

Summer Symposium: **Payment Integrity: Partnerships and New Technologies**

June 13, 2024 Zoom Webinar

2024 Joint Financial Management Improvement Program Summer Symposium

Welcome to the 2024 Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) Summer Symposium. The JFMIP is a cooperative undertaking between the Department of the Treasury, Government Accountability Office (GAO), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Office of Personnel Management (OPM). All educational sessions will be led by financial management experts.

The 2024 JFMIP Summer Symposium will be available in **virtual format**. Registration is free but is available exclusively to federal employees, state employees, and vendors with current government contracts.

The JFMIP Summer Symposium will take place on June 13, 2024, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM EDT.

We look forward to your participation.

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2024 JFMIP Summer Symposium Schedule

Thursday, June 13, 2024

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1:50 PM – 2:00 PM	Virtual log-in
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	Opening Statement – Deidre Harrison Deputy Controller, Office of Management and Budget
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	State Perspectives on Payment Integrity and Fraud Risk
3:00 PM – 3:10 PM	Break
3:10 PM - 4:00 PM	JFMIP's Recent Initiatives: Identity Verification and Blockchain

Session Descriptions

Opening Remarks from JFMIP Principal

2:00 to 2:10 PM

Program Description: The JFMIP Principals, or their representatives, work in cooperation with each other and with operating agencies to improve and coordinate financial management policies and practices throughout the government. Deidre Harrison will give brief remarks on JFMIP and our three core pillars for improving federal financial management. She will also introduce the concept of JFMIP symposiums, and how JFMIP hopes they will serve those pillars.

Speaker:

Deidre Harrison, Deputy Controller Performing the Delegated Duties of the Controller, Office of Management and Budget

State Perspectives on Payment Integrity and Fraud Risk

2:10 to 3:00 PM

Program Description: Improving payment integrity is a critical component of the JFMIP's vision for the future. During this session, participants will hear from three states on the emerging challenges and opportunities at the state level related to payment integrity and fraud risk. This meeting of experts from Massachusetts, New York, and Oregon will offer their perspectives on payment integrity successes, what the future of payment integrity may look like, and what they will need from federal partners. Join this session to learn about what the JFMIP has found from surveying states on this topic, and how it will be able to leverage this information to positively impact payment integrity and federal-state partnerships for years to come.

Learning Objectives: Session participants will learn about the current issues with payment integrity and fraud risk at the state level, critical themes on federal and state partnerships, fraud prevention, and the prevention of improper payments, as well as approaches to addressing payment integrity at all levels of government.

Prerequisites and Advance Preparation: None

Field of Study: FINT (Finance-Technical)

Program Level: Basic

Speakers:

Stephen Lisauskas, Executive Deputy Auditor, Office of the State Auditor of Massachusetts Tina Kim, State Government Accountability Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Deputy Comptroller for the State of New York Ian Green, Audit Manager – Data Analytics, Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division Heather Dunahoo, Assistant Director, Forensic Audits & Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office (Moderator)

JFMIP's Recent Initiatives: Identity Verification and Blockchain

3:10 to 4:00 PM

Program Description: In July 2022, JFMIP published its report "Key Practices to Reduce Improper Payments Through Identity Verification." Among several key concepts, this report covers models for the identity verification process. A year and half later, a separate JFMIP initiative published a first-of-its-kind, interagency report highlighting considerations for blockchain's potential impact on federal financial management and information systems. This report, "Harnessing Blockchain in the Federal Government: Key Considerations for Financial Management and Information Systems," pulls together key considerations for this technology's use in government. Join this session to hear a discussion about these two JFMIP reports and to learn how considerations from both reports could inform effective blockchain use cases. These use cases could potentially serve both programmatic objectives and identity verification.

Learning Objectives: Learn about identity verification and payment integrity, as well as the IT and cybersecurity considerations for building functional, interagency blockchains. Additionally, hear about how the IT and cybersecurity considerations for blockchain may be relevant to identify verification, as described in JFMIP's 2022 report.

Prerequisites and Advance Preparation: None

Field of Study: Information Technology

Program Level: Basic

Speakers:

Mark Canter, Chief Information Security Officer (Acting), Government Accountability Office (Moderator) Andrew Kurtzman, Assistant Director, Innovation Lab, Government Accountability Office Ram Gollakota, Senior Data Scientist, Innovation Lab, Government Accountability Office Aaron Ruiz, Senior Auditor, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office

SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

PROGRAM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Registration is free but is available exclusively to federal, state, and local employees, and vendors with current government contracts.

INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY METHOD

Instruction for all sessions will be delivered as "Group Internet based".

Session Descriptions, Learning Objectives, Prerequisites, Preparation requirements, and Fields of Study for event sessions are listed on pages 5 and 6.

2024 JFMIP Summer Symposium sessions require "Basic" program knowledge. Prerequisites are not required to attend either session.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION POLICIES

For more information regarding administrative policies or to file a complaint, please contact us at <u>JFMIPCPE@gao.gov</u>

Substitutions are not authorized for this event.

SYMPOSIUM EVALUATION

Attendees will receive an online survey in the form of polling question(s) at the end of each session.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank the Summer Symposium presenters for the informative sessions and attendees for asking important questions.

We also are grateful to the volunteers who gave helpful assistance, registration staff who assisted attendees, and the coordination team who organized all the details.

Special thanks to the General Services Administration for hosting this year's 2024 Summer Symposium on Zoom.

Thanks for attending the 2024 Summer Symposium. The JFMIP Planning Committee looks forward to working together with you again soon.