

DAVID M. WALKER, CPA

David M. Walker is the seventh Comptroller General of the United States. As Comptroller General, Mr. Walker serves as head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and as the de-facto Chief Accountability Officer of the United States Government. His 15 year term in this professional and non-partisan position began in November 1998.

Mr. Walker has over 35 years of professional, private and public sector experience. He has received Presidential appointments from Ronald Reagan, George Herbert Walker Bush, and William Jefferson Clinton. He was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate for each of his three Presidential appointments.

The GAO is an independent agency comprised of approximately 3,100 professional and support staff within the legislative branch of the U.S. Government. GAO performs various oversight, insight, foresight, and adjudicatory functions in support of the U.S. Congress. All of GAO's work is designed to fight corruption, promote transparency, improve performance and ensure accountability within the federal government for the benefit of the American people. Mr. Walker has led an effort to help transform the GAO and the overall federal government in connection with key management and other challenges.

In addition to his responsibilities as Comptroller General of the United States, he holds several key leadership positions within the domestic and international accountability community. For example, he serves as Chairman of the U.S. Inter-governmental Audit Forum, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Financial Management Improvement Program, and as a member of the Governing Board of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).

Prior to being appointed as Comptroller General of the United States, Mr. Walker had over 25 years of public and private sector experience. He served as a Partner and Global Managing Director of the Human Capital Services Practice for Arthur Andersen LLP from 1989 until 1998. During this time, he also served as a Public Trustee of the U.S. Social Security and Medicare programs from 1990-1995.

Prior to Arthur Andersen, Mr. Walker served in several senior leadership positions within the U.S. Government, including as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Employee Benefit Programs and acting head of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. His initial professional and private sector experience was gained with Price Waterhouse, Coopers and Lybrand, and Source Services Corporation.

Mr. Walker has significant international experience and exposure. For example, he has traveled to approximately 90 countries and has direct working experience with his counterparts and various senior level government, private and independent sector officials in many countries around the world. For example, Mr. Walker chaired a multi-

national INTOSAI Task Force from 2001-2004 that led to the unanimous adoption of INTOSAI's first ever strategic plan. He founded the Auditor General Global Working Group-which is a best practices and knowledge sharing forum for selected Auditor Generals around the world. He is also a frequent speaker at various international conferences sponsored by groups such as INTOSAI, the United Nations, Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, etc.

Mr. Walker is a Certified Public Accountant. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Jacksonville University, a Senior Managers in Government Certificate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and several honorary doctorate degrees from various universities, including The American University and his alma mater.

Mr. Walker is a frequent speaker, Congressional witness and media contributor. He has authored two books and numerous articles and opinion pieces. Mr. Walker has won many awards for his leadership, writing and speeches. He is listed in Who's Who in the World and Who's Who in America.

Mr. Walker has been married for over 36 years to the former Mary Etheredge. They have two grown children and three grandchildren. The Walkers reside in Alexandria, Virginia.