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State Internal Audit Advisory Board
(SIAAB)

2026 Illinois Government Auditing Conference

October 27-28, 2026

(Optional Seminar on October 29, 2026)

Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center, Springfield, IL

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The State Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB) is proud to co-sponsor the 2026 Illinois Government Auditing Conference with the Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Part of SIAAB's mission is to serve internal audit training needs among the State's internal audit agencies. This year's conference offers a wide variety of topics, including opportunities to network with your peers to exchange ideas and information. We hope that the range of topics offered at this conference will be beneficial to all participants and their agencies.

Please take this opportunity to join us in Springfield for our annual Illinois Government Auditing Conference. For only $150 for IIA members ($200 for nonmembers), you can earn up to 14.0 hours of CPE; plus an additional half-day Springfield IIA Chapter session is available for $80 IIA member fee ($120 for nonmember) for an additional 4.0 hours of CPE.

We invite you to learn more about SIAAB by visiting our Web site at: siaab.audits.uillinois.edu.

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Things to do in Springfield



Venture out and explore the Land of Lincoln!

Springfield is bursting with things to see and do. Whether you are looking for something upbeat or low key, Springfield has it all. The opportunities are endless!

Springfield is also known for its unique dining and locally owned restaurants. From the city's *signature horseshoe sandwich* to ethnic cuisine, Springfield's restaurants offer an eclectic selection to pamper any palate.

Additional information about things to do and the many attractions in and around Springfield can be found at the Visit Springfield Illinois website (www.visitspringfieldillinois.com).

Hotel accommodations

A special discounted rate of **$113.00** (plus tax) is available at the ***Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center*** in Springfield, IL for the night before each conference date.

The ***Northfield Inn*** is located at **3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702**, and offers *free parking*. The ***Northfield Inn*** also provides *complementary shuttle service* to/from Amtrak, the airport, and bus stations upon request.

Reservations are to be made directly with the ***Northfield Inn*** by calling **217-523-7900**. The block of rooms for this conference is reserved under the name of **Institute of Internal Auditors**. This block of rooms will be released on October 12, 2026. After the cutoff date, there is no guarantee rooms will be available at State rates.

Additional information about the ***Northfield Inn*** can be found at The Northfield Inn's website (www.northfieldinn.com).

Conference at a glance

DATE

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, and Wednesday, October 28, 2026

FIELD OF STUDY

Governmental Accounting and Auditing

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Increase professional accounting and auditing skills pertaining to:

- Cybersecurity and Information Technology Governance
- Emerging Technology and Artificial Intelligence
- Risk Assessments in a Rapidly Changing World
- Generational Auditing and Modernization
- Fraud Prevention and Detection
- State of Illinois GAAP Process
- Professional Ethics

COURSE LEVEL

- External / Internal Audit Staff, Supervisors, and Managers
- Chief Internal Auditors / Chief Audit Executives

(No advanced preparation required.)

LOCATION

Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center

MAXIMUM CPE OFFERED

- **14 hours** for attending the 2026 Illinois Government Auditing Conference
- **4 hours** for attending the 2026 Illinois Government Auditing Roundtables (Invitation-only)
- **4 Hours** optional post-conference session provided by the Springfield IIA Chapter

COURSE FEES

- **$150** (Member) and **$200** (Nonmember) for the 2025 Illinois Government Auditing Conference
- **$80** (Member)and **$120** (Nonmember) for the optional Springfield IIA Chapter half-day session on October 29, 2026

COURSE MATERIAL AND SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

- On the Conference Page at: siaab.audits.uillinois.edu/Fall_Conference

CPE SPONSOR LICENSE REGISTRATIONS

- State Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB) – IDFPR # 158001129
- Springfield Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) – IDFPR # 158001595

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, Agenda

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	**REGISTRATION / BREAKFAST / SIGN-IN**
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	**OPENING REMARKS AND UPDATES** Jay Wagner, CIA, CFE, CISA, SIAAB Conference Coordinator Chief Internal Auditor, Office of the Illinois Attorney General siaab.audits.uillinois.edu
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Internal Audit 2.0: Modernization and Capability Building** Stacey Gill, Director Mike Chimera, Manager Baker Tilly, Public Sector Audit bakertilly.com
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	**BREAK**
10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	**The Reasons Behind the Rules** David E. Risley, Acting Illinois Legislative Inspector General lig.ilga.gov
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 noon	**Auditor General Update** Honorable Christopher B. Meister, Illinois Auditor General Courtney Dzierwa, Deputy Auditor General auditor.Illinois.gov
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	**LUNCH – Taco Bar**
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Future-Forward Auditing: Anticipating Risks in a Rapidly Changing World** Casey Kopcho, CIA, Principal CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP www.claconnect.com
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	**GAAP Processes** Brandon Reed, CPA, Partner Kelly Bucci, Senior Manager Crowe, LLP crowe.com Katie Madonia Director of Financial Reporting Office of the Illinois Comptroller illinoiscomptroller.gov
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	**BREAK**
3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	**SIAAB Update: GIAS in its Second Year** Jacqueline Hohn, CIA, CPA, SIAAB Vice Chair Chief Internal Auditor, State Universities Retirement System Nikki Lanier, CPA, Past SIAAB Chair Chief Internal Auditor, Illinois Department of Transportation siaab.audits.uillinois.edu
4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	**WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

5:00 p.m.	**SPRINGFIELD IIA SOCIAL NETWORKING EVENT** Wings Etc., 2315 N. Dirksen Pkwy 0.3 Miles from Northfield

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, Agenda

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	**REGISTRATION / BREAKFAST / SIGN-IN**
8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	**OPENING REMARKS**
8:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Think Like A Crook** Stephen W. Minder, CPA, CIA, CFE, CISA Chief Executive Officer, YCN Group ycngroup.com
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	**BREAK**
10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	**Securing Emerging Technologies: Using Audit Principles** Adewale Ashogbon, Ph.D., CISSP, CISA, CISM, CRISC, CGEIT, CDPSE Internal Auditor Illinois State Fire Marshall sfm.illinois.gov
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 noon	**Inspector General Update** Susan Haling, Executive Inspector General for Agencies under the Illinois Governor oeig.illinois.gov
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	**LUNCH – Pizza Buffet**

FEATURED SPEAKER	**Mr. Jeffrey J. Butler**
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	**Generational Technology: From Cyber 101 to Advanced AI** Jeff Butler www.jeffjbutler.com
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	**BREAK**
3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	**CLOSING KEYNOTE: Auditing Through Generational Challenges**



Jeff Butler is an author and workplace strategist who explores what organizations need to do to navigate uncertainty. His experience spans over 40 industries in 4 continents on how different cultures and employees interact with each other. He studies common threads of behavior in industries such as IT professionals, underground utility workers, police officers to clothing retail chains. In addition, Jeff has also worked with various Fortune 500 companies to mom and pop shops. His ideas have made it to TEDx twice, appeared in dozens of media outlets including two books on human behavior: **The Authentic Workplace** and **The Key To The New You**. Currently, he lives in Dallas, Texas as an out of place Californian.

4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	**CLOSING COMMENTS, WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

Thursday, October 29, 2026, Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	**State of Illinois Internal Auditor Roundtables** If you did not receive an invitation, contact: Harold.Wagner@ilag.gov
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	**BOX LUNCH**

Optional IIA Training (additional fee, not included with Conference)

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	**BOX LUNCH**
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	**Compliance, Culture, and Collaboration: Are you part of the Equation?** Rhonda Travers, CPA, CIA President, Travers Training and Consulting traverstraining.com

Conference Registration

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REGISTRATION FEES

$150 (Member/Student)and **$200** (Nonmember) for the 2026 SIAAB Government Auditing Conference, October 27, 2026, and October 28, 2026.

Optional Springfield IIA Chapter Seminar, October 29, 2026:
Compliance, Culture, and Collaboration: Are you part of the Equation?
By Rhonda Travers, CPA, CIA
$80 (Member/Student) and **$120** (Nonmember)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Payments are accepted online by credit card, by mail, or by paying at the door on the day of the training. **Invoicing is available to State of Illinois agencies**.

Please register on-line by **noon** on October 23, 2026, at:
Illinois Government Auditing Conference, October 27-28, 2026
https://cvent.me/Qy9m2x

State of Illinois Internal Auditor Roundtables, October 29, 2026
If you did not receive an invitation, contact Harold.Wagner@ilag.gov

Optional Springfield IIA Chapter Seminar, October 29, 2026:
https://cvent.me/EAPMK8

PAYMENTS

Credit cards are accepted during online registration.

Make Checks Payable to
THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS – SPRINGFIELD
(FEIN 37-1088763)

Please Mail Checks to
The Institute of Internal Auditors – Springfield Chapter
P.O. Box 332, Rochester, IL 62563

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written notice of cancellations received on or before October 23, 2026, will be fully refunded. After October 23, 2026, cancellation refund requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Substitution of registrants is allowed.

PLEASE NOTE

Registration for this conference will be closed at **noon** on October 23, 2026. Registrations after the closing date will be added as cancellations are received. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list for this conference, please contact H. Jay Wagner at 217-524-4094 or at Harold.Wagner@ilag.gov