

# Seizing New Opportunities and Navigating Emerging Risks: Practical Strategies to Ensure Government Audit Impact and Value in a Dynamic World (3-day Virtual Course)



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course covers the impact and value potential of government performance auditing in a comprehensive approach over three three-hour days (9 CPE). Using a wide range of examples and case studies, participants will be able to apply course concepts to their audit work immediately. The course will emphasize concepts and ideas related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, political and social unrest in the United States, and technological innovation on government auditing. The course will allow participants to share examples and ask real-time questions through the virtual format. The primary focus of the training is for government auditors to enhance the value and impact of their important performance audit work. The course is intended for all levels of audit experience.

The course is comprised of four topics including ***The Art and Science of Government Auditing***, exploring theoretical aspects of performance auditing. Areas covered include defining performance auditing, the history and evolution of performance auditing, the promise, importance, and impact potential of performance auditing, a review of key Government Auditing Standards with a specific focus on documenting internal controls, and a discussion of current external threats to government audit functions.

A second course objective focuses on ***Building and Maintaining a Strong Audit Culture***, including strategies and approaches for developing and leading high performance audit teams. This session will explore strategies for recruiting and onboarding audit staff and prioritizing the professional development of auditors to ensure positive and innovative audit cultures.

A third course objective examines ***Innovative Audit Tools, New Methods, and Emergent Audit Topics***. This objective explores exciting new tools, methods, and techniques that can help to elevate audit impact and value. The power of using data analytics to maximize audit impact will be showcased as a case example. The objective also includes assessing risk to identify and execute diverse audit types to address new and sensitive public sector risks.

The fourth course objective, ***Ensuring Performance Auditing Impact***, defines "audit impact," examines the nexus between effective project design and management and value add outcomes, reviews performance audit reporting standards including report quality control, explores techniques and ideas for telling the "audit story," including tips and techniques for writing for impact.



June 8, 2021 -  
June 10, 2021

(June 7, 2021 – June 9,  
2021 for American  
Samoa, Hawaii, US  
Virgin Islands)



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## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

**Upon completion of the course, participants will:**

- Understand key performance auditing concepts, risks, and threats
- Understand key Government Auditing Standards, including 2018 revisions
- Understand strategies, tools, and techniques for establishing strong audit cultures
- Understand ideas for ensuring professional satisfaction and sense of achievement
- Understand innovative audit tools and methodologies including the power of data analytics
- Understand risk assessment strategies for identifying and executing diverse audit types
- Understand approaches for assuring sufficient and appropriate evidence
- Effectively communicate audit results to ensure impact including non-traditional reporting approaches
- Understand how to execute follow-up and measure audit impact

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for public audit professionals managing and delivering statutory financial and investigative audits where Yellow Book standards are used.

## 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).

## COURSE DATE AND TIME

This course will take place from **June 8 through June 10, 2021** (Guam time). Specific training times for each jurisdiction follow below:

 Palau	6/8 – 6/10	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Guam	6/8 – 6/10	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Kosrae, Pohnpei	6/8 – 6/10	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 RMI	6/8 – 6/10	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Fiji	6/8 – 6/10	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Samoa	6/8 – 6/10	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 American Samoa	6/7 – 6/9	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Hawaii	6/7 – 6/9	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 US Virgin Islands	6/7 – 6/9	8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

 **INSTRUCTOR**

**Kip R. Memmott**

Kip Memmott has approximately thirty years of auditing, consulting, and training experience at the international, federal, state, local government and private sector levels. Kip's professional positions include Audits Director for the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, which is the state auditor function, Chief Audit Executive for the Oregon State Treasury, Director of Audit Services for the City and County of Denver, Colorado, Audit Manager with the County of San Diego, California, Performance Audit Supervisor with the State of Arizona's Office of the Auditor General, and as a Senior Consultant with KPMG LLP. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Utah and a Master of Arts degree with a certificate in Public History from Arizona State University.

Kip is a graduate from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government's Executives in State and Local Government executive education program and has earned a Certificate in Public Leadership from the Brookings Institute. Kip currently serves on the Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA) Public Sector Advisory Committee (PSAC) and is the Chair of the Executive Committee for the Pacific Northwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum (PNIAF). He previously served on the Association of Local Government Auditors' (ALGA) Governing Board.

Kip has been formally recognized several times for his excellent work performance. In both 2020 and 2019, the Oregon Secretary of State received the National State Auditors Association's (NSAA) Excellence in Accountability Award for high impact performance audits examining Oregon's prescription drug monitoring program (2020) and foster care system (2019) and received NSAA's Special Project Award in 2018 for an innovative Medicaid Auditor Alert. In 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013, performance audits he directed received Knighton Awards for performance audit excellence from the Association of Local Government Auditors. Additionally, in 2014, the Institute of Internal Auditors identified the City and County of Denver, Colorado's Auditor's Office as one of eleven best practice audit functions for major cities in the United States and Canada.

Kip has provided numerous trainings and presentations to professional groups including, among others, the Federated States of Micronesia, Institute of Internal Auditors, the Intergovernmental Audit Forum, the Association of Local Government Auditors, the Association of Government Accountants, the National State Auditors Association, the American Society for Public Administration, the Governing Institute, Financial Executives International, the Navajo Nation, the Texas State Auditor Conference, and Arizona State University.

