



Florida Government Finance Officers Association

CGFO/CPFO Reciprocity Program Another CGFO Milestone Reached!

The FGFOA Board and Certification Committee is proud to recognize **James L. Zervis**, CPA, CGFO, CPFO, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the City of Boca Raton, as the first candidate to successfully earn his CGFO designation through the CGFO/CPFO Reciprocity Program with GFOA. By taking advantage of this opportunity James has demonstrated his professional expertise in Florida, broadened his professional network, and increased his career flexibility.

What James has said about the dual certification:

“One of the things that I love about the municipal finance profession is the support, fellowship, and opportunity provided through the GFOA and state organizations such as the FGFOA (Florida) and CSMFO (California). Through these organizations, I have found many opportunities to learn from my peers’ experiences, study and implement various best practices, establish meaningful relationships, and grow my personal knowledge within our field. Several years ago, during my municipal finance career in California, I obtained my CPFO designation. Moving to Florida last year to join the talented team in Boca Raton, I first learned about the CGFO designation through several of my coworkers that had earned it. I reviewed the CGFO requirements and saw value in studying the state-specific aspects of the materials. However, due to the demands of learning a new job in a new state, I was reluctant to take on studying exam materials duplicative of my CPFO work. So, when the CGFO/CPFO Reciprocity Program was announced, it was a perfect fit. I knew I had to do it and am glad I did. My studying for the Florida-specific exam helped me learn many of the state’s municipal finance nuisances and laws that will greatly benefit me in my career. Thank you for establishing this reciprocity program. I would greatly encourage any CPFO’s newer to the state of Florida to take this opportunity.”

Congratulations James!

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