

# Red Flags of Infrastructure Fraud

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides \$1.2 trillion in federal spending over the next five years mostly in grants and contracts to states and local governments for public transit, railways, power grids, electric vehicles and buses, ferries, airports, waterways, climate change, broadband internet, environmental protection, drinking water, and transformation safety. This program of fast-moving money, with untested controls, provides vast opportunities for fraud and waste. Auditors, investigators, and grants and contract managers at all levels of government will need to be especially vigilant for possible schemes and red flag indicators of fraud that robs the public of funds and performance.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the basics of IIJA, the agencies, the projects, and spending
- Understand the basics of fraud and auditors' and investigators' responsibilities
- Identify fraud schemes and indicators that are common to federally funded projects
- Learn investigative techniques to assist agents and auditors in discovering procurement fraud
- Understand the federal, civil, and criminal statutes that fraud schemes violate
- Understand the basics of control standards, applications, and indicators of control weaknesses and vulnerabilities

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Auditors, investigators, inspectors, contract, grant and program managers involved in approving IIJA project spending and monitoring performance and fund accountability.

## TUITION FEES

With funding support from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, courses are available free of charge for government accountability professionals within the insular areas. The course fee is waived and there is no cost to register and attend. Professionals who do not meet the above criteria, please contact [info@pitiviti.org](mailto:info@pitiviti.org).



**March 12, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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## COURSE DATE AND TIME

The course will occur in Kosrae on **March 12, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**



## INSTRUCTOR

### Michael Binder

Michael, Graduate School USA Instructor, is the Director of the Graduate School USA, Government Audit Training Institute. He's served over forty-two years in federal audit staff, management and executive positions in GAO, the Inspector General community and as Acting Inspector General of the National Endowment for the Arts. As Assistant Inspector General, Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Resource Official/CFO, and Supervisory Forensic Auditor, U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), he directed the EPA OIG's internal risk assessment, audit follow-up, audit and investigative planning, budget development and execution, legislative analysis, program evaluation, policy review, performance measurement and financial reporting, human resources, audit peer review, procurement, quality assurance assessments, Hotline, and cost accounting program. He led EPA OIG's strategic planning and pioneered the application of logic models and SWOT Analysis for planning and performance measurement in the OIG, for EPA and the federal IG community. He created the President's Council for Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) Environmental Consortium and chaired the PCIE Government Performance and Results Act Committee.

Michael has a BBA and MBA in Finance and Economics from George Washington University and attended Harvard University, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Federal Executive Institute. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a former national officer of the Association of Government Accountants.

Michael has been an adjunct professor of management, finance, white-collar crime and auditing since 1975. He is currently a faculty member of the Graduate School USA, the University of Maryland, and a Certified Seminar Leader with Fred Pryor. He has been a guest lecturer/instructor at Salisbury University, George Mason University, University of Michigan, Florida Atlantic University, the Federal Air Marshall Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Council of Inspectors General Training Academy. He is a principal contributor to the development of the University of Maryland's White Collar Crime Certification curriculum. Michael Binder is the Host of the WTOP/Federal News Network weekly radio program "The Search for Accountability." He also created The Montgomery Summer Tennis Camps, published several professional articles and course texts, is a professional orchestra leader including performing at the Kennedy Center and for Presidential Inaugural Balls, and is commissioner of several adult sports leagues.



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