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Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 79th Annual New England States Government Finance Officers Association (NESGFOA) Fall Conference in Providence, Rhode Island!

We are excited to bring colleagues from across New England together to the Ocean State for four days of learning, collaboration, networking and of course — a little Rhode Island fun. Providence provides an ideal backdrop for our conference, blending historic New England character with an incredible culinary atmosphere, arts and culture, and the energy of a thriving capital city. And while Rhode Island may be the smallest state, we plan to make your conference experience rich in Ocean State hospitality.

Our Rhode Island Host Committee has worked throughout the year to create a program that reflects the challenges, opportunities, and changing responsibilities facing government finance professionals. From engaging educational sessions and opportunities to exchange ideas and best practices to time dedicated to reconnecting with colleagues, we hope you leave Providence with new knowledge, connections, and ideas to bring home to your organization.

Bringing a NESGFOA conference to life takes an extraordinary amount of planning and teamwork.

As President, I have had the privilege of working alongside an outstanding group of volunteers who have dedicated countless hours in making our 79th Annual Conference something special. I extend my sincere thanks to every member of the Host Committee for their enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment.

I also want to recognize our corporate sponsors and partners, whose generous support is essential to the success of NESGFOA. These partnerships allow us to provide high-quality professional development while keeping this conference accessible and affordable for our members. During your time in Providence, I encourage you to visit with our sponsors and join me in thanking them for their continued support of our organization.

Above all, NESGFOA is about the relationships we build across our six New England states. Our annual conference gives us the opportunity to step away from our daily responsibilities, learn from one another, share experiences, reconnect with longtime friends, and welcome new colleagues into our organization.

Whether this is your first NESGFOA conference or one of many, I encourage you to make the most of your time here. Attend a session outside your usual area of expertise, introduce yourself to someone new, share an idea, ask a question, and enjoy everything Rhode Island has to offer.

We have all the ingredients for a memorable 79th Annual Conference—an outstanding program, dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors, a great host city, and, most importantly, all of you. Now let's mix it all together and make it a successful and fun experience.

Randy R. Rossi
President



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 - NESGFOA, Executive Director

The Location

Omni Providence Hotel

Providence, Rhode Island

Connected to Providence Place Mall and Rhode Island Convention Center, Omni Providence Hotel is conveniently located in the walkable downtown area near top destinations including Brown University, Providence College, RISD and the Amica Mutual Pavilion. Our hotel is ideally positioned for business trips, romantic getaways or vacations in New England, offering elevated accommodations with sweeping views of the downtown skyline. When you're not exploring the city, make use of our fully equipped fitness center or take advantage of our in-room fitness kits. You can also enjoy delicious dining at Fleming's Steakhouse, a celebration of fine food and wine. Extensive menus focus on prime steaks and fresh seafood, and guests can enjoy tastings from our vast wine collection. You can also book your next meeting or event at our hotel, with over 20,000 square feet of event space.



Keynote Speaker

Jeff Lanza

Retired FBI Agent

Advisor Education Consultant

Jeff Lanza is a former FBI Special Agent with more than 20 years experience. During that time, he investigated cybercrime, organized crime, human trafficking, and terrorism. Lanza has lectured at Harvard and Princeton Universities and has written two highly reviewed books. He was featured in a Netflix documentary about the FBI and often appears on national television news programs discussing the growing threat of cybercrime and prevention. He is a certified FBI instructor and has trained numerous government agencies and corporate clients on how to interpret and project body language for more effective interpersonal communication.



Lanza holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas.

Entertainment

Cover Story

Cover Story Entertainment was established by Chris Troxell, when he graduated from Berklee College of Music with a performance degree and a driven passion for perfection. Since the initial launch, CSE has expanded its entertainment and event services, offering clients the ease of single vendor coordination with the benefit of access to our prestigious performers, photographers, and videographers.

A eight-year winner of The Knot's Best of Weddings and nine-year winner of WeddingWire's Couples' Choice Awards, Cover Story Entertainment focuses on providing clients with a seamless and memorable wedding, corporate or private function, by eliminating the stress of coordinating with multiple vendors and vetting reliable service providers without sacrificing selection.



Cover Story Entertainment prides itself with its attention to detail and five star service. They have coordinated and executed hundreds of events from intimate backyard weddings, to major corporate functions for clients that include American Express, Amazon, Trip Advisor, and MIT.

What Matters?

Get ready for a night of great music, nonstop energy, and plenty of fun with What Matters? One of Rhode Island's favorite live bands, What Matters? brings an infectious, interactive performance that turns every show into a party. Known for their crowd-pleasing mix of rock, pop, dance favorites, and sing-along classics, the band knows how to keep audiences on their feet from the first song to the last. With seasoned musicianship, big personalities, and a playlist built for a good time, What Matters? delivers much more than a concert—it's an experience.



Whether you're dancing up front, singing along with friends, or just enjoying the show, one thing is certain: when What Matters? takes the stage, the party starts!

Sunday, September 27

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration

Narragansett Lobby, Omni Providence Hotel

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Eat. Sip. Play. Rhode Island

Amica Mutual Pavilion

Sponsored by: CLA



Get ready for a conference event unlike anything NESGFOA has done before!

Eat. Sip. Play. Rhode Island combines great food, local flavors, friendly competition, and plenty of opportunities to connect with colleagues in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Try your hand at axe throwing, challenge friends to life-size Jenga or Connect Four, or compete in a game of cornhole. In between the fun, enjoy food, beer, wine, and other beverages featuring flavors from across Rhode Island.

Come hungry. Come thirsty. Come ready to play—and experience a different side of the NESGFOA Conference!

Best of all, Eat. Sip. Play. Rhode Island is included with your conference registration at no additional cost.

Sunday, September 27

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Opening Reception & Cocktails

Amica Mutual Pavilion

Sponsored by: Webster Bank

Entertainment

Music by: Robert Brannon

Enjoy Rob in his solo setting as he plays your favorite cover songs performed in a very friendly, upbeat manor, creating a fun interactive social atmosphere. A performance from Rob is always an enjoyable evening of good times, good people, and good music. From country to classic rock, modern pop to modern rock, the diverse song list makes the evening one everyone can enjoy.

6:00 PM

Dinner on your own

Enjoy the opportunity to explore the many great sites and dining experiences that the City of Providence has to offer. Visit GoProvidence.com for dining options and plan your evening.



Monday, September 28

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

Waterplace Ballroom

Sponsored by: JP Morgan Chase

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration

Narragansett Lobby

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

President's Welcome

Narragansett Ballroom

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Keynote Speaker:

Jeff Lanza

Narragansett Ballroom

Sponsored by: Bartholomew and Company

10:00 AM – Noon

Vendor Café: CBIZ

OpenGov

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

Sponsored by: Bartholomew and Company



Monday, September 28

11:00 AM – Noon

General Session:

Finance Officers' Feud

Narragansett Ballroom

Presenters: Martin Hammond, Jr., Managing Director, PFM
Leslie Murphy, Director, PFM

Noon – 1:30 PM

Lunch

Waterplace Ballroom

Sponsored by: Citizens Bank

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Vendor Café: PKF O'Connor Davies

Kent Room

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Session 1:

The New Pension Playbook: Modern Strategies for Today's Finance Officers

Providence Ballroom 1 & 4

Presenters: Daniel Casella, Vice President, USI

Robert Lessard, Asst. VP & Consulting Actuary, USI

Frederica Daniels, VP & Managing Actuary, USI

George Kasper, Member, Pullman & Comley

Session 2:

Staying Ahead of the Curve: Best Practices for Modernizing Your Budgeting and Reporting

Providence Ballroom 2 & 3

Presenters: Michael Lepore, Senior Account Executive, ClearGov

Monday, September 28

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Break

Kent Room

Sponsored by: U.S. Bank Trust Company, NA

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Session 1:

Tax Levy Management in Practice: Bringing FP&A Discipline to Municipal Forecasting

Providence Ballroom 1 & 4

Presenter: Eric Mason, CAAS, Chief Financial Officer, CLA

Session 2:

The Price of Treasury Discipline: New Research on Borrowing Costs and AI

Providence Ballroom 2 & 3

Presenters: Tyler Traudt, CEO & Co-Founder, DebtBook

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cocktails & Appetizers

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

Sponsored by: MuniPro

6:00 PM

Dinner

Narragansett Ballroom

Dinner Sponsored by: Webster Bank

Dessert Bar Sponsored by:

Rockland Trust Investment Management Group

Entertainment

Music by: Cover Story

Narragansett Ballroom

Sponsored by: Washington Trust Company

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

Waterplace Ballroom

Sponsored by: Raymond James

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

NESGFOA Annual Meeting

Narragansett Ballroom

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

General Session:

Rethinking Financial Reporting

Narragansett Ballroom

Presenters: Chris Morrill, Executive Director/CEO, GFOA

Diane Waldron, Comptroller, City of Bristol, CT

10:00 AM – Noon

Vendor Café: Titan Energy

ClearGov

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

Sponsored by: PFM Financial Advisors, LLC.

11:00 AM – Noon

General Session:

Current Credit Conditions & Bond Market Trends Affecting Local Governments Throughout New England

Narragansett Ballroom

Presenters: James Diossa, General Treasurer, State of RI

Alexander Shih, Managing Director, Raymond James

Carlos Desmara, Exec. Dir., Cabrera Capital Markets

Michael Ryter, Senior Analyst, S&P Global

Tuesday, September 29

Noon – 1:30 PM

Lunch

Waterplace Ballroom

Sponsored by: Bank of America

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Vendor Café: RHR Smith & Company

Kent Room

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Session 1:

Stress is Costing You: Simple Strategies for Better Health

Providence Ballroom 1 & 4

Presenters: Renae Martin, Founder & CEO, The Wellness Flame, LLC.

Session 2:

Navigating The 2026 Cybersecurity Risk Landscape: Emerging Threats, Evolving Schemes, and The Road Ahead

Providence Ballroom 2 & 3

Presenters: Benjamin Tweel, Senior Cyber Specialist, Bank of America

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Break

Kent Room

Sponsored by: NESGFOA



Tuesday, September 29

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Session 1:

Stress is Costing You: Simple Strategies for Better Health

Providence Ballroom 1 & 4

Presenters: Renae Martin, Founder & CEO, The Wellness Flame, LLC.

Session 2:

10 Questions for a Successful Retirement: A Guide for the Retiree

Providence Ballroom 2 & 3

Presenters: Maria Kersey, Personal Financial Planner, Mission Square

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cocktails & Appetizers

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

Sponsored by: TD Bank US

6:00 PM

Dinner

Narragansett Ballroom

Dinner Sponsored by: Troutman Pepper Locke

Dessert Bar Sponsored by: Debt Book

Entertainment

Music by: What Matters?

Narragansett Ballroom

Sponsored by: Mission Square

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

Waterplace Ballroom

Sponsored by: Moody's

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

General Session:

The Space Between: Unlocking the Magic of Leadership Through Connection and Belonging

Narragansett Ballroom

Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Slattery, Dir. of Membership Services and Training, RILCT

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Vendor Café: S&P Global Rating Workday, Inc.

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function

Sponsored by: RIGFOA

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

General Session:

AI Agents: The Next Wave Of Local Government Innovation

Narragansett Ballroom

Presenters: James Harris, Senior Value Manager, Workday, Inc.

11:30 AM

Safe Travels Home!

Vendor Café Schedule

The NESGFOA Vendor Café offers attendees a unique opportunity to connect directly with select Conference Sponsors in a more informal and interactive setting. Meet with participating sponsors one-on-one or in small groups, explore their products and services, ask questions, and learn about resources and solutions available to government finance professionals.

Attendees are encouraged to stop by the Vendor Café during the designated times. Whether you visit in place of a conference session or during a scheduled break, the Vendor Café provides an additional opportunity to engage with our sponsors and make valuable connections.

Morning Vendor Café – Narragansett Ballroom Pre-Function Area

Afternoon Vendor Café – Kent Room

Monday

- **10:00AM – Noon**
 - **CBIZ**
 - **OpenGov**
- **1:00PM – 3:00 PM**
 - **PKF O'Connor Davies**

Tuesday

- **10:00AM – Noon**
 - **Titan Energy**
 - **ClearGov**
- **1:00PM – 3:00 PM**
 - **RHR Smith & Company**

Wednesday

- **9:00AM – 11:00AM**
 - **S&P Global Rating**
 - **Workday, Inc.**

Speaker Bios

Martin Hammond, Jr., Managing Director, PFM

Marty Hammond, Jr. is a Managing Director with PFM Asset Management, overseeing the firm's activities across the Northeast region. In this role, he develops, implements, and reports on customized investment strategies for clients. Marty conducts investment performance analyses, investment policy development, cash flow modeling, and portfolio optimization.

Lesley Murphy, Director PFM

Lesley Murphy is a Director at PFM Asset Management where she is responsible for business development, sales, and relationship management in the Northeast market. She draws on over 18 years of experience delivering fixed income and Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) investment solutions to governments, non-profits, and other institutional clients. Lesley frequently speaks at industry conferences and works to introduce clients to the firm's full suite of products and services.

Daniel Casella, Vice President, USI

Dan Casella is a vice president with USI's retirement consulting and administration practice, where he provides guidance for not-for-profit and public sector employers on retirement plan strategy, pension risk management and fiduciary governance.

With more than 25 years of experience in retirement consulting and investment advisory services, Dan specializes in defined benefit pension plans, pension de-risking strategies, 403(b) and 457 plans, and retirement plan modernization.

Robert Lessard, Asst. VP & Consulting Actuary, USI

Rob Lessard, ASA, EA, MAAA is an assistant vice president and consulting actuary with USI's retirement consulting and administration practice. He works with public sector clients on pension valuations, funding analyses, financial reporting and plan design initiatives. Since entering the defined benefit consulting industry in 2001, Rob has specialized in public pension and OPEB plans, actuarial modeling and forecasting, and complex actuarial analyses.

Speaker Bios

Frederica Daniels, VP & Managing Actuary, USI

Frederica Daniels is a vice president and managing actuary with USI's retirement consulting and administration practice. She works with public and private sector clients on pension and OPEB valuations, funding analyses, financial reporting and plan design initiatives, while leading a team of pension actuaries and consultants. Since entering the retirement consulting industry in 1998, Fredi has specialized in public pension and OPEB plans, actuarial modeling and forecasting, and complex actuarial analyses.

George Kasper, Member, Pullman & Comley

George J. Kasper is a partner in the Labor, Employment Law, and Employee Benefits practice where employers and plan fiduciaries seek his counsel on all types of employee benefit plans, including defined benefit pension plans, 401(k) and 403(b) plans, multiemployer plans, medical benefit plans, cafeteria plans, and disability plans.

Michael Lepore, Senior Account Executive, ClearGov

Michael Lepore is a highly experienced Senior Account Executive at ClearGov, where he plays a key role in helping local governments modernize their budgeting and performance management through innovative SaaS solutions. With over a decade of sales and client-facing experience, Michael brings a proven track record of building trusted partnerships and driving revenue growth.

Eric Mason, Chief Financial Officer, CLA

Eric Mason a consulting CFO for State and Local Government Client Accounting and Advisory Services (CAAS) at CliftonLarsonAllen, advising municipalities on finance, governance, and forecasting. He previously served as CFO of Quincy, Massachusetts, where he managed a budget of more than \$500 million and a debt portfolio exceeding \$1 billion. Eric pioneered the first blockchain-based municipal bond in the United States and executed the largest Pension Obligation Bond in Massachusetts history.

Speaker Bios

Tyler Traudt, CEO & Co-Founder, DebtBook

Tyler started his career as an Analyst at Citigroup in New York and Philadelphia. After spending eight years working with local government and non-profit finance teams as an investment banker and financial advisor, Tyler co-founded DebtBook to help improve the day-to-day operations of these complex organizations. Prior to DebtBook, Tyler worked as a Director for a leading financial advisory firm.

George Kasper, Member, Pullman & Comley

George J. Kasper is a partner in the Labor, Employment Law, and Employee Benefits practice where employers and plan fiduciaries seek his counsel on all types of employee benefit plans, including defined benefit pension plans, 401(k) and 403(b) plans, multiemployer plans, medical benefit plans, cafeteria plans, and disability plans.

Pulling from many years of diverse experience, George designs retirement and health care programs to meet the needs of today's employers and their workforces.

Chris Morrill, Executive Director / CEO, GFOA

Chris Morrill is the Executive Director/CEO of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the US & Canada. He has extensive experience in local government, serving as city manager of the City of Roanoke, VA, and Assistant City Manager and Budget Director for the City of Savannah, GA.

Chris also served as Senior Municipal Finance Advisor to the South African National Treasury, assisting in the development of local government finance legislation, budget reforms, and capacity building programs.

Diane Waldron, Comptroller, City of Bristol, CT

Diane is the Comptroller for the City of Bristol in Connecticut and has overall thirty-eight years of experience in government finance as a Director of Finance in four other communities in Connecticut. She is responsible for all aspects of financial operations, including accounting, budgeting, financial reporting, pensions and benefits, and debt and cash management. She has received the GFOA Awards for Financial Reporting and Budget throughout her career.

Speaker Bios

James Diossa, General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island

James A. Diossa was elected Rhode Island General Treasurer in November 2022 and sworn in on January 3, 2023. He is focused on protecting and growing the state's assets while ensuring all Rhode Islanders have the financial foundation to thrive. Since taking office, he has worked to sustainably grow and diversify the state's \$13 billion pension fund, strengthen Rhode Island's bond rating, and expand access to economic opportunity.

Under his leadership, Treasury has launched several initiatives to support Rhode Islanders, including RISavers, which expands retirement access to the 40% of private-sector workers without employer-sponsored options, and the RI AnchorHome pilot program, which offers low-interest home loans. Treasury has also expanded efforts to return unclaimed property, reuniting residents with millions of dollars. In addition, Treasurer Diossa has strengthened financial education statewide, convened municipal leaders on public finance, and launched a medical debt relief initiative that eliminated \$12 million in debt.

Alexander Shih, Managing Director, Raymond James

Alex Shih is a Managing Director in RJ's Public Finance Banking department located in New York City. Prior to joining the firm in August 2008, Mr. Shih was a Director with UBS Investment Bank in their Municipal Securities Group for almost a decade specializing in Northeast region financings. Overall, Mr. Shih has executed or managed over 500 senior managed negotiated bond transactions for a total par in excess of \$25 billion.

He is responsible for coverage of municipal clients across the Northeast and has a specialty practice working with local municipalities all throughout New England. Mr. Shih received his BA degree in Economics from New York University and MBA degree from Columbia Business School where he graduated Beta Gamma Sigma.

Speaker Bios

Carlos Desmara, Executive Director, Cabrera Capital Markets

Carlos Desmaras, Executive Director, is based in Cabrera Capital Markets' New York City office and brings approximately 22 years of public finance experience. He leads Cabrera's coverage of Northeast issuers and has extensive experience across a broad range of sectors including states, cities, transportation, utilities, power, and other public-purpose financings. He serves as lead banker for many of the firm's Northeast relationships, including the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Michael Ryter, Senior Analyst, S&P Global

Michael Ryter is a Senior Analyst in S&P Global Ratings' East Region Local Government Group in Americas Public Finance, based in Chicago. Michael joined S&P in 2022 and covers local credits in the Eastern region from Maine to Florida including municipalities, counties, and school districts. He serves as S&P's local government portfolio lead for Massachusetts and authors annual credit briefs on Massachusetts and Connecticut municipalities.

Renae Martin, Founder & CEO, The Wellness Flame, LLC.

Renae Martin is a cardiac nurse, Board Certified Holistic Nurse, Board Certified Health & Wellness Nurse-Coach, Reiki Master, HeartMath Certified Practitioner for Stress and Anxiety, Certified Holding Space Practitioner, and founder of The Wellness Flame, LLC. With a strong clinical background in cardiac nursing and cardiac rehabilitation, Renae brings a heart-centered, whole-person approach to helping individuals make meaningful lifestyle changes that support heart health, resilience, and longevity. In addition to her coaching practice, Renae is an experienced public speaker who has presented for TEDx URI, an international education consortium serving physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals across the USA, Europe, and the Middle East, and the University of Connecticut School of Nursing Graduation in 2019. She has also delivered presentations at professional conferences, schools, and community events, offering practical, compassionate education on heart health, lifestyle medicine, stress management, stress and anxiety reduction, and personal well-being.

Speaker Bios

Benjamin Tweel, Senior Cyber Specialist, Bank of America

Ben Tweel is a Senior Crime Specialist at Bank of America's Global Information Security (GIS) team. He currently partners with clients to strengthen the general financial sector and client cybersecurity through best practices, education and awareness, and has been in the technology business for more than 35 years.

Ben delivers technology-forward thought leadership at the intersection of business, family and personal cybersecurity. He has championed cybersecurity principles to Fortune 50 company board rooms, international broadcasts, executive teams, department heads and employees, and for international audiences.

After joining Bank of America in 2011, Ben developed and managed tools and process improvements across multiple information security teams. His work evolved data platform security at Bank of America, Business Banking, Merrill and Private Bank, ensuring client data protection keeps pace with current cybersecurity trends. Throughout his career, he has taken on a spectrum of roles, from in-house technical sales to Chief Information Officer.

Maria Kersey, Personal Financial Planner, Mission Square

Maria Kersey earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Business/Communications from the University of Pittsburgh. Maria is a Certified Financial Planner™ and a registered financial representative who holds a Certificate in Financial Planning from Georgetown University as well as the FINRA SIE, Series 6, 7 and 63 Licenses. She also has the Life, Health and Long-Term Care Insurance Licenses.

Maria has been in the financial services industry for over 30 years. She spent 10 years with the Vanguard Group working in their Participant Services call center. There she managed associates who handled 401(k) and 403(b) participants. She also spent 20 years at TIAA where she served as a Financial Consultant providing advice and guidance to 403(b) participants of higher education and the hospital market. Most recently she served as an independent Financial Advisor with Mass Mutual where she assisted individuals with their financial planning and insurance needs.

Speaker Bios

Dr. Jennifer Slattery, Dir. of Management Services & Training, RI League of Cities and Towns

Dr. Jennifer Slattery believes the magic of leadership happens in the space between people.

As a leadership and organizational development professional, educator, and coach, Dr. Slattery has spent her career helping people understand themselves, connect with others, and live their purpose. She currently serves as Director of Membership & Training for the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns and as an Adjunct Professor in the Political Science Department at Roger Williams University.

Dr. Slattery holds a Doctorate in Leadership & Organizational Development from Northeastern University, a Master's degree in Counseling, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology. Her career has included work with Brown University's Center for Public Policy, as well as the University of Rochester's Simon Business School.

James Harris, Senior Value Manager, Workday, Inc.

James Harris is a Senior Value Manager on Workday's Public Sector team. James has had a long career dedicated to local government including financial management roles at the City & County of San Francisco, King County (WA), Allegheny County (PA) and City of Oak Park (IL). He has also held consulting roles at KPMG, Accenture and Grant Thornton. Early in his career, James worked for national GFOA in its Research and Consulting Center. He holds a B.A. from University of California Berkeley and a Master's Degree from the Heinz School of Carnegie-Mellon University.

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