

## **Beryl H. (Berri) Davis, CPA, CIA, CGFM, CGAP**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Beryl H. “Berri” Davis joined the U.S. Government Accountability Office as a Director in the Financial Management and Assurance team in October 2011. Her career covers more than 30 years of experience in auditing, financial management, and accounting. Berri’s responsibilities at GAO include audits related to improper payments, grants management, U.S. postal service issues, and projects of the federal government’s Legislative branch.

Before working in the federal government, Berri served as Vice President, Standards and Guidance, for the Institute of Internal Auditors. She directed activities related to the identification of emerging issues, standard setting, and the development of new guidance. Berri also served as Director of Audit Services and Management Support for the City of Orlando where she was responsible for improving all aspects of accountability over city programs. Her accomplishments include generating millions of dollars of additional revenue for the city, coordinating the development of the city’s first comprehensive strategic plan, and creating a citywide employee recognition program. In addition, Berri has several years of work experience in public accounting and the private sector, including service as CFO of the Orlando Museum of Art.

Throughout her career Berri has developed and delivered presentations on internal controls and audit methodologies and approaches. She has served as a member of several auditing and financial management councils and boards, including the Comptroller General’s Government Auditing Standards Advisory Council, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board Appointments Panel, and the American Institute of CPA’s governing council. She is a Past President of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, a Past President of the Florida Institute of CPAs and a former Chairman of the Florida Board of Accountancy.

Berri graduated with a Master’s in Business Administration – Accounting from the University of Florida and earned her Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Emory University.

In 1994 Berri was recognized by “Accounting Today” as one of the *100 Most Influential People in Accounting*. In 2000 she was named the American Institute of CPA’s *Outstanding CPA in Government*.