

GFOAz 2025 January Training (5 CPEs)

AGENDA

8:00 AM | Registration Opens

9:00 AM | Bond Elections/Best Practices/Issuance, Post-Issuance Compliance, and Annual Indebtedness Report | 2 CPEs

In compliance with both GFOA and State of Arizona best practices, presentation of information from Municipal Advisor, Bond Counsel, State Reporting Requirement Team, and experienced staff from municipalities.

Speakers:
Randie Stein, *Stifel*
Mark Reader, *Stifel*
Doug Sandstrom, *Deputy City Manager, Buckeye*
Paul Bentz, *Political Consultant, HighGround Public Affairs*
Jolene Teeters, *Department of Administration*
Michael Williams, *Department of Administration*
Paul Gales, *Bond Counsel, Greenberg Traurig*
Jillian Johnson, *Stifel*
Ken Cherevka, *Stifel*

11:00 AM | Building Resiliency through Process Evaluations | 1 CPE

Building resiliency through process evaluations involves systematically assessing and improving organizational processes to enhance their ability to withstand and recover from disruptions. This approach ensures that operations remain effective under various conditions and can quickly adapt to unforeseen challenges. In this presentation, Abdo Financial Solutions advisor, Jean McGann will walk through the key components of this strategy and share examples of process improvements.

Speaker:
Jean McGann, *Government Partner/President, Abdo Financial Solutions*

12:00 PM | Lunch



1:00 PM | Navigating the Future of Pension Funding: Strategies for a Stronger Tomorrow | 1 CPE

In our upcoming GFOAz session, we will explore innovative fiscal strategies that Arizona local governments and municipalities nationwide are employing to address rising pension costs.

Speakers:
Charlie Francis, *Senior Consultant, PARS*
Carter Kimberly, *Senior Consultant, PARS*

2:00 PM | A.I. in 2025: Transforming Government Finance | 1 CPE

This session will provide an overview of Artificial Intelligence for finance officials, focusing on how to put AI to use for you, what questions you should be asking, and examples of how to leverage AI's precision and insights to increase accuracy, transparency, and efficiency for government finance officers. The session will conclude with an actionable roadmap for successful AI adoption.

Speakers:
Jonathan Rose, *Co-Founder, License Regulator*

3:00 PM | Conclude