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Speaker Biographies

Gene Dodaro, U.S. Comptroller General



Gene L. Dodaro became the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on December 22, 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He had been serving as Acting Comptroller General since March of 2008. Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues, including the nation's long term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce and eliminate overlap and duplication across the federal government and GAO's "High Risk List" that focuses on specific challenges—from reducing improper payments under Medicare and Medicaid to improving the Pentagon's business practices. Mr. Dodaro, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Association of Government Accountants.

Lori Rectanus, Director of Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO



Lori Rectanus is a Director in GAO's Physical Infrastructure team, overseeing GAO's audit portfolio for postal issues and federal real property management, including building security. Since joining GAO in 1984, Ms. Rectanus has brought much needed focus on the programmatic and human capital management of critical federal operations, such as worker protection, workplace quality, SSN integrity, job training, federal statistics development, and education. Internally, Ms. Rectanus has enhanced GAO's human capital management by developing and overseeing processes to facilitate hiring, redesigning campus recruitment efforts to better support organizational needs, and implementing tools to enhance employee engagement and productivity. Ms. Rectanus has received numerous GAO awards including the Richard J. Hillman Human Capital Management Award in 2015. Ms. Rectanus received a B.A. in Political Science from West Virginia University and a Masters in Russian Studies from Georgetown University.

Keith Cunningham, Assistant Director, GAO



Keith B. Cunningham is an Assistant Director of physical infrastructure issues at GAO. Mr. Cunningham has developed a broad expertise in real property policy and management issues during his 21 years at GAO—having led the work for more than 50 GAO reports and testimony statements. His recent work on federal real property includes reports on property ownership, realignment, leasing, disposal, and financing, and the biannual high risk updates. Prior to government service, Mr. Cunningham directed research on worldwide military base closure and reuse efforts for the Bonn International Center for Conversion in Germany and Business Executives for National Security. Mr. Cunningham holds a Masters of Policy Studies from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's from Miami University, Ohio.

Dan Mathews, GSA PBS Commissioner



Daniel Mathews was sworn in as Commissioner of the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Public Buildings Service (PBS) on Thursday, August 3, 2017. As PBS Commissioner, he oversees the nationwide asset management, design, construction, leasing, building management and disposal of approximately 371 million square feet of government-owned and leased space across the United States and six territories. Prior to joining GSA, Commissioner Mathews served as Staff Director of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. This committee has jurisdiction over federal buildings and courthouses, the General Services Administration, the Smithsonian, the Kennedy Center, the National Gallery of Art, and numerous other federal facilities. Commissioner Mathews holds a bachelor's in government and philosophy from Georgetown University.