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### **IPWEA and GFOA Establish Long-Term Strategic Partnership**

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) and Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) have strengthened their relationship by establishing a strategic partnership agreement, that aims to expand their reach and deliver greater value through education to their members in the respective countries they represent.

Both organisations share a common purpose, to enhance quality of life of their communities by facilitating the exchange of ideas, information, technology, and management practice among persons professionally involved in the management of assets.

The agreement facilitates IPWEA's objective to engage with strategic international partners and to increase recognition of IPWEA's educational offering. The agreement will also support GFOA's mission to advance excellence in public finance.

"IPWEA is excited to strengthen our relationship with the GFOA in this partnership agreement, as the strategic alignment seeks to increase the professional opportunities for members across our respective organisations," David Jenkins, CEO IPWEA.

GFOA and IPWEA have identified Asset Management as a key area for collaboration. The Partnership Agreement has also put arrangements in place for GFOA members to undertake a number of IPWEA's online Asset Management courses, including the Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning, the Professional Certificate in Infrastructure Financial Management and the Asset Management Foundations course.

These courses are a globally recognised benchmark for the practical application of asset management principles based on IPWEA's International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM), International Infrastructure Financial Management Manual (IIFMM) and aligned with the ISO 55000 global asset management standards.

"IPWEA is recognized internationally for their comprehensive asset management research and certification programs. I am pleased that through this partnership, GFOA members will have access to these outstanding resources. Government professionals in Australasia will also be able to benefit from GFOA's best practices and research in public finance," Chris Morrill, Executive Director/CEO GFOA.

The establishment of this valued partnership furthers IPWEA's goal to grow professional networks to inform, connect and transfer knowledge on an international stage, as well as GFOA's objective to provide professional development training opportunities, best practices, publications and research reports, award programs, a certification program, and networking opportunities for members and others in the public finance industry.



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### **About IPWEA**

IPWEA is an association of more than 4,750 professional members who deliver public works and engineering services to communities in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

To help practitioners maintain the high level of competency the community demands, IPWEA provides regular continuing professional development, conferences, technical publications, and the chance to be involved in committees addressing technical issues.

### **About GFOA**

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is a professional association of 21,000+ state, provincial, and local government finance officers in the United States and Canada with a mission to advance excellence in public finance. GFOA serves areas of accounting, budgeting, capital planning, economic development, debt management, pension administration, treasury and investment management, and technology.