

## **Colorado Government Finance Officers' Association Introduction**

The Colorado Government Finance Officers' Association is an organization that promotes continued education and relationship-building between individuals employed or interested in all levels of government finance in Colorado and beyond. Membership is open to government employees, students, and other interested parties not employed in government. There are currently over 600 government and non-government (associate) members.

Through a variety of courses and seminars offered throughout the year and during its annual conference, the CGFOA builds value by providing educational opportunities to members and non-members alike. Subjects range across all aspects of government finance, from accounting through revenue recovery, organizational audits, GASB updates, and budgeting as well as current trends in management/soft skills. Through periodic fun activities, the CGFOA encourages members to develop valuable knowledge networks. The CGFOA furthers the profession of "government finance officer" by coordinating local opportunities for certification testing and providing a free borrowing library of materials to help prepare for it.

Government finance officers hold positions of trust and responsibility within their organizations, ensuring that the collection of revenues and expenditures are transacted according to recognized governmental accounting standards with all due openness and regard for the will of citizens as expressed in the laws of each entity. They may be specialists such as technical or audit staff, or broad-scope overseers such as finance directors or city managers, yet all share strong ethics and are committed to providing value in public service. The CGFOA supports strong Colorado government by supporting and nurturing these ideals.