**Graduate School USA Public Financial Management (PFM) Capability Statement**

Graduate School USA (GS USA) is an educational nonprofit institution headquartered in our nation's capital that provides training in the DC metropolitan area and throughout the world. With 95 years of experience in delivering performance based training, GS USA remains committed to being the leader in continuing education for the federal government and public sector. Today our comprehensive portfolio of curricula encompasses Acquisition, Audit, Financial Management, Leadership and Management, Human Resource Management, Information Technology in a wide array of personal enrichment and career development course work. Each year GS USA helps more than *150,000 students* representing a diverse customer base improve their job performance and further their careers. GS USA leverages this experience to provide our customers with the highest quality training and learning solutions.

**Leadership and Training Expertise**

**Government Audit Training Institute (GATI)**

The Government Audit Training Institute (GATI) was created in 1979 to provide training for compliance with the government audit standards and promote integrity and accountability in government performance and operations. GATI has served the expanding role and requirements of independent government auditors as the premier provider of quality training through a comprehensive program of basic, intermediate and executive level courses.  GATI training presented by expert practitioners, reflects current requirements and needs. GATI courses are available by open enrollment and as on-site, customized training.  GATI is expanding its reach and accessibility to domestic and foreign governments for greater audit competency in risk and fraud reduction, compliance, program evaluation, and innovative problem solving.  Through new partnerships, technology and products GATI efficiently delivers valued audit training services.

**Financial Management Training**

Our Financial Management curriculum provides comprehensive training solutions that help develop the broad range of knowledge and skills needed to make sound financial decisions. Our courses respond to that need by helping students acquire the skills to achieve such a balance through mastery of the tools and techniques of accounting, budgeting, appropriations law, and federal financial management and policies. Taught by instructors with real-world experience in the field, courses emphasize practical application of the skills learned. GS USA regularly delivers financial management courses to agencies overseas. The Department of Defense is our largest customer and our instructors regularly travel to military bases and installations throughout Europe and Asia to deliver courses.

**International Training Capabilities**

GS USA’s International Institute has been delivering customized educational services and performance solutions to U.S. based agencies with global missions; international organizations; the private sector; and NGOs and governmental institutions worldwide. The International Institute designs and administers exchange programs that provide opportunities for participants to interact and share best practices with their counterparts. Our programs include orientations, meetings, workshops, seminars, and observational study tours. Our goal is to offer participants the opportunity to interact and share best practices with their counterparts while expanding their networks and building on their capacity to affect change in their countries. Our experience working with virtually all countries that USA has diplomatic relations with, easy access to hundreds of educational training curriculums and courses, and availability of multilingual staff and instructors allows the International Institute to quickly develop customized capacity building programs.Examples of our international training capabilities are listed below.

1. **U.S. Department of State Partnership- International Visitor Leadership Program**

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the flagship professional exchange program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs which brings over 4,500 current and future foreign leaders to the United States to share best practices with their American counterparts. Graduate School USA is one of only seven National Programming Agencies that administer the program and yearly we educate over 400 IVLP participants through study tours, site visits, customized trainings and hands-on experiences.

1. **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** **Partnerships**

Since 2000 GSUSA has provided course development, training and related services to personnel at USAID headquarters and mission personnel worldwide. GSUSA has delivered hundreds of courses to USAID staff throughout the world. Course topics have included *Assessing Controls in Performance Audits; Quick Response Auditing and Conducting Performance Audits: Contracts, Grants and Cooperative Agreements; USAID Financial and Audit Management Overview; Detection of Fraud and Audit Reporting.* Our customized products include a five-day-long course titled *USAID Financial and Audit Management Overview* course which was regularly delivered by GSUSA instructors to USAID staff from 2003 through 2010. Another five-day-long course on best practices in developing audit findings, *Detection of Fraud,* was designed for USAID’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) in 2009. In 2011 GSUSA developed two training courses on the topics of *Performance Auditing* and *Quick Response Auditing* for USAID’s OIG.

1. **U.S. Department of the Interior Partnership- Pacific & Virgin Islands Training Initiative**

The Pacific & Virgin Islands Training Initiative (PITI-VITI) was established in 1991 through an Interagency Agreement between the Graduate School USA and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (DOI/OIA). The program serves Pacific insular governments and the Virgin Islands by providing training services designed to support efforts to implement and maintain sound financial management and program performance practices. The goals of the PITI-VITI program are to assist the insular governments to: (i) Improve leadership and management capacity; (ii) Improve financial management systems and practices; (iii) Increase effectiveness of program results; (iv) Institutionalize regional professional organizations and communities; (v) Improve capacity and capabilities of public sector workforce in critical positions and functions.

**Instructor Resources**

GS USA has the capacity to draw on its breadth of over 250 instructors, instructional designers and program management staff to develop and deliver courses. Many of our instructors are former public servants in the field of Financial Management. All of our Financial Management instructors possess years of public service in financial management, auditing, accounting, budgeting and related fields.