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Dear Conference Registrant:

GFOA's 99th Annual Conference, "Expanding the Frontiers of Government Finance," is only weeks away. To help make your experience at the 2005 conference as enjoyable as possible, please take a moment to review the following logistical information regarding transportation, registration, local events, hotel shuttle service, and the Sunday Night Welcome Reception.

TRANSPORTATION:

SA Trans is the official airport transportation provider for San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and the City of San Antonio. Service between the airport and downtown hotels costs \$12 one way, and \$22 round trip. Daily service runs from 7 a.m. - 1 a.m. and departs the airport for the downtown hotels approximately every 10 minutes. ADA accessible mini-buses are also available. Upon your arrival at the SAT, check in to secure your travel at the SA Trans booth, which is located outside each of the two terminals. A discount coupon can be found at www.sairportshuttle.com. Taxis are also available at \$15 - \$17 per ride with a travel time of 15 minutes.

REGISTRATION:

This year's conference sessions will be held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, located at 200 East Market. Enclosed please find your conference badge as well as any requested guest badges. The card attached to your badge must be signed and returned to the GFOA registration desk upon your arrival to obtain your registration packet. The conference program will be included in your registration packet, but you may preview an electronic version on www.gfoa.org beginning Thursday, June 16th. Registration will take place on the street level in East with the following schedule:

- Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Sunday, June 26th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Monday June 27th and Tuesday June 28th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 29th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

To expedite the registration process, please note that there will be separate lines for the following:

- Prepaid Registrants with Badges
- Late Registrants — Badge Pickup
- New Registrants/Unpaid Delegate
- Badge Changes
- Guest Badges
- Pre-Registered Exhibitors
- Exhibitor On-Site Registrations

The GFOA pre-conference seminars, committee meetings, and the certification examinations will also be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in the following locations:

- Registration for the Friday pre-conference seminars – outside 206
- Registration for the Saturday pre-conference seminars – outside 214 (morning) & outside 206 (afternoon)
- Committee on Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting – 006D
- Committee on Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy – 007A
- Committee on Cash Management – 007D
- Committee on Governmental Debt Management – 007B
- Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning – 008A
- Committee on Retirement and Benefits Administration – 007C
- Committee on Canadian Issues – 008B
- Certification Exam – 210

Business casual attire is recommended for activities at both the pre-conference and the annual conference. San Antonio is beautiful in June with average daily temperatures in the 80s.

TOUR TICKETS:

Included with your badges are any prepaid tour tickets you may have purchased from Circa Texas <https://commerce.therkgroup.com/gfoa/>. All tickets purchased after May 31 can be picked up at the local committee's tour desk in East Registration of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. If you decide you want to purchase tour tickets, there will be limited ticket sales available onsite.

TUESDAY EVENING TEXAS BORDER PARTY:

Please see the enclosed flyer regarding the local committee's finale.

GFOA HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE:

The Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center is centrally located within walking distance from many of the downtown hotels. As an extra courtesy, daily shuttle service will be available from the following hotels: Emily Morgan, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Crockett, Sheraton Gunter, Wyndham St. Anthony, Holiday Inn Riverwalk, Hotel La Valencia, La Mansion del Rio, and the Holiday Inn Market Square. Please refer to the shuttle schedule posted in the lobby of your hotel for shuttle routes, frequency of shuttle, and pick-up/drop-off locations.

- Saturday, June 25th: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Sunday, June 26th: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Monday, June 27th: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 28th: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 29th: 7:30 am - 1:00pm

San Antonio's Transit System also features a streetcar service to many of the downtown attractions. The cost is \$.80 per ride. Please visit www.viainfo.net for more information. The streetcars run during these hours:

- Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 9:00 pm or 10:30 pm (depending on the route)
- Saturday - Sunday 9:00 am to 10:30 pm or 12:30 am (depending on the route)

WELCOME RECEPTION:

GFOA has a San Antonio-style welcome reception planned, so mark your calendar and dust off your boots! You won't want to miss "Rock-n-Rodeo" on Sunday night, June 26, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm at the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio. This is the perfect venue to catch up with old friends and meet new colleagues. Enjoy this Texas evening at an action-packed rodeo featuring bareback riders, barrel racing, and bull riding. Whet your appetite on bar-b-q sandwiches, Frito pie, quesadillas, tacos, and cold watermelon. If that's not enough, special musical guests will add some rock to the rodeo. Be sure to join us for an evening of friends, food, and music beginning at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, but you must wear your GFOA name badge to be admitted.

Shuttle service will run from 5:45 pm – 10:00 pm (last bus will depart the Freeman Coliseum at 10:00 pm) between the following hotel routes and the Freeman Coliseum:

Red Route: Emily Morgan, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Crockett, and The Historic Menger Hotel

Yellow Route: Sheraton Gunter, Wyndham St. Anthony, and Hyatt Regency

Blue Route: Holiday Inn Riverwalk, Hotel La Valencia, La Mansion del Rio, Westin Riverwalk, and Homewood Suites

Green Route: Holiday Inn Market Square

Purple Route: Marriott Rivercenter, Marriott Riverwalk, and La Quinta Convention Center

Orange Route: Hilton Palacio del Rio and Marriott Plaza San Antonio

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Sincerely,

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