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## IIA's American Center for Government Auditing Recognizes Elaine M. Howle as Among Most Influential in Government Auditing

*California State Auditor honored for professionalism, outstanding achievements*

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. — The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) announced today that its new America Center for Government Auditing (ACGA) has honored Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor, as among 2014's 15 Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing.

The ACGA recognized professionals on the local, regional, and national levels for their outstanding achievements in public-sector auditing, based on the following criteria: promoting the value of auditing in government; demonstrating courage and integrity necessary to face difficult situations; willingness to call out opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness in government operations, even when doing so may not be popular or may incur strong opposition from those in power; and influence in the profession based on the size, scope, and reach of the organization they represent.

Howle is the immediate past President of the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) and a member of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Domestic Accountability Working Group. She has more than 20 years of auditing, management, and leadership experience in the profession. She was appointed in 2000 as California's first female state auditor, but she is not just influential in auditing circles. In 2012, she was named a Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine, where individuals throughout the nation are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.

"We honor Elaine and others selected for our inaugural Most Influential list for their outstanding achievements and the positive impact they have had on helping government auditing become an indispensable component of strong governance in the public sector," said The IIA President and CEO [Richard F. Chambers](#), CIA, CGAP, CCSA, CRMA .

The ACGA is a specialty offering from The IIA focused on serving the unique needs of auditors in the public sector. Its mission is to advance the professional practice of government auditing by advocating its value through timely and relevant thought leadership, communication, collaboration and education.

"Public-sector auditors often face political and public pressures and other constraints," said ACGA Director Jim Pelletier, CIA, CGAP. "These 15 individuals demonstrate the courage, integrity, and leadership necessary to confront and overcome such challenges."

Comprehensive profiles for each honoree of the Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing listing are available on the ACGA website at [acga.theiia.org/influential](http://acga.theiia.org/influential).

### About The IIA

Established in 1941, The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA) is a professional association for internal auditors around the world, with headquarters located in Altamonte Springs, Fla. The IIA serves more than 180,000 members

from 190 countries, providing professional development, guidance, and certification. For more information, visit [www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org).

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