

# Center for Audit Excellence

U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Promoting  
good governance  
and providing  
high-quality audit  
training *since 2015.*



**CENTER FOR  
AUDIT EXCELLENCE**  
U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

*October 2022*

## ► What is CAE?

GAO's Center for Audit Excellence (CAE) was established by the U.S. Congress to promote good governance in the U.S. and throughout the world. CAE offers high-quality audit training and technical assistance to domestic and international accountability organizations on a fee-basis.

*Staffed by* highly-experienced managers and senior executives who retired from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) or other U.S. government employment, CAE's expertise ranges from planning performance and financial audits, to implementing audit methodologies, to analyzing and communicating audit results.

## ► What Does CAE Offer?



**Formal Assessments**  
to diagnose organizational capacity



**Virtual & In-Person Training**  
(off-the-shelf and customized) based on relevant audit standards and best practices to enhance staff audit skills



**Real-time Technical Assistance**  
to strengthen organizational capacity and policy development and implementation



**Mentoring & Coaching Services**  
to enhance organizational leadership and audit team performance

## ► CAE Clients:

CAE serves numerous accountability organizations, both domestically and internationally. CAE is proud to serve many repeat clients, further strengthening its relationship with the accountability community.

*Since 2015,*  
CAE has delivered over...



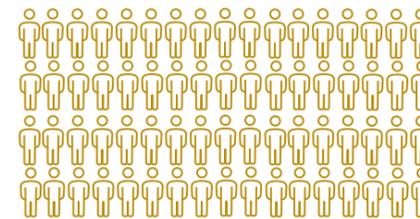
**500** Training Courses

in a wide range of topics, taught by leaders in the audit community. CAE's instructors have an average of over



**25** Years of Expertise

and hands-on experience in their fields, and have provided training, mentoring or development services to an estimated



**10,000**

Participants

at the federal, state, local and international level, in total serving over

**100** Accountability Organizations

in the United States and across the globe.



# Why Work with CAE?

CAE offers a range of training courses, including:

- Techniques for successful audit planning
- Data analytics
- Performance audit methodologies
- Effectively leading audits
- Creating high-performing teams
- Reviewing draft reports
- Applying federal internal control standards

## The Process:

CAE uses an interactive approach to provide high-quality, client-focused services.

1. CAE staff meets with the prospective client to discuss its needs and desired timeframes.
2. CAE engages in open dialogue to finalize an approach and associated costs that meet the client's needs.
3. CAE incorporates frequent interaction to adjust services as needed to ensure high-quality outcomes.

## ▶ Client Testimonies

- "As a result of the training, we have had internal discussions on areas where we can improve our process."  
- *Domestic Inspector General Office*
- "We are coming back for four more classes because this class has changed the dialogue of how we review reports and communicate with each other. We expect the training to have significant impact on the quality and speediness of their review process. The cost is a drop in the bucket compared to the positive impact it will have!"  
- *Domestic Inspector General Office*
- "This course was a great introduction to key considerations for using data in a research project, an audit, or an evaluation. The handouts were useful and I've already used them to guide me in my job."  
- *Supreme Audit Institution (Africa)*
- "The course is very much related to my work as an external auditor, and I have learned a lot during the duration of the seminar."  
- *Supreme Audit Institution (Asia)*

## ▶ Learn More



(202) 512-7100



centerforauditexcellence@gao.gov



<https://www.gao.gov/about/what-gao-does/audit-role/cae>



441 G St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20548



▶ *Scan here*  
to learn more about  
GAO's Center for  
Audit Excellence.

