

GWENDOLYN D. MCDADE

Texas Department of Agriculture Administrator for Food and Nutrition

Gwendolyn D. McDade is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Inspector General, and a Certified Program Integrity Professional in Medicaid. As a Food and Nutrition Administrator she brings considerable experience and expertise to the financial administration of federal nutrition programs in Texas.

Gwen has extensive audit and financial management experience in the private, nonprofit and governmental sectors. Her roles have included performing internal and external audits; implementing audit preparation and readiness; launching and sustaining internal controls; establishing finance and internal audit departments; implementing accounting and audit systems; developing and documenting policies and procedures; and delivering operational results and training classes.

As America's Regional Internal Audit Manager at Motorola, she worked to implement global controls for \$1 billion of inventory. In her four years as a Deputy Inspector General of Compliance at the Texas Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, she oversaw a budget of \$10 million and led 200 auditors and nurses in ensuring that state and federal funds were used in accordance with applicable law.

She oversaw \$100 million in revenue and \$300 million in assets for a governmental risk pool, earning unqualified opinions of the annual financial statements for eight years while ensuring the existence of effective internal controls and implementing an accounting system.

Gwen thrives on conveying her knowledge to individuals and national audiences. She trained agency auditors to audit multi-fund college and university financial statements, delivered training to the Institute of Internal Auditors, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and governmental risk pools on internal controls and compliance, and she continues to serve as a mentor to aspiring leaders.