

GENE L. DODARO became acting comptroller general of the United States and head of the Government Accountability Office on March 13, 2008.

Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Troubled Asset Relief Program, federal assistance to the auto industry, U.S. involvement in Iraq and Pakistan, the federal government's financial condition and fiscal outlook, and the need to modernize the U.S. financial regulatory system. He has led efforts to fulfill GAO's new audit responsibilities under the TARP program to help stabilize financial markets and institutions, as well as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—the stimulus legislation designed to combat the economic downturn. Under Mr. Dodaro, GAO has also issued a new high-risk list on specific challenges across the federal government, from improving food safety to rebuilding transportation infrastructure.

In a GAO career dating back more than 30 years, Mr. Dodaro has held a number of key executive posts. For nine years, Mr. Dodaro served as the chief operating officer, the number two leadership position at the agency. Mr. Dodaro led the development of GAO's strategic plans for serving Congress and improving government in the twenty-first century. He also played a key role in guiding the agency's efforts to highlight current and emerging issues that warrant attention from policymakers.

Mr. Dodaro, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Association of Government Accountants. Mr. Dodaro has received many of GAO's top honors as well as recognition from outside organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration, the Institute for Internal Auditors, and Federal Computer Week.

Mr. Dodaro will serve as acting comptroller general until the President nominates, and the Senate confirms, a successor from a list of candidates proposed by Congress.

Mr. Dodaro is married to the former Joan McCabe and has three adult children.