Keep Learning with SAO this Fall

Office of the Washington State Auditor

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BARS update webinars – no-cost CPE!

Our annual Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System (BARS) Updates will be held via webinar again this fall. These 2-hour sessions are free of charge and worth 2 CPE credits.

We plan separate sessions for GAAP governments and Cash governments, so you will only hear about changes that affect your government's basis of accounting.

- How to register: By Oct. 1, your government's audit liaison will receive an email from our Office when registration opens for these events. Or, you can watch for info on SAO's BARS and Annual Filing Training webpage.

- Webinar dates and times:

GAAP Sessions	
Wednesday, October 21	9 – 11 am
Tuesday, October 27	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, October 29	1 – 3 pm
Tuesday, November 17	9 – 11 am

Cash Sessions	
Tuesday, October 20	9 – 11 am
Thursday, October 22	9 – 11 am
Wednesday, October 28	1 – 3 pm
Tuesday, November 17	1 – 3 pm

New to the BARS manuals (or need a refresher)?

Here's a place to start: Check out our Introduction to the BARS manuals. And keep an eye on WFOA's training page, because we'll be doing a more in-depth webinar about BARS for GAAP and cash very soon!

Pump up your #GoodGovernment practices

SAO's Center for Government Innovation is planning virtual get-togethers this fall to discuss resources and guidance we've developed this past year and more. These no-cost sessions are open to all Washington state government finance staff and elected officials.

• When: Nov. 10 and Nov. 12 – exact times TBD, but there will be morning and afternoon sessions

• How to sign up: We will email an event sign up notification later this fall.

• Topics of discussion: New types and frequencies of financial management resources and best practices; improving the way we make data visible and usable; and what we've done with your direct feedback from last year's 2019 Fall SAO Roadshow.

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