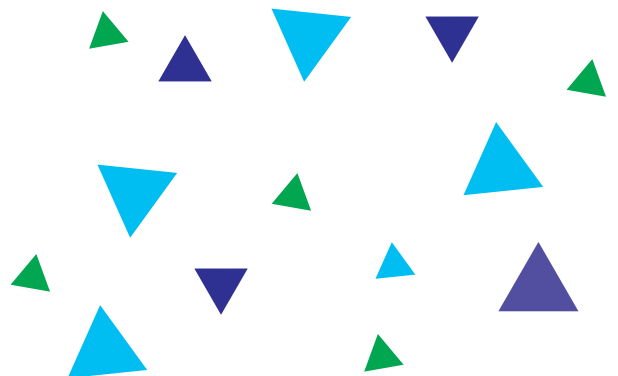
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Total Conference CPE Hours: 16

Thank you for attending the  
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# Conference Tips and Information

## CPE Form

The 2009 Southeast Region Professional Development Conference offers 16 hours of continuing professional education. All sessions are presented in the group-live format. A CPE form is included in your registration materials. Please complete this form and return to the registration desk at the conclusion of the conference.

## Cell Phone/Pager/Blackberry Policy

As a courtesy to speakers and other attendees, please refrain from the use of pagers or cell phones during presentations. We ask that you turn off your phone/pager/Blackberry or set it to vibrate only and leave the session if you receive a call or page.

Thank you.

## Conference Evaluation Form

The Conference committee would appreciate your comments about the conference. Please fill out the evaluation form which can be found online at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ihLv018AGxmByN99zp6wSQ 3d 3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ihLv018AGxmByN99zp6wSQ%203d%203d).

## Wildhorse Saloon

For those of you who have registered for the conference social, it is being held Thursday, April 2, 2009, put on your dancing shoes and kick up your heels and be prepared for a great time at the Wildhorse Saloon!!! We look forward to seeing you there!! Tickets to the event will be provided to you during registration. Shuttle service to and from the hotel will also be provided.

## Speaker Presentations/ Speaker Bios

Please visit [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) to print copies of presentations and bios. These will not be handed out at the conference.

## Parking

There will be limited parking available at the Doubletree Hotel. However, once the parking garage is full, attendees may park in the Premier Parking Garage located at Deaderick Street and 4th Avenue. Attendees can opt to either park themselves or valet park (which may take up to 40 minutes). Valet parking is \$18 for two hours or more and \$22 for overnight parking.

## Community Service Silent Auction

Make a contribution to the Nashville Rescue Mission Women's Program and Make-A-Wish Foundation

A Community Service Silent Auction will be held Thursday and Friday with all proceeds benefitting the Nashville Rescue Mission Women's Program and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Bid high and bid often to win one or more of the over 30 auction items including event tickets, gift certificates, baskets, and sports memorabilia. All proceeds donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation will be matched by the AGA National Community Service Program.

## NOTES