

**New England States GFOA
2021 Annual Fall Virtual Conference
Program Agenda**

September 15

9:30

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Jim Glassman, Head Economist

JP Morgan

10:30

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POST-COVID: MAKING SENSE OF A TIDAL WAVE OF INFORMATION

Home prices are soaring, ecommerce is booming, remote work is in flux, and travel patterns are evolving. At the same time, labor force participation has shrunk, businesses are clamoring for workers, and many storefronts remain empty. Is this a boom, or downturn? The pandemic has amplified economic trends a long time in the making, and these shifts have implications for where we live, work, and spend our time, what our cities and towns look like, and how we are able to sustain them both economically and fiscally. In this session, we will discuss how the trends are affecting different municipalities, and what they mean for real estate markets, local economic competitiveness, and ultimately, the fiscal bottom line in your community.

Tom Dworetzky, Camoin 310

Victoria Storrs, Storrs Associates

Sept 23

9:30

ARPA UPDATE & BUDGETING FOR IMPACT

Thousands of local governments are trying to figure out how to maximize the impact of ARPA dollars and meet daunting compliance and reporting requirements. Andrew Kleine, author of *City on the Line: How Baltimore Transformed Its Budget to Beat the Great Recession and Deliver Outcomes*, will talk about how some local governments are taking on this challenge, how to avoid pitfalls, and how to invest for long-term community impact and fiscal health.

Andrew Kleine, Senior Director Government & Public Sector | EYP

10:30

TRUST: THE FINANCE OFFICER'S MOST VALUABLE ASSET

Trust is essential for the finance officer to be effective in their job. This section will discuss how trust is gained and lost with the colleagues inside of local government and with the public.

Chris Morrill, Executive Director GFOA

Shayne Kavanagh, Senior Manager GFOA

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GASB UPDATE

Lisa Parker, CPA

Senior Project Manager, GASB

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ESG IN CREDIT RATINGS: WHAT FACTORS ARE MATERIAL TO NORTHEAST CREDIT QUALITY

Nora Wittsruck, Director S&P Ratings

Oct 8

9:30

FAIR EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE PRACTICES

Regina Ryan, Esq, DHS Works

10:30

THE IMPACT OF TAX LIMITS ON LOCAL FISCAL RESILIENCY

Alexandria Zhang, Research Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts

This session will feature new research from Pew on the structural budget challenges that state imposed tax limits create for local governments and include a discussion of the strategies state lawmakers can consider to increase local fiscal flexibility and resiliency.

Registration Details are available at

<https://umass.irisregistration.com/Site/NESGFOA>

Public Sector member registration fee is \$100

Private Sector member registration fee is \$150

The registration fee includes all sessions for the conference

There are no daily registration options

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