



Gregory Johnson, CPA Executive Director and COO

Gregory Johnson, CPA, MBA, is the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA). In this position, Johnson will use his experience, contacts, skills, and expertise to advance the mission, goals, and objectives of NABA, all while leveraging expertise from the NABA membership. He is poised to lead NABA by developing strategies to manage this accountability driven organization which in turn will position NABA as a thought leader, which is helping to drive the issues of accounting and finance in America.

A longtime member of NABA, Johnson brings more than 20 years of diverse business experience, serving in key positions in public accounting and at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Johnson will have overall management responsibility for staff operations at the Association's headquarters in Greenbelt, Maryland. He will work in conjunction with the NABA Board of Directors, regional and chapter leaders and the NABA Division of Firms (DOF) to develop and direct implementation of the Association's strategic goals, and to maintain and build NABA's position as the premier professional association for more than 100,000 minorities in the accounting and finance professions. He will oversee programs and policy activities adopted by NABA's governing and policy-making Board of Directors as well as the expansion of the membership of the Association.

"I am truly honored to be serving as the Executive Director of this great professional association whose work is so important to the accounting and finance profession and touches the lives of not only African-Americans but all Americans each and every day," said Johnson. "NABA's commitment to professionalism and community service is the embodiment of the ideals found in the members of the Accounting profession with whom I have had the opportunity to serve for more than 20 years." Johnson continued, "As a professional organization, NABA has afforded me tremendous benefits from networking opportunities to mentoring and coaching. I've grown professionally as NABA has grown as an organization over the years."

Johnson comes to NABA from Grant Thornton International (GTI) where since 2006 he served as Director, Quality Control, creating methods to monitor GTI member firms' audit practices on a worldwide basis, and administering its Audit Review program. He was also responsible for communication and research initiatives related to quality control.

Prior to joining GTI, he held key positions at AICPA between 1990 and 2006. As manager of minority initiatives, he increased scholarship funding and developed the "Be a Star in Business...Be a CPA" advertising campaign and created the organization's highly successful "Leadership Workshop Conference" for scholarship recipients. As Director, CPA Examination External Relations, he was responsible for strategic positioning and the launch of the computer-based CPA examination with 54 state boards of accountancy and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. As Director, CPA Examination Strategy, he served as AICPA spokesperson for the CPA examination and served as staff lead to the AICPA Board of Examiners, which has overall policy-setting responsibility for the CPA examination, and managed multimillion-dollar budgets. Johnson credits his membership in NABA for much of his career success.

Johnson began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he last held the position of audit supervisor.

Johnson is a graduate of Adelphi University (Garden City, New York), with a BBA in Accounting and a Masters of Business Administration. Johnson is a CPA in New York State and a member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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