

Dan Carpenter

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Professional Biography

Dan Carpenter is a public-sector finance and administration professional with more than three decades of experience supporting local governments in Florida. He has led citywide financial management functions spanning budgeting, audit and financial reporting, risk management, pension governance, purchasing, customer service, and internal operations.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of South Florida.

Dan holds the Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) designation through the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, maintained for 13 years, and the Certified Public Pension Trustee (CPPT) credential through the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association, maintained for 18 years.

Career

Since 2012, Dan has served the City of Indian Rocks Beach as Administrative Director and Chief Financial Officer. In this capacity, he oversees the City's annual audit cycle, prepares the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Auditor General submissions, and has helped the City earn the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting each year during his tenure. He also provides strategic leadership and supervision for Human Resources, Finance, Information Technology, and the Code Enforcement Division, and leads development of the annual budget and Truth in Millage (TRIM) compliance submissions.

From 2007 to 2012, Dan served the City of Gulfport as Administrative Services Director, administering city financial affairs and overseeing functions including purchasing, billing, and customer service operations for an organization of more than 175 employees and an approximately \$25 million annual operating and capital budget. He prepared special and periodic financial statements and reports for City leadership and managed the City's insurance programs, including property, casualty, automobile, liability, workers' compensation, flood, and fire coverage.

Earlier in his career, Dan worked for the City of Clearwater from 1995 to 2007, advancing through finance and administrative roles. As Administrative Support Division Manager for the Fire Department (2000–2007), he supported labor contract negotiations, assisted with budget preparation, and managed payroll processes. Previously, as Senior Accountant in the Finance Department (1995–2000), he managed special revenue funds, oversaw investments and reconciliations, and led accounts payable operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Professional Affiliations and Service

Dan is an active member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA), with more than 30 years of involvement, including participation in the FGFOA Suncoast Chapter. He has also served in fiduciary and advisory capacities, including as a trustee of the City of Clearwater Firefighters Supplemental Pension Fund for 18 years, a board member of Public Risk Management for 18 years, and an advisory council appointee to the Florida Surplus Asset Fund Trust (FL SAFE) for seven years.