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# AGA: Accountability to Transparency to Ethics

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## Vision and Mission Statements

**Vision:** AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability\*.

**Mission:** AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability\*.

- *Government accountability (AGA definition):  
A government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources*





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## Core Values & Strategic Goals

**CORE VALUES:** Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership (SAIL)

**MEMBER VALUE:** AGA maximizes member value through an effective and efficient organization (focus on meeting the diverse needs of its diverse membership)

**EMPOWERMENT:** AGA educates and empowers professionals to advance government accountability

**CERTIFICATION:** AGA enhances government accountability by advancing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) as the preferred professional designation role that CGFM has in raising AGA's profile among organizations and accountability professionals)

**THOUGHT-LEADERSHIP:** AGA is the thought leader and catalyst for change (key differentiator for how AGA can achieve its vision)

**COLLABORATION:** AGA provides forums for collaboration among diverse disciplines, sectors and levels of government

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## Accountability, Transparency, and Ethics

**Government Accountability (AGA definition):**

A government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources

**Transparency:** Openness, communication, and accountability. Transparency is operating in such a way that it is easy for others to see what actions are performed.

**Ethics:** The discipline dealing with what is Good and Bad, with moral duty and obligation. Knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do. — *Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart*

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