

GFOAT FALL CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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STEVEN J. ALEXANDER, Director of Finance, City of Highland Park

Steve started working in government at the City of Killeen in April of 1994 as a management and budget analyst and has since held a number of executive positions in municipal government. Most notably, Steve served as director of finance for the City of Copperas Cove for four years before becoming their city manager for five years. Subsequent to his time in Copperas Cove, Steve served the City of Greenville as their city manager for six years. He is now the director of administrative services and chief financial officer for the Town of Highland Park. Completing his undergraduate degree in 1993, he holds a bachelors degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. He also holds a masters of business administration from Tarleton State University and is a certified public accountant. Steve is a current member of ICMA, TCMA, TSCPA, AICPA, and GFOAT. He currently resides in Rockwall with his wife, Tricia and their three children, Samantha, Matthew, and Kaitlyn.

ED ARCHULETA, P.E., Director of Water Initiatives, University of Texas at El Paso

Ed has more than 45 years experience in the water and wastewater field. During his career he has worked as a project engineer for two different consulting engineering firms; a large firm in the Midwest and a small firm in the Southwest. He served for many years in the public sector as deputy director of public works in Albuquerque, New Mexico and as president and CEO of El Paso Water Utilities. During his 24 year career in El Paso, Ed oversaw the creation and development of one of the nation's first successful water conservation programs. He embraced and supported technology at the utility and oversaw the planning, design, and construction of the world's largest inland desalination facility, which has helped the city meet growth and deal with drought. It was also during this period that El Paso planned, designed, and built the nation's largest arsenic treatment facility in response to changes in the regulatory standard. El Paso has been one of the early pioneers in reclamation and reuse—having built a large indirect potable reuse plant in 1985, which has been in continuous operation enabling aquifer storage and recovery. The city is now piloting a direct reuse system with expected construction of a ten million gallon per day plant by 2018. Ed is a registered professional engineer and has served on numerous local, state, and national boards. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to the National Infrastructure Council and by President Barack Obama to chair the Pecos River Commission, a position he currently holds. He is also the current chairman of Texas Accelerate H2O. He currently serves as director of Water Initiatives at the University of Texas at El Paso.

SARIANNE BEVERSDORF, Director of Finance, Plainview and Levelland

Sarianne has served for 15 years as the director of finance for the Cities of Plainview and Levelland. She worked for CPA firms for 17 years for which one of her major responsibilities was auditing various governmental entities. Sarianne served as the west representative on the state board of GFOAT from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. She has also served as a Region 3 director of GFOAT for several years. She earned a bachelors degree of business administration in accounting from Texas Tech University in 1984. She became a CPA in 1994. After beginning her local government career in 2000 she also earned her Certified Government Finance Officer and Certified Public Manager designations. She is a master graduate of Rapport Leadership International.

LAURIE BREWER, CGFO, Assistant City Manager

Laurie began her career in the City of Georgetown as a staff accountant and has more than 21 years of governmental finance experience both in the Cities of Georgetown and Hutto, where she served as director of finance from 2006-2009. She has been involved in numerous development agreements, business process improvement analysis, and construction projects and has led departments to be awarded the certificates of achievement for popular reporting, budgeting, and financial reporting through the GFOA. Laurie is a graduate of Sam Houston State University, where she earned a bachelors degree in business and a master of public administration degree. Laurie is a Certified Government Finance Officer through the GFOAT. She has served as region director for GFOAT and has been active in both the state GFOAT and the national GFOA. She is currently serving on the Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning for GFOA. She is also active in the TCMA and the ICMA. She has been a speaker at various professional conferences,

including through the GFOAT, GFOA, and ICMA. She has also served on the Williamson County United Way Board of Directors. As assistant city manager, Laurie is responsible for the direct oversight of the downtown and community services division, which includes implementation of the downtown masterplan, main street, historic planning, housing, parks and recreation, library, public communication, and the convention and visitors' bureau. This division is very proud to be included in the city's strategic plan to ensure Georgetown continues to be a "signature destination" for its citizens and visitors.

ZACH BREWER, Managing Director - Securities and Government Guaranteed Loan Markets, Coastal Securities, Inc
Zach joined Coastal Securities in January of 2003 as a Series 7 and 63 licensed securities broker and has spent the last 12 years focused on serving clients in the public fund and financial institution sectors. He currently works with more than 100 public entities across the country with their investment portfolios and is a member of GTOT, GFOAT, the Gulf Coast Chapter of GFOAT, and the American Bankers Association. Zach holds degrees in finance and supply chain management from Texas A&M University where he is an active alumni mentor and volunteer.

BECKY BROOKS, Director of Resource Development, Government Finance Officers Association of Texas
Becky has almost 30 years of experience in the public finance industry and has owned her own company since 1994. She offers financial management planning and analysis services to local government. Previously Becky served as the executive director of GFOAT and presently serves as GFOAT's Director of Resource Development. Becky holds an undergraduate degree in accounting from McNeese State and a master of public administration from the University of North Texas.

BECH BRUUN, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board

As one of three board members, Bech is charged with the governance of the state agency responsible for water planning, data collection and dissemination, financial assistance, and technical assistance services to the citizens of Texas. As a result of House Bill 4—during the 83rd Legislature—and the overwhelming statewide passage of Proposition 6, Bech and fellow board members have overseen the agency rulemaking and implementation of Texas' new financial assistance program for state water plan projects, the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT). Bech has served as a board member of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) since September 1, 2013. Governor Greg Abbott designated him chairman in June 2015. Bech's professional experience prior to his appointment to the TWDB spans positions in the executive and legislative branches of government as well as in the water industry with one of the state's largest wholesale water providers. He held a variety of positions in the administration of Governor Rick Perry, culminating in his serving on the Governor's senior staff as the director of governmental appointments. Bech served as the government and customer relations manager for the Brazos River Authority (BRA). While at the BRA, Bech provided strategic and legal counsel to the general manager on issues ranging from proposed legislation and agency rulemaking to general water policy. His legislative experience includes service as chief of staff to State Representative Todd Hunter (District 32) during the 81st Legislative Session and as general counsel to the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. Bech serves as the designated TWDB appointee to the Texas Environmental Flows Advisory Group. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas. A native of Corpus Christi, Bech resides in Austin with his wife, Glenna, and their two children Cilla Kay and Radford.

S. TODD BURCHETT, CPA, ABV, ASA, CFF, CFE Partner, Forensics & Valuation Services, BKD

Todd is a partner with BKD's Forensics & Valuation Services and leads its Texas practice, providing business valuation, forensic accounting, investigation, bankruptcy, and litigation support services, including serving as an expert witness. In addition to being a CPA, Todd is Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV), an Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA), Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF), and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). He has more than 25 years of experience providing client solutions in consulting, accounting, and tax matters. He has performed business valuations for a variety of purposes including gift and estate tax, business planning, succession planning, dispute resolution, and solvency purposes in bankruptcy. Todd has also conducted investigations for many different purposes, including testing for misappropriation of assets, conflicts of interest, manipulation of financial statements, billing schemes, false claims, and use of corporate funds for potential abuse or wasteful spending. Todd has been qualified as an expert witness involving forensic investigations, reconstruction of financial records, tracing of transactions, community property tracing and analysis in estate and probate litigation, financial analysis (including cost allocations), damages analysis and valuations in

shareholder disputes, intellectual property disputes, breach of contract disputes, lost income calculations and analysis for solvency, and preference claims in bankruptcy. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, where he has served on the Business Valuations Committee, and Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He also is a member of American Society of Appraisers, where he has served as president of the San Antonio Chapter and on the International Board of Examiners. Todd has made numerous presentations on forensic analysis and valuation of businesses to various professional organizations. He is a member of American Bankruptcy Institute, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and Turnaround Management Association.

RONALD E. COX, Consultant

Ron received a bachelor of science from Abilene Christian University in 1972 and a master of arts from University of Texas at Tyler in 1981. Ron entered the governmental arena in 1972 with the Brazos Valley Development Council in Bryan and, after almost two years went to work for the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) in Kilgore. Ron accepted his first position as city manager in 1978 with the City of Rusk. He was the City of Rusk's first city manager. Two years later, he became the city manager of Center. In 1984, Ron accepted the position of city manager of the City of Kilgore, where he served for six years. In November 1990, he became Friendswood's third city manager and served that city until May 2006. Ron has been involved in local government for 40 years and held the position of city manager for 28 of the 40 years. Ron remains active in many governmental organizations including the Texas Municipal League, and Texas City Management Association (TCMA). Ron served as president of TCMA Regions V and VI. He served on the board of directors for TCMA from 1995-1997 and served as TCMA's president in 1997-98. He continues to actively participate in various TCMA programs. In 2005, Ron was awarded TCMA's Lifetime Achievement Award, an exceptional honor, and in 2006 he was given life member status in TCMA. Ron currently serves on the TCMA Professional Development Committee. He has and continues to speak regularly at conferences and training sessions in Texas about issues and challenges in local government. In 1990, Ron was appointed by Governor Bill Clements to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System and served on the board until 1993. He has served on the TMRS Advisory Board since 2006-2010. He was chosen to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool in 1986 and served on the executive committee as vice-chair of the board from 1990-91. Since May 2006, Ron has consulted with over 55 cities and other public entities in Texas in a variety of areas, including strategic planning at the council and staff levels, leadership development for city staff, executive recruitment, and management services. He particularly enjoys working with smaller cities. He enjoys sharing his experiences with others in a variety of ways including public speaking at seminars and conferences. Ronald has been married to his wife, Susan, for 42 years. They have two children, daughter Emily, and son, Tim, and five grandchildren, Courtney, Ryan, Isabella, Brynlea and Caleb.

KEITH A. DAGEN, CPA, Director of Finance, City of Richardson

Keith began his government career in January 1998 as a rate analyst for the City of Garland, eventually moving into the position of general ledger manager. In September 2003, he accepted the position of chief accountant with the City of Richardson. Keith has also served as Richardson's treasurer and revenue manager and assistant director of finance. He was promoted to director of finance in July 2015. Keith graduated summary cum laude with a bachelors in accounting from Harding University and received an MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas. A member of GFOAT since 2003, he has served as the vice-chair of GFOAT's Financial Reporting and Regulatory Response Committee since 2008 and also serves as GFOAT's representative on the Texas Municipal Retirements System's Advisory Committee on retirement matters. Keith is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association's Special Review Committee for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program, is a member of the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas, and served two terms as the Treasurer of the Leadership Richardson Alumni Association.

CHRIS EKRUT, Partner and Director, Environmental Practice-Dallas Office, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC

Chris has been providing financial and management consulting services to the public and private utility industry since 2004. He assists clients in pricing services and developing rates and fees for their water, wastewater, reuse, drainage, natural gas and electric utilities. Chris works actively before the rate regulatory agencies of the state including the Public Utility Commission and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, assisting clients and customer groups with regulatory filings and proceedings. He also specializes in assisting utilities in business and implementation planning, focusing on long-term strategy and policy. Prior to joining NewGen, Chris was employed by R.W. Beck and NewGen's predecessor company, J. Stowe & Co.

MONETTE FISHER, Senior Account, City of Decatur

Monette is the senior account at the City of Decatur. Her career began with Standard Register, a Fortune 500 company, as a purchasing agent in the document management, secure document division and also served as a regional trainer in the Lubbock, Tyler, Shreveport, Little Rock, and Fort Worth offices. In 2003, she began working in government finance. She attended the Southwest School of Government Finance through a scholarship from GFOAT. She has been an active member of GFOAT since 2003 and has enjoyed having the opportunity to participate on the ethics committee co-chair. Her hobbies include fly-fishing in Oklahoma and other outdoor activities with her family. She can be reached at mfisher@decaturtx.org.

MELINDA GALLER, Assistant City Manager, City of Lewisville

Melinda has been with the City of Lewisville since 1988. She began her career with the City of Lewisville in the police department where she worked as an administrative analyst until 1994 when she moved to the human resources department as the compensation analyst. She was promoted to the director of human resources in 1998 and to assistant city manager in 2014. Her current responsibilities include human resources, police department, fire department, information technology services, and emergency management. Melinda has a bachelors of science in government and English and a masters of science in business and human relations. Melinda has been active in the community serving on the boards of the Greater Lewisville United Way, LISD Community Advisory Council, Southern Denton County Neighbor to Neighbor, and the Kiwanis Club of Southern Denton County.

MATTHEW GARRETT, MBA, CGFO, CPM, Senior Consultant, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC

Matthew joined NewGen Strategies & Solutions as a senior consultant in October 2013. Prior to joining NewGen, he served as the finance director for the City of Prosper for more than five years. In that capacity, Matthew oversaw not only the budget and accounting functions, but he managed human resources, utility billing, and information technology. Before his time in municipal government, he was employed by Collin County for five years holding the titles of senior financial analyst, human resources supervisor, and HRIS analyst. Matthew's diverse experience enhances each project with a depth of pragmatic management perspectives. Matthew earned his undergraduate in management from Texas A&M and holds an MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas.

SANDRA GIBSON, CGFO, Director of Finance and Administration, City of Watauga

Sandra has been employed with the City of Watauga since September 2004 and has been in her current position for four years. Sandra directs and oversees budget, accounting and financial reporting, debt management, investment portfolio management, purchasing, utility billing, and municipal court operations. She obtained her business administration degree from the University of El Paso and is currently studying for the Certified Government Financial Manager certification.

DOMINIQUE GÓMEZ, WaterSmart Software

Dominique works for WaterSmart Software, where she advocates for policies that recognize municipal water conservation as an important solution to drought, water scarcity, and population growth. Prior to WaterSmart Dominique focused on climate and environmental policy first as a Governor's Fellow for Governor Bill Richardson at the New Mexico Environment Department, then later as a consultant at Cascadia Consulting Group in Seattle. She has also spent time working on natural gas policy at the White House Council on Environmental Quality and on corporate sustainability at Hilton Worldwide. Dominique earned her undergraduate degree from Yale University, graduated with an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business, and a masters in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.. She is originally from Colorado and likes hiking 14ers and eating sandwiches.

PATRICK IBARRA, Co-founder and partner of the Mejorando Group

Patrick Ibarra is an entrepreneur of ideas and architect of innovation, who seeks to challenge the status quo thinking of the "we've always done it that way" approach. With experience as a city manager, human resource director, and consultant for a Fortune 500 company, he advises top organizations and high achievers, helping them clarify their direction, focus their efforts, and execute to achieve to reach the right results faster. Patrick is co-founder and partner of the Mejorando Group, an organizational effectiveness consulting firm that brings fresh thinking, innovation, and new ideas to help governments succeed in the 21st century. Mejorando is a Spanish word meaning "getting better all the time"

and it reflects Patrick and his firm's approach with clients who seek to improve the performance of their organizations and the individuals within them. The Mejorando Group's clients include a variety of local government agencies nationwide including several cities in Texas: Allen, Austin, College Station, Colleyville, Coppel, Corpus Christi, Denton, Hurst, McKinney, Midland, Plainview, Plano, Richardson, San Antonio, San Marcos, and Seguin. An author, blogger, speaker, and educator, Patrick has two advanced degrees: a masters in public administration from Arizona State University and a masters in human resources and organizational development from the University of San Francisco. Follow Patrick and the Mejorando Group on Facebook and LinkedIn and subscribe to their e-newsletter, Moving Forward for the latest solutions for government leaders.

DON JENNINGS, CPA, Director of Finance, City of Perryton

Don has been with the City of Perryton serving as Director of Finance—as well as an active member of GFOAT—for 23 years. In that time, he served on the GFOAT board three times: once as director of Region 2 and member of the membership committee, and twice as president and north representative. Before municipal finance, Don working in public accounting. Prior to that, he served in the US Marine Corps for four years, obtaining a degree in aviation electronics from Spartan School of Aeronautics. He and his wife Carol, of 36 years, have two children and six grandchildren. Besides family, his interests are classic cars and woodworking.

CAROLYN M. MARSHALL, CPA

Carolyn is owner of Carolyn M. Marshall CPA. She has been a consultant to Texas cities and counties since 2001. She has more than 26 years of governmental accounting experience providing utility cost of service and rate design studies along with all other functions of a governmental finance office. She provides governmental finance training across the state, as well as serving in an interim capacity when needed by municipal governments. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting.

ROBERT MCLAIN, Project Manager and Cost of Service and Rate Design Specialist

Robert is a senior-level expert in utility cost of service and rate design studies. He brings to this engagement more than 25 years of experience with utility cost of service and rate design experience, particularly in Texas. He has performed more than 200 rate studies during this time. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance and accounting.

TREVOR MINYARD, Senior Financial Analyst, City of McKinney

Trevor joined the City of McKinney as financial analyst in October 2013. Prior to joining the City of McKinney, Trevor worked in the financial affairs division of Dallas Baptist University (DBU) where he served as the assistant director of accounts receivable, and also managed various state and federal financial aid programs. Trevor has a MBA in finance and a BBA in management from DBU, and earned the Certified Government Finance Officer designation through GFOAT in August 2015.

BARRY D. NALLS

Barry's career has ranged from being a key executive of a publically-traded company to being a serial entrepreneur where he has successfully founded and built two global companies. With more than 40 years in business, he has faced countless ethical dilemmas. In January 2015, Barry retired as president and CEO of VYBRANZ, a Global expense management, cost reduction auditing company that helps private sector businesses, non-profits, and municipalities reduce operating expense to create positive cash. They have saved their customers millions of dollars in complex operational areas. Prior to starting VYBRANZ, Barry was the founder, president, and CEO of MASERGY Communications where he built the first global MPLS network. He started a telecommunications company in a business climate defined by 9/11, Dot.com bust, SARS epidemic, and Enron. He grew the company in excess to \$100m with customers in 40 countries. The company was sold to a private investment firm in 2011. Prior to MASERGY, Barry was vice president of product management at GTE and was responsible for 25% of GTE's total revenue. With management oversight of \$3.6 billion dollars revenue, 4000 employees, there were a myriad of ethical situations he successfully managed.

DIANE PALMER-BOECK, Chief Procurement Officer, City of Plano

Diane has 21 years municipal procurement experience and 26 years experience in public procurement, beginning with the US Army in West Germany, Redstone Arsenal, AL and Ft Hood, TX. Diane is currently the chief procurement officer at

the City of Plano overseeing the activities of the procurement, inventory control, and project management divisions. Diane served on the board of directors for the National Purchasing Institute from 1998 - 2006 and is a past president. She has served on the education and certification committees for the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and is currently on the board of examiners for Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. The City of Plano has received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award each year since its inception in 1995.

STEVE PARKER, City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, City of San Marcos

Steve was appointed as assistant city manager and chief financial officer in November of 2012. Before that, he served as the director of finance overseeing an annual budget totaling over \$160 Million. He oversees and guides the city's financial, budgeting, accounting, purchasing, and utility billing divisions and provide oversight for the city's annual budget recently set at \$187 Million and 650 employees. Steve also serves on the board of directors for the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency. He previously served as assistant director of finance for the City of San Marcos from 2007 to 2008 and was accounting manager from 1993 to 1997. Steve was a manager in the cost services division for MAXIMUS, Inc., in Dallas from 1997 to 2006. MAXIMUS is the largest non-defense governmental consulting firm in the country. He has conducted cost and management studies for both state and local governments, including electric utility rate designs, operating and capital budgets, revenue analysis and forecasting, enterprise fund accounting, financial statement preparation, and management studies. Clients included the Texas Department of Public Safety, Orange County Florida, San Antonio, Texas; Beverly Hills, California; Bexar County, Texas; Travis County, Texas; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, College Station, Texas; Waco, Texas; Gwinnett County, Georgia, San Francisco, California; College Station, Texas; Corpus Christi, Texas; El Paso, Texas plus numerous other cities and counties. A graduate of Texas State University-San Marcos with a degree in business administration, Steve is a member of GFOAT.

ADAM W. PERDUE, Ph.D. Economist, Institute for Regional Forecasting, Bauer College of Business, University of Houston

Adam is an economist at the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston's Bauer College of Business. The Institute's role is to provide essential, non-biased economic information to the Houston community. A native Houstonian, Adam is an urban and regional economist and he has extensive knowledge of the drivers of Houston and the future for the area.

ERNIE RAMOS, Fleet & Materials Manager, City of Richardson

Ernie joined the City of Richardson in May of 1999 as fleet and materials manager. Ernie has been in his current position for more than 16 years, and oversees maintenance, repairs, fueling infrastructure, upfitting and modifications, and acquisitions of all vehicle and equipment assets. Ernie also processes and reviews accident claims and handles risk management as it relates to vehicle and equipment management. Prior to Richardson, he served the City of Coppell for more than five years as fleet manager. Prior to serving the public sector, Ernie was employed by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas for ten years as an assistant supervisor in fleet maintenance. Ernie currently serves as executive director for the Metroplex Fleet Managers Association. Ernie was elected as program chairman in 1994 for the Equipment Maintenance Council (now called AEMP), North Texas Chapter, and served four terms as chapter president. Ernie was elected to the Equipment Maintenance Council (now called AEMP), board of directors, served as vice president of governments, from 1997-1999, and served two years as district executive director, South Central Region. In addition, he has served as a curriculum auditor for the accrediting commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology. Ernie is a member of the following associations: American Public Works Association, National Association of Fleet Administrators, Society of Automotive Engineers, Texas Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, National Fire Protection Association, Petroleum Equipment Institute, National Truck Equipment Association, and Service Technicians Society. Hobbies include golf, fishing, watching football games, boxing, and is a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church and first tenor with the Prestonwood Choir.

MIYKAEL REEVE, Director of Finance, City of Red Oak

Miykael is the director of finance at the City of Red Oak. She received her bachelors degree in business administration in accounting from Northwood University and earned her Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) certificate in January of 2013. She began her career working as an auditor for Shaw, Witherspoon and Company, P.C. She moved from there to become the account manager at the City of Ovilla, in 2006. Shortly thereafter, she joined GFOAT as an active member. In 2008, she was offered the director of finance position at the City of Red Oak where she is currently

employed. During her tenure, the City of Red Oak has successfully upgraded their bond rating from A- to AA- with Moody's. She has submitted and earned the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Financial Report for September 30, 2012, and 2013. She has submitted her comprehensive budget for September 30, 2015, for the Distinguished Budget Award. She has implemented policies and procedures that have enabled the City of Red Oak to grow. She was nominated by GFOAT for the co-chair of the ethics committee in 2012, where she currently serves. She recently published a poem entitled "Where are you my Star" and continues to write poetry and prose. She learned to play the guitar in 2013 and enjoys composing music. She currently resides in Ennis, Texas, with her two children—Mary and David Jr.—and three dogs: Rexie, Honey, and Blackie. She may be reached at the mreeve@redoaktx.org.

RODNEY RHOADES, City of McKinney, Chief Financial Officer

Rodney Rhoades joined the City of McKinney as finance director in August 2011. Rodney has more than 30 years of experience in government finance with cities and counties in Texas. He joined the staff from Travis County in Austin, where he served as county executive and budget officer and oversaw the budget, finance, human resources, risk management, long range financial planning and strategic planning, facilities planning, economic development, county corporations, and investment management divisions. Rodney previously served as Director of Budget, Finance, and Operation for Collin County between 2000 and 2008 and in the finance departments at the cities of Grand Prairie and Garland. Rodney earned his master's degree in government affairs from Southern Methodist University and a bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Texas at Dallas

VANNESSA RINCON, Accountant, City of Plainview

Vannesa has served as an accountant for the City of Plainview for 13 years. Prior to this she worked for Jones & Pendergast, CPAs for 3 years before moving into governmental accounting. She earned a BBA in accounting from Wayland Baptist University in 1999.

ROGER C.ROECKER, City Manager, City of Friendswood

Roger has 40 years of experience in finance and management in a variety of industries, including 30 years in the public sector. He earned a bachelors degree in business administration from Howard Payne University and a masters degree in public administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He began his local government career as the director of finance for the City of Friendswood in 1989. In 1992, he assumed additional responsibilities and was named the director of administrative services. He served as interim city manager in 2006 and again in 2008. After serving in that role for more than a year, he became Friendswood's city manager in August 2009. Roger has been a member of GFOAT since 1989 and served in various capacities: director of Region 14; at-large representative to the executive board; as president; and as the state representative to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. He received the designation of Certified Governmental Finance Officer in 1999 and has been a member of the Texas City Managers Association since March 2009. He and his wife, Lesa, have been blessed with three great children, Ryan, Ashley, and Kimberly, daughter-in-law, Nikki, sons-in-law, Brad and Ryan, and three wonderful grandkids, Rylea, Major, and Jett.

BENNETT SANDLIN, Executive Director, Texas Municipal League

On October 1, 2010, Bennett assumed his role as TML executive director. Prior to his appointment to this position, he served as general counsel for the League, helping cities primarily in the fields of tax, economic development, budget, and finance issues, including the municipal hotel occupancy tax and the economic development sales tax. Bennett authored the *Revenue Manual for Texas Cities* and was an instructor in Public Funds Investment Training. He has served on the comptroller's E-Commerce and Technology Advisory Group and the TNRCC Proposition Two workgroup. He is a 1993 graduate of The University of Texas School of Law and has previously worked at the Municipal Affairs Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office. Bennett and his wife Abby have two children, Audrey and Henry.

TONY SEKALY, Managing Director Fixed Income, Coastal Securities, Inc.

Tony began his career in the securities industry in 1993 as an institutional fixed income securities broker. Prior to joining Coastal, Tony's securities career expanded to include public finance banking and municipal underwriting. In 2000, Tony joined Coastal Securities to focus primarily on his institutional clients on the investment side of the business. He works closely with clients to identify objectives and actively participates in formulating investment recommendations; ensuring clients receive the highest level of commitment and service. Prior to entering in to the securities industry, Tony was employed by a major utility provider as an analyst for revenue enhancement. Tony is a member of GFOAT, GTOT,

GFOAW and the Gulf Coast Chapter of GFOAT. He has spoken at the annual GTOT conference the past 15 years. His clients consist of public funds, banks, credit unions, money managers, fund managers and others. Tony holds a MBA from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas and a BBA from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

SUSAN SMITH, Executive Director, TML MultiState IEBP

Susan joined the TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (IEBP) in 1995 and developed the Pool's Provider Network bringing managed care options to our members. The Pool restructured into a team environment in 1996 where Susan served as central team manager. In 1997, Susan assumed the position of director of member services over all three teams. In this position, she managed the teams operations, maintained the Provider Network and directed the marketing effort for the organization. In September 2000, Susan was appointed as the executive director. Susan has been on both sides of health care developing provider networks as well as hospital administration. Her multifaceted expertise in the healthcare industry includes being a hospital administrator and executive director of three Houston-based hospitals. Prior to joining the Pool, Susan was CEO at Integrated Management Services, Inc. where she developed a Houston-based provider network that contracted with a management service organization for infrastructure management. As executive director of Baywood Hospital she was responsible for hospital expansion as well as acquiring accreditation for a private school. Susan has a BA from the University of Texas and a masters from the University of Houston. She was born in El Paso, graduated from Monahans High School, and lives in Austin.

TATIANNA TROUTMAN, Citigroup

Tatianna joined Citi's Los Angeles Public Finance Department in March 2007. Within the department, Tatianna covers general municipal issuers and also works in the Water Utilities Group. While in California, she worked with several large water utilities including San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego Water & Wastewater, and Orange County Water District. She moved to Houston from Los Angeles in October 2011. In Texas, Tatianna has continued to cover both general municipal issuers and to focus on municipal utilities. She has worked with Texas water and energy issuers including: Texas Water Development Board, the City of Houston Combined Utility, San Antonio Water and Sewer, Tarrant Regional Water District, Austin Energy and San Antonio CPS. She has also worked on financings for Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Texas Department of Transportation, Harris County, Harris County Toll Authority, Houston Metro, and the City of San Antonio among others

REBECCA UNDERHILL, Assistant City Manager and Director of Finance, City of League City, Texas

Rebecca has many years of experience in municipal finance serving more than 20 years at the City of Port Arthur as director of finance and assistant city manager. In 2012 she was appointed director of finance at the City of League City, and was recently appointed to also serve as assistant city manager. She has served the GFOAT on the membership committee, as a regional director and on the board of directors as treasurer.

BRENT A. WEEGAR, MBA, Principal, IPS Advisors

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