



# 2025 Chief Financial Officer and Directors of Procurement, Risk Management, and Internal Audit Conference

November 11-14, 2025

Grandover Resort & Spa  
1000 Club Road  
Greensboro, NC 27407

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## REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Navigating Uncertainty: Advancing Oversight and Operational  
Excellence in Finance, Risk, Internal Audit, and Procurement in  
the Great City Schools



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Register online at: <https://cvent.me/gy8A1N>

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify key strategies for leading finance, internal audit, risk management, and procurement functions during periods of political and economic uncertainty.
- Foster alignment among finance, audit, risk, and procurement leaders to support integrated strategic planning.
- Develop tools and methodologies to assess and respond to emerging financial, operational, and compliance risks.

### AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

	Tuesday – Nov 11	Wednesday - Nov 12	Thursday - Nov 13	Friday - Nov 14
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:10 am – 9:00 am	General Session	Role Alike Sessions	Role Alike Sessions	General Session: 3-2-1 Report Out
9:10 am – 10:00 am				Boxed Lunch and Departure
10:10 am – 11:00 am				
11:10 am – 12:00 pm				
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:10 pm – 2:00 pm	General Session	General Session	Role Alike Sessions	
2:10 pm – 3:00 pm				
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm				
4:10 pm – 5:00 pm				
5:00 pm	Welcome Reception and Awards Ceremony	Cocktail Hour	Evening on your own	

### Call for Proposals

We are excited to invite submissions for 50-minute presentations from districts and sponsors. We seek presentations that showcase best financial practices in urban public schools, focusing on district-led initiatives.

For sponsors, Diamond sponsorship entitles you to one district-led presentation in General Session, while Platinum sponsorship entitles you to one district-led presentation in Role Alike Session. Please note, all district-led presentations with sponsors must include a CGCS district co-presenter.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Session title/topic (max 10 words)
- Objectives (1-3 key takeaways)
- Brief session description (max 100 words)
- Presenter information and bios
- Headshots of presenters

Submit your proposal by completing the Google form [here](#). The Deadline for all proposals is Friday, September 12th. For any inquiries, please contact Delisa Nuñez at [dnunez@cgcs.org](mailto:dnunez@cgcs.org).



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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$300 Council School District Member  
\$300 College of Education Member  
\$450 Non-Member District  
\$1,000 Additional person from company sponsoring  
\$75 added late fee registration after October 17, 2025

### SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

#### **Diamond Level: \$15,000**

- Entry into full day events
  - Welcome Reception Sponsor
  - District-led presentation in General Session
  - Prominent logo and name placement via signage, banner, and conference program
  - Recognized in annual report
  - Recognized via the conference mobile app
  - Early distribution of attendee list twice (October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>)
  - Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
  - Three registrants included
- Click [here](#) to submit proposal for district-led presentation

#### **Platinum Level: \$10,000**

- Entry into full day events
  - District-led presentation in Role Alike Session
  - Recognized via signage, banner, conference program, annual report
  - Recognized via conference mobile app
  - Early distribution of attendee list twice (October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>)
  - Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
  - Two registrants included
- Click [here](#) to submit proposal for district-led presentation

#### **Gold Level \$7,500**

- Entry into full day events
- Recognized via signage, banner, conference program, annual report
- Recognized via conference mobile app
- Early distribution of attendee list once (October 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
- One registrant included

#### **Silver Level \$5,000**

- Entry into full day events
- Recognized via conference mobile app
- Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
- One registrant included

The Council of the Great City Schools encourages sponsorship from Minority or Women Owned Businesses. Please feel free to indicate your MWBE status on our sponsor registration form or email Michell Yorkman at [myorkman@cgcs.org](mailto:myorkman@cgcs.org) for additional details. **NOTE: Still photography ONLY. Video recordings are PROHIBITED.**



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Hotel reservations for the conference will be made by individual attendees by calling directly to the hotel at 336-294-1800. Identify yourself with CGCS to receive the special discounted group rate of \$239 single/ double plus 12.75% tax. Please note, resort fees will be waived in the final bill. The cutoff date for the group rate is October 17, 2025.

Make online reservations [here](#).

Check-in Time: 4 p.m. Check-out Time: 11 a.m.  
On-Site Daily Parking: Free

Space is limited. Call to make reservations as soon as possible. A valid credit card is required and applied to first night of reserved stay. Hotel Cancellation Policy: Deposits are refundable for cancellations occurring up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

### Conference Registration Refund and Cancellation Policy:

All conference registration cancellations, refund requests, or substitutes must be made in writing and emailed to Gregory Bacon at [gbacon@cgcs.org](mailto:gbacon@cgcs.org). Registrations cancelled on or before October 17, 2025, will receive a full refund.

Cancellations made October 17<sup>th</sup> - October 24<sup>th</sup> will be billed or refunded 50% of the registration fee.

Cancellations after October 24<sup>th</sup> or no-shows during the conference will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount. Purchase orders will not be accepted for those registering on-site.

For checks- indicate on check the invoice number, registrant's name, and list name of the conference. (CFO 2025)

Please mail checks to:

Council of the Great City Schools  
1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Suite 1100 N  
Washington, DC 20004

## ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The Council of the Great City Schools brings together the nation's largest urban public school systems in a coalition dedicated to the improvement of education for children in the inner cities. The Council and its member school districts work to help our schoolchildren meet the highest standards and become successful and productive members of society. The organization also helps to build capacity in urban education with programs to boost academic performance and narrow achievement gaps; improve professional development; enhance the opportunity to learn; and strengthen leadership, governance, and management. The Council accomplishes its mission by connecting urban school districts from coast to coast who work under similar conditions.

## COUNCIL DISTRICT MEMBERS

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington (Texas), Atlanta, Aurora (Colorado), Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County, Buffalo, Charleston, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Durham, Duval County, East Baton Rouge, El Paso, Fayette County (Lexington), Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Jersey City, Kansas City, Little Rock, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Madison (Wisconsin), Memphis-Shelby, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Florida), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Phoenix Union, Pinellas County, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston Salem/Forsyth County