



# Strategic Advisors to Government Executives

## *Chief Financial Officer (CFO)*

The Partnership for Public Service's *Strategic Advisors to Government Executives (SAGE) Program* connects senior-level executives in government with their predecessors who are now in the private-sector, providing them with an opportunity to leverage prior government experience and private-sector capabilities to continue to help transform government and improve performance.

### Program Missions

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- ★ Assist, advise, and mentor incoming, public-sector CFOs on successful financial management strategies;
- ★ Create a forum for thought leadership and information exchanges, and innovative thinking in the financial management community;
- ★ Share and build on valuable “lessons learned” and discuss foundational activities essential as transformative strategies for financial management ; and
- ★ Help incoming CFOs successfully recognize customer and business centric needs and demands behind digital government and promote these to other government decision makers.

#### **FEDERAL CFO ROADMAP**

The Federal CFO Roadmap provides a high-level overview of the evolution of federal financial management, a detailed explanation of required duties and an outline of evolving duties based on emerging trends in the industry.

#### **BOOT CAMP**

Working closely with the CFO Council, the CFO SAGEs will produce the first-of-its-kind CFO Boot Camp to inform and guide new federal CFOs and executive-level budget management officials. Using the Federal CFO Roadmap as a model, the Boot Camp will examine the role of the federal CFO from both public and private perspectives in order to help incoming CFOs tackling the responsibilities of their position.

### History

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The CFO SAGE effort shares and builds upon valuable best practices, fosters relationships and creates momentum within the public-sector financial management profession. A charter group was founded in 2007 to address the needs of the federal financial and budget management communities by providing mentorship, guidance and advice to current CFOs. In 2008, the SAGEs helped to coordinate a series of workshops for federal CFOs and budget management officials focusing on key issues facing federal financial and budget management, including organizational efficiency, program performance and transition. Also in 2008, the CFO SAGEs produced the Federal CFO Roadmap.

### Membership

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CFO SAGEs are former government executive-level financial and budget management officials who are committed to advancing the profession across government. The program is designed to bring together former and current public-sector CFOs, Deputy CFOs, and other senior financial management leaders in a live and online community that provides thought leadership and strategic advice to incoming CFOs. SAGEs

form a thoughtful working community of highly experienced financial management professionals who understand the inherent differences between public- and private-sector environments.