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## **GFOA Membership Reaches 20,000**

(Chicago, Illinois – February 14, 2019) For over a century, government finance professionals in the United States and Canada have relied upon the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to provide timely information, practical educational opportunities, and the latest information on best practices. GFOA is proud to announce a milestone in its history—achieving 20,000 members.

**Carol Orth, Assistant Controller, Alameda County – Auditor's Agency, Oakland, California**, became the Association's 20,000th member. Orth has been active in GFOA as a nonmember, participating in the Association's annual Governmental GAAP Update web-stream event every year since 2003 and attending GFOA's 2013 Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, as well as taking part in GFOA's 2016 accounting training seminars in Oakland, California. She became a member by joining through her county's base membership.

Orth will be recognized at GFOA's 113th Annual Conference, May 19–22, 2019, at the Los Angeles Convention Center, California. She was awarded with complimentary registration and travel expenses to attend the event. The conference is expected to bring together over 4,000 government finance officers through more than 75 sessions, ten preconference seminars, three keynote speakers, discussion groups and networking opportunities including a welcome breakfast and closing event, and an exhibit hall. Details and registration are available at [gfoa.org/conference](http://gfoa.org/conference).

GFOA's mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management. The Association does this by serving as a resource, an educator, a facilitator, and an advocate for its members. GFOA members work for:

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- Cities, towns, and municipalities
- School districts, colleges, and universities
- Public employee retirement systems
- Federal agencies
- County governments
- Special districts and utilities
- States and provinces
- Private-sector organizations

GFOA also offers student memberships.

The Association provides its members with best practice information around accounting, auditing, budgeting, capital planning, debt management, financial reporting, pension and benefit administration, and treasury and investment management.

For information about how to join GFOA or how to add members to an existing membership, visit [gfoa.org/join](http://gfoa.org/join) or contact:

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