

## **Mitch Laine, CGFM, CPA, Consultant, Management Concepts; AGA Past National President**

Mitch Laine has served the federal financial management community for nearly 25 years after starting out his career as a CPA in the private sector where he specialized in auditing and consulting services for state and local governments.

In 1981, Mitch joined the Office of Management and Budget as a Senior Management Analyst, where he worked closely with the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE). Mitch also led the efforts to implement the first OMB Circular A-123, before the passage of the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act of 1984.

Mitch left OMB in 1983 to join the U.S. Department of Education, where he worked on both sides of the financial house: first as Assistant Inspector General for Audit, then as Deputy Chief Financial Officer. It was at Education that Mitch was able to observe the federal government's first attempts to grapple with the new financial reporting requirements of the CFO Act.

Mitch ended his career inside the federal government in 1999 as Chief Financial, Administrative, and Information Technology Officer at the U.S. Economic Development Administration. However, he has remained an active member of the government financial management community, having served for the past six years as a trainer for Management Concepts and as an independent consultant. Mitch's article, entitled "Revisiting Federal Financial Management Reform" appears in the Summer 2005 issue of AGA's Journal of Government Financial Management.

Mitch holds a master's in business administration, a CGFM, and a CPA. He served as AGA's National President for the 1996-97 term, and currently serves on AGA's Financial Management Standards Board. He has won numerous awards, including the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive in the Federal Senior Executive Service, the U.S. Department of Education Executive Management Award, and the AGA Distinguished Leadership Award.