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## Washington Chapter



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## President's Message

Ms. Leslie Ferguson



As we go to press, we are celebrating the brave men and women who answered their nation's call and placed service above self, both in war and in peace, to protect America and our way of life. It is because of the selfless service of over 20 million American veterans that we enjoy our liberties and freedoms. A special heart-felt thank you to the veterans that are part of our ASMC family.

FY20 has started out to be very eventful with an FY20 Continuing Resolution, FY19 Audit, Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Wide Reviews in addition to the FY21 Program Budget Reviews. Deputy Secretary of Defense Norquist asked for these reviews to identify resources that can most efficiently be reallocated to our highest priorities. In this environment there is undoubtedly great heroics happening. Please start considering nominations for our annual Chapter awards program to recognize individual and group candidates for the great work being accomplished by our ASMCers across the Department. Please look for guidance coming out in Nov.

I would like to highlight some new initiatives that your ASMC-Washington Chapter is launching this fall. We are piloting a corporate table sponsorship opportunity where a block of seats can be purchased upfront at a discount (either 2 or 4 seats per meeting) and can be used to recruit young careerists, reward members that don't always attend, treat clients or recruits, etc. Sign-ups started this month and it will apply for Jan/Feb/Apr/May monthly meetings. If successful we will permanently establish this offering. In addition, we have also established a Washington Chapter Young Careerist Committee and are looking forward to hearing their ideas on how we can best appeal to the needs of these professionals that are so important to our future success.

Please pay close attention to all of the great learning opportunities that your ASMC-Washington Chapter has to offer you throughout this newsletter and on our website. The Chapter's Training and Education Committee is working very hard to provide opportunities, at no cost to you, to assist you in meeting your professional goals and DoD Financial Management certification. And don't forget that our monthly luncheons not only provide you with great speakers, but you will earn 1 CET towards your continuing professional education requirement.

We are really looking forward to seeing you at this year's annual Holiday Party at the Army-Navy Country Club, December 11 from 5:30-8:30. Registration is now open so please don't delay. Bring a friend and enjoy the company of scores of your ASMC friends and colleagues for PRIZES, FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND CASH BAR! And please bring a toy to support the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots drive and canned food for the Food Pantry. On that note, Happy Holidays to all and we look forward to seeing you and working on your behalf in the New Year!

Best wishes,

Leslie

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### Upcoming Events

Date	Upcoming Events / Sponsor / Speaker / CPEs	Location
21 Nov 19	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / USAF / Mr. McVicker / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City
1 Dec 19	NCR PDI 2020 Website <a href="#">Registration</a> Opens	On-line Registration
11 Dec 19	Holiday Social	Army Navy CC, Arlington VA
16 Jan 20	ASMC Chapter Luncheon Meeting / USMC / LtGen Jansen / 1 CPE	The Westin, Crystal City
6 Feb 20	<a href="#">Mini-Course</a> (F7082): Budgeting and Accounting	Washington DC
12 Mar 20	NCR PDI 2020	Reagan Building, Washington DC
16 Apr 20	<a href="#">Mini-Course</a> (F3589): Internal Controls	Washington DC

### Featured Article



#### Financial Audit and the Chief Information Officer

By Benjamin Yarish

The Department of Defense recently completed the second year of a full financial statement audit, and continues to improve transparency and accountability to the American taxpayers. In FY19, the then Acting Department of Defense Secretary (SECDEF), Mr Patrick Shanahan, outlined audit priorities focused on corrective actions to provide more value to operations and the warfighter. The priorities outlined were to focus on real property, inventory and operating material supplies, government property in the possession of contractors, Information Technology (IT), material weaknesses, and a plan to sustain successful processes. Over the past several years, the DoD has made progress integrating with personnel, logistics, IT, and acquisition communities to address the audit findings. In the IT area, the acting SECDEF stated “our IT security measures are inadequate” showing that it was important for financial systems and business (financial feeder) systems to address access controls of IT systems.

In a commercial enterprise, the Chief Information Officer (CIO) is typically accountable for the controls around IT systems in scope of financial audit. These systems include areas of data reliance on a commercial service provider (e.g, ADP for payroll services). Functional communities typically manage their business applications in the DoD, which muddles the role CIO in financial audit.

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### Featured Article

The CIO establishes the foundation by setting expectations through policy and often procedural guidance. Visualizing a house can help put the role of the CIO in perspective to understand the value of proper IT controls to enable data reliability. The graphic is a helpful depiction of how IT stakeholders support data reliability required for the financial statements, which increases repeatability and can decrease the manual work of documentation collection.

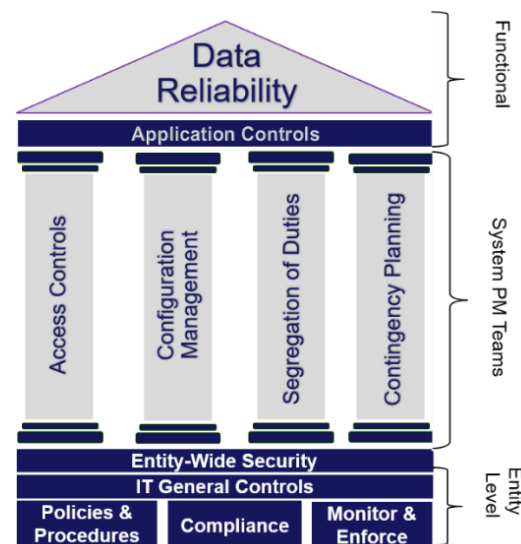
Access controls play a key role in the process and are aligned to the National Defense Strategy as a component of Cybersecurity. Under the umbrella of Cybersecurity, agency CIOs have implemented the Risk Management Framework (RMF) to advance the process by increasing agility and improve the risk assessment across the control environment. Building on RMF, the OSD Comptroller and DoD CIO have published a Financial Management Overlay with the intent to focus on key controls for financial statement audits. Control assessments are then reviewed and approved by CIO-designated Authorizing Officials, who are accountable for ensuring their systems are properly protecting the data and executing controls, in accordance with DoD guidance prior to connecting to the network.

The DoD Digital Modernization Strategy provides a roadmap to support implementation of the National Defense Strategy lines of effort through the lens of cloud, artificial intelligence, command, control and communications and cybersecurity. Leveraging cloud capabilities, artificial intelligence, and industry best practices can help address enterprise wide IT gaps. Cloud migration, data standardization, sunset legacy systems and system consolidation are examples of IT initiatives benefiting Financial Audit and increase an agency's chances of clean opinion. For example, by migrating to cloud an application inherits important controls, which reduces re-work to certify and allow systems to connect. Sunsetting legacy systems and hardware can reduce vulnerabilities, allowing an agency to reduce the number of applications on the network thereby decreasing the cybersecurity threat surface.

In the Air Force, the financial statement audit aligns to the CIO strategic priorities of "Cybersecurity that works" and to "Empower Partner Transformation." Many targeted actions planned for FY19 and FY20 reinforce the cyber infrastructure, increase the risk focus of the Risk Management Framework, and support DoD CIO, CMO and CFO priorities in Identity and Access Management. The CIO responsibilities are advancing our audit priorities while addressing the other more traditional aspects of the office and provide opportunities to achieve a clean audit opinion.

#### About the Author

Benjamin Yarish is the Chief of the Resources and IT Budget Division, Air Force Office of Deputy Chief Information Officer and Digital Transformation. Previously he led SAF/FM IT Portfolio and AF-wide Enterprise Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness for IT systems.



**Seeking writers!** If you would like to write an FM-related article for the Chapter Newsletter, please email the editor at [mmonson@definitivelogic.com](mailto:mmonson@definitivelogic.com)



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## October 2019 Meeting Recap



**Speaker:** *Mr. John Adams*

*Director, Functional Requirements Lead, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C)*

**Time:** *Social 11:30am, Lunch 11:45am*

**Date:** *Thursday, 17 October 2019*

**Location:** *Westin*

*1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202*

**Below are highlights from Mr. Adams' presentation: "DON ERP—Journey to a Single General Ledger"**

- Responsible for Navy-ERP, absolutely mission critical system that provides cross functional capabilities in financial mgt logistics/supply
- Very compelling Case for Change and Vision driven directly by ASN-FM&C for future that allows USN and USMC to operate more effectively, reduce costs and personnel in the business processes, make better decisions due to authentic management information
- Previous model had Navy "pay as you go" command model – perpetuated silos and nonstandard operations/processes. Now central governance, management, prioritization, and central funding based upon top DON priorities
- All is now focused around the Navy enterprise → One DON, One System! #1 focus is building coalitions across the Navy, convince folks of merits of this standard, enterprise approach and build strong business case for the best answer – not the 100% answer
- The operational impact of this approach will be highly beneficial and ultimately drive audit success - e.g. stop losing \$3B/year in budget authority the last three years
- Strong partnership between the ASN-FM&C [REQMTS], the PMS 220 [PEO] and the BSOs – set funding, drive outcomes. His team 18 FTEs, 80 contractors – "tight ship"
- DON was challenged both operationally and with audit requirements given 9 separate [mostly legacy] G/Ls - no alignment, no analytics, hundreds of RICE. Set aggressive plan in motion to be down to 2 G/Ls by Oct 2020 [Navy ERP and SABRS], then rapid migration to 1 G/L Navy ERP for both general fund and working capital funded organizations. Once this completed, begin transformation to new integrated platform.
- Navy-ERP migrated to commercial cloud in 10 months, now working to get enterprise analytics and predictive capabilities
- Think Enterprise = DON



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### October 2019 Meeting Pictures



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### November 2019 Meeting



**Speaker:** *Mr. Grant McVicker*

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics,  
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management  
and Comptroller

**Time:** *Social 11:30am, Lunch 11:45am*

**Date:** *Thursday, 21 November 2019*

**Location:** *Westin  
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202*

Grant McVicker, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, Washington, D.C. Mr. McVicker is responsible for assisting the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Cost and Economics) in directing and supervising Air Force cost, economic and business case analysis. He also assists in managing the activities of the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency and is Deputy Chair of the Air Force Cost Analysis Improvement Group.

Mr. McVicker retired from active duty in May 2006 as a lieutenant colonel after serving for more than 20 years with the Air Force. He started his career as a Missile Combat Crew Commander stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. After this assignment, he transitioned into the Acquisition Financial Management Career field at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio where he earned a Masters of Science in cost analysis from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Upon graduation, he served at the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency and then at the Directorate of Cost Analysis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Cost and Economics. After his assignment at the Pentagon, he was assigned to the F-22 Program Office where he led the Production Financial Management Branch. After an assignment to Air Command and Staff College, Mr. McVicker became the Director of Affordability for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. McVicker served as the Chief of the Aircraft and Weapons Division, Air Force Cost Analysis Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. In this role, he was accountable for the development and defense of the Air Force's cost estimates for major defense acquisition aircraft and weapon programs. He presented at Defense Acquisition Executive reviews, served as the Chair of the Cost Integrated Product Team and lead multi-functional teams in the development of Service Cost Positions. He also directed the maintenance of historical/technical databases and cost research to improve cost-estimating methodologies.

### Excellent Networking and Professional Development Opportunity!

- ASMC gov't members attend for \$15 – delicious buffet meal PLUS 1 CPE/CET and networking
- ASMC gov't young careerists [under 35] –only \$10!

Register at [WWW.WASHINGTON-ASMC.ORG](http://WWW.WASHINGTON-ASMC.ORG) or contact your Service Secretary

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**NEW**

## Corporate Sponsorships Available for Chapter Monthly Lunch Meetings in 2020

### ASMC Washington Chapter Monthly Meeting Corporate Table Pilot

Reserve Luncheon Table Reservations in advance on-line for discount

An investment of only \$180 (paid in full, on-line) provides 2 seats for each of the first 4 luncheons in 2020—a \$280 value. No need for discrete monthly reservations/payments for ASMC luncheons. Provides ability for corporate members to bring young careerists, guests/clients, non-members, and potential members at your discretion.

\$180 – Includes 2 reserved seats to hear distinguished speakers on:

- January 16, 2020 hosted by USMC
- February 20, 2020 hosted by USCG
- April 16, 2020 hosted by DOD
- May 21, 2020 hosted by Army

Note: No March meeting as we hold the ASMC NCR PDI on 12 March 2020 at the Reagan Bldg.

Register at: <https://secure3.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R13-06-01-ASMC>

Any questions please contact Tim Kohlrus, [tkohlrus@definitivelogic.com](mailto:tkohlrus@definitivelogic.com), 703-509-9031



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WASHINGTON CHAPTER

HOST THE

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 5:30 – 8:30 PM

ARMY-NAVY COUNTRY CLUB

1700 ARMY NAVY DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VA 22202

**HOLIDAY CHEER...FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP!**

Costs: \$25 members & Guests

\$30 Non-members & Guests

Cash Bar Available

Support Local Area Food Banks

All Toys for Tots and food donations  
will be received at the Holiday  
reception table!!!

For more information:

Janice Hill, 571-256-8810

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Register Online at: <https://secure3.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R14-07-23-ASMC>

[Click here to Register](#)



Bring an un-wrapped toy  
to support USMC Toys for  
Tots.



Bring a can of food to donate to the Capital Area  
Food Bank to help take hunger off the map!



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2020 ASMC National Capital Region PDI  
Create Success – It's Contagious



**Our 2020 ASMC National Capital Region PDI is a partnership across key ASMC Washington metropolitan area chapters** – to optimize our DoD enterprise education and learning, dialogue, networking, as well as enhance our fund-raising for charities and scholarships.

Last year our event sold out, with over 1,500 government and industry professionals attending this worthwhile conference to interact, share insights, and help advance critical business outcomes needed for our warfighters.

The DoD Financial Management triumvirate – military, civilian, and contractor professionals – has been challenged by DoD leadership to cut spending, smartly modernize, accelerate audit, and enhance professional advancement. We must embrace the real change -- essential to reform our business environment faster, cheaper, and with less risk -- in order to achieve operating effectiveness, auditability, and reprogram critical funds for national security.

**The theme for the 2020 ASMC National Capital Region PDI is: “Create Success – It’s Contagious”**

PLEASE join us on Thursday March 12, 2020 at the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington D.C. for a terrific day of learning, dialogue, collaboration, networking, and certification [7 CPEs]. There is **no cost** for our government ASMC members to ensure attendance. Corporate/Retired members: \$229; non-members: \$279

**2020 NCR PDI [Registration](#) opens 1 Dec 19**

The DoD Financial Management triumvirate – military, civilian, and contractor professionals – has been challenged and funded by DoD Leaders since 2001 to effectively transform legacy operations, achieve audit, and enhance professional advancement. We have prepared long and hard. 2020 is our time to dare - cast aside conservatism, apprehension, and the status quo for real change - to achieve transformational outcomes and repurpose scarce funds to the fight.



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### Community Service Event



### ASMC Community Service Event Recap

Was held Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
425 2nd St NW, Washington, DC 20001



#### Helping Our Community One Meal At A Time

On September 17, 2019, twelve ASMC Washington Chapter members donated their time and talent to help DC Central Kitchen. DC Central Kitchen prepares and deliver more than 5,000 meals to partner homeless shelters, rehabilitation clinics, halfway houses, and afterschool programs each day.

The team of volunteers gathered at DC Central Kitchen to help the kitchen staff with various tasks for the morning. Wearing hair and beard nets and aprons, the team was divided into small groups to help the DC Central Kitchen staff in different parts of the kitchen. The volunteers cut vegetables for bolognese sauce, helped prepare the Bolognese sauce, cut various fruits, prepared meals and snack boxes for community centers, and helped DC Central Kitchen with other tasks. At the end of the morning, the team had time to reflect on the impact the organization makes in our community and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the kitchen staff at DC Central Kitchen as a gesture of their gratitude! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers!



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### Chapter News

## 2019 ASMC Washington Chapter Golf Tournament

This year's ASMC/AGA Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, 17 July at the Fort Belvoir Gunston and Woodlawn courses. The success of this event again this year can be attributed to the dedicated government and corporate Golfers, our outstanding Corporate Sponsors and the terrific volunteers, working on and off the course. *It was another beautiful hot and balmy July day.*

Amidst the festivities, our ASMC and AGA members generously gave to those less fortunate by donating 210 pounds of food goods and non-perishable items from 36 donors for the Capital Food Bank. Thanks to **Marion Buchite and Jeff Norris** for ensuring we supported this worthy cause.

ASMC Golfers 128 / AGA Golfers 44

56 Government golfers \* 116 Corporate golfers \* 172 Total golfers

Special thanks to **Mrs. Ferguson** for presenting at the winner's circle and **Conrad Symber and Matt Hunt**, for the excellent job their first year as the new Co-Golf Tournament Chairs

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped before, during, and after the event!

Marion Buchite  
Anthony DiMario  
Rita Finney

Kris Kershaw  
Justin Lee



#### Drink Cart Sponsors



#### Breakfast Sponsor



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#### Golf Tee Sponsors



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### Training & Education

The ASMC Washington Chapter is sponsoring the following mini-courses at no cost to our members.

#### MINI-COURSE (F7082)

### Budgeting and Accounting: Making the Connection

This course is designed for junior DoD or contract employees from various backgrounds: accountants who want insight into DoD budgeting, budgeteers who want insight into DoD Accounting, and systems people who want a basic understanding of DoD budgeting and accounting so they can implement new financial systems.

DoD Certification Level 2  
COMPETENCY: Concepts, Policies and Principles of Budget – 2.5 hrs (PL3)

**February 6, 2020**

AM SESSION 8:30-11:30 AM  
PM SESSION 12:30-3:30 PM

*Register by January 24, 2020*

**FREE for ASMC Members!**

#### MINI-COURSE (F3589)

### Internal Control: Meeting Federal Requirements for Accountability

This mini-course will help participants in reducing the risk of waste, fraud, and mismanagement within their agency, and supporting accountability efforts. Participants will learn what controls are and why they are important; the requirements, standards, and guidance available for internal controls; the importance of risk management; and the eight steps in an internal control process. In addition, the course will cover the relatively new requirement for Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), addressing risks to an agency's strategic objectives.

DoD Certification Level 2  
COMPETENCY: Audit Concepts, Policies and Principles – 2.5 hrs (PL3)

**April 16, 2020**

AM SESSION 8:30-11:30 AM  
PM SESSION 12:30-3:30 PM

*Register by April 3, 2020*

#### LOCATION

Management Concepts Washington DC Training Center  
919 18th Street NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20006

*Across the street from the Farragut West Metro Station*

**To register, visit [Learn.ManagementConcepts.com/ASMC](https://Learn.ManagementConcepts.com/ASMC)**

*Due to high demand, please notify Management Concepts if you are not able to attend after registering.*

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### ASMC National News



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ASMC

### Online Learning Center

Members earn continuing professional education credits by viewing and testing recorded educational sessions and the Armed Forces Comptroller.



### Upcoming Training Events



### EDFMT – DW/DLA – Alexandria, VA – 27-31 Jan 20

The Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course (EDFMT) is a 5-day, 40-hour, intensive financial management review course delivered in a classroom setting. The material covered is presented in 3 sections that correspond to the CDFM exam modules and knowledge areas:

**Resource Management Environment**

**Budget and Cost Analysis**

**Accounting and Finance**

Students receive a copy of the course textbook on the first day of class and receive 40 CPE/CET for full participation. Register at least three weeks before the first day of the class. EDFMT Course questions should be directed to Amanda Alter at (202) 314-3346 or [amanda.alter@graduateschool.edu](mailto:amanda.alter@graduateschool.edu)

Course cost does not include CDFM Program enrollment or any CDFM exams.

Contact ASMC with questions at [CDFMtraining@asmconline.org](mailto:CDFMtraining@asmconline.org)

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# ASMC Value Proposition

ASMC supports	A global community of defense financial managers, military comptrollers, and corporate members
Who need	Convenient, affordable, and collaborative opportunities for leadership and education that further enable the support of warfighters, the National Military Strategy, and the overall federal financial management (FM) profession, while enhancing their career development
By providing	Educational materials, training courses, the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certification; leadership opportunities at National and Chapter levels, opportunities to enhance communication skills and contribute to the federal FM body of knowledge; and in-person and virtual access to a global network of peers, and a knowledgeable and customer service-oriented staff
As a result	Financial managers who are members or certificants of ASMC are equipped with the latest innovations, industry knowledge, and best practices; possess a broader understanding of defense FM policies and operations; and differentiate themselves as highly qualified candidates for positions within the DoD, the United States Coast Guard, other federal agencies, and the private sector
Because of	ASMC's status as a premier defense financial management education provider, it is recognized as a prestigious organization for leaders and other individuals serving in or supporting the defense FM community
Unlike	Competitive membership organizations or educational programs that provide products and services to the financial management profession but do not offer ASMC's unique specialization in military comptrollership



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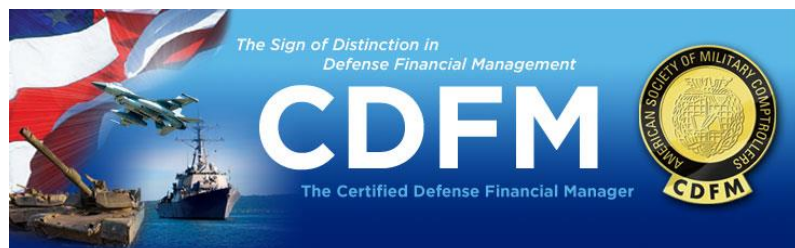


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Have the required number of years of defense-related financial management experience outlined below:

- **Two (2) years if you hold an Associate's degree or higher;** or
- **Three (3) years if you do not have a degree.**

OR

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- **Four (4) years of Federal government-related financial management experience;** and
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