The Application Process for Comptroller General Candidates

The Congressional Comptroller General Commission is now interviewing candidates who have submitted applications for the position of the Comptroller General of the United States, which is currently vacant.

The Comptroller General leads the independent, nonpartisan United States Government Accountability Office, an agency with over 3,000 employees and an annual budget of over $500 million. GAO supports Congress by investigating the use of public money; evaluating programs and activities of the United States government; and auditing the accounts and operations of federal agencies and the District of Columbia government. The Comptroller General has a term of 15 years.

The Comptroller General is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Under statute, a ten-member congressional commission is established upon the vacancy of the position to recommend at least three individuals to the President. Current Commission members are Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House; Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Steny H. Hoyer, Majority Leader of the House; John Boehner, Minority Leader of the House; Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the Senate; Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the Senate; Edolphus Towns, Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Darrell Issa, Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Joseph I. Lieberman, Chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Susan M. Collins, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Interested applicants submitted a resume and a cover letter explaining their qualifications to the Commission and also completed a Commission questionnaire. Letters of recommendation and any additional materials applicants wish to have considered should be sent for distribution to the Commission to Edolphus Towns, Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, US House of Representatives, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515, Attention: Mark Stephenson, Senior Policy Advisor.