EXECUTIVE BIO / STATEMENT OF INTEREST / FOUNDING VISION

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Independent oversight. Executive drive.

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THE EXPERIENCE BEHIND THE APPROACH

Jacob Beier is an oversight attorney and compliance executive. He spent nearly a decade across two tours at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, with assignments in congressional relations and oversight in Afghanistan. He returned to GAO for a detail as a modernization and implementation adviser to the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.

Between and after those tours, Jacob built and rebuilt corporate compliance programs across technology, financial services, media, and distribution. He led investigations and strengthened controls through acquisitions, disruption, and regulatory scrutiny.

He brings Minnesota?s founding OIG a practical approach to oversight, insight, and foresight: identify root causes, work with agencies on fixes they can put into practice, and independently verify that those fixes hold. Then use what the office learns to spot emerging risks and strengthen controls before the same problems surface elsewhere.

WHY I AM SEEKING THIS RESPONSIBILITY

“Minnesota needs an office that can identify misconduct, interrupt preventable losses and show that corrective action worked. I bring GAO’s discipline in developing defensible findings and executive experience building the capability behind them. I want to apply both to public service in the state I call home.”

A RECORD RELEVANT TO THE MANDATE

Recommendation follow-through Advanced implementation with agency and congressional stakeholders; monitored commitments, pursued next steps and addressed barriers to change.

Regulatory execution Corporate experience translating competition, independence, grants and government-contracting requirements into practical controls and sustained programs.

Complex programs Kabul construction and major Navy acquisition assessments; work involving consequential cost, schedule and governance decisions.

Public funds and institutions Named GAO contributions on grants, acquisition and technology; congressional modernization and executive program building.

J.D. and M.A., Syracuse University / B.S., summa cum laude, Illinois State University
New York Bar registration 5053566 / Full publication credits in the public work register

PROPOSED FOUNDING VISION / MINNESOTA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Protect trust. Deliver results.

Oversight that informs action and anticipates risk.

Public money carries people's priorities. My vision is an office that turns oversight into insight and foresight: expose failures, guide correction and anticipate emerging risks. Build an institution that earns trust across administrations and makes Minnesota a model for modern state oversight.

SET THE STANDARD AND MEET IT

Hold this office to recognized professional standards, independent quality review and clear rules for ethics, evidence and reporting. Set standards for agency IG operations, investigations and prevention; evaluate performance, review compliance and pursue improvements. Make expectations usable through guidance and training. Respect OLA's independent authority and agencies' retained responsibilities.

ORGANIZE AROUND THE WORK

Organize around the risks and work that matter most. Potential areas include payment integrity, grants and procurement, public accountability and technology risk. Working leaders and shared investigators, analysts and counsel would build capability around priorities, with specialist support as needed. Structure and staffing would reflect the mandate, workload and available resources.

PUT TECHNOLOGY TO A PRACTICAL TEST

Make reporting easier and use data to identify risks earlier. Test payment analytics and AI where they can improve investigative work. Verify signals, protect sensitive information and keep people accountable for decisions. Work with MNIT to secure reliable technology and support.

FIRST 100 DAYS: PRIORITIES AND RESULTS

Authority Clarify responsibilities, independence, resources and working relationships.

Urgent risks Follow the money: map major program spending, improper-payment findings, known schemes and control gaps; rank urgent exposures and preserve important work.

Intake and methods Establish clear reporting channels, case priorities and sound investigative practices.

Analytics Assess available data, test payment analysis and scan for emerging schemes and risks.

Referrals Agree how matters move between offices, who owns the next step and how progress is tracked.

Produce a prioritized risk and needs assessment covering financial exposure, existing work and gaps in data, controls and investigative capacity. Use it to direct resources and establish a baseline for results.

Drive recommendations to closure with agency leaders and other responsible stakeholders. Establish owners, milestones and evidence of completion; monitor progress, challenge delay and verify correction. Report recoveries, prevented improper payments, tested improvements and timeliness against full delivery cost.

AN OPEN, ENGAGED OFFICE

Build an open, engaged OIG: digitally enabled and present in the community. Use active outreach and an accessible, welcoming front door for fraud, waste and abuse reports. Explain what happens next and how information is protected. Listen to beneficiaries, frontline staff and legitimate providers where programs operate; test whether funded services reach the people they are meant to serve. Pursue misconduct fairly, protect eligible beneficiaries and communicate results plainly. Earn trust through consistent standards, reliable responses and useful work.

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT / EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP / PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

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Oversight attorney and compliance executive with nearly a decade at GAO across two tours, including congressional relations, oversight in Afghanistan and a House modernization and implementation detail. Built and rebuilt compliance programs across technology, financial services, media and distribution amid acquisitions, disruption and regulatory scrutiny. Led investigations, strengthened controls and pursued corrective action through verification.

CORE EXPERTISE

Government oversight and analysis

GAO reviews · Acquisition and grants accountability
Congressional and agency briefings

Executive governance and leadership

CCO and legal leadership · Board committee advice
Teams · Adviser management · Change

Investigations and program integrity

Reporting channels · Sensitive investigations
Risk assessment · Corrective action

Institution building and execution

Decision authority · Supplier and contract controls
Technology governance · Practical training

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL LEADERSHIP

TRIMARK USA

Chief Compliance Officer & Counsel

Mar 2022–Nov 2026 / Remote

- Rebuilt enterprise compliance following a DOJ investigation, including the Code of Conduct, reporting channels, investigations and remediation; advised executives and the Audit & Risk Committee.
- Led compliance and contract teams, coordinated business stakeholders and external advisers, and managed outside counsel and consultant spend against operating priorities.
- Translated legal requirements into decision authority, contracting standards, playbooks and training that clarified ownership, review and escalation.
- Served as lead counsel for the West region and government contracts at a $2B+ foodservice distributor; supported small-business government-contracting compliance and negotiated technology, procurement, supply, construction and services agreements.
- Built licensing and project-services compliance infrastructure and supplier onboarding controls; connected regulatory requirements with dispersed business operations.
- Developed supplier conduct standards and climate preparedness and extended producer responsibility readiness; supported practical governance of emerging operational risks.

MOBY GROUP

Head of Legal & Compliance

Jul 2020–Mar 2021 / Dubai, UAE & Kabul, Afghanistan

- Directed multinational legal and compliance operations, managed external advisers and negotiated vendor, licensing and distribution agreements across jurisdictions.
- Oversaw restructuring and sale due diligence; translated grant, contracting and regulatory requirements into compliance frameworks, reporting, whistleblower programs and locally adapted training.

PUBLIC OVERSIGHT / TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT / GLOBAL OPERATIONS

Federal oversight and operating experience

U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Senior Program Analyst / Science, Technology Assessment & Analytics

Mar 2021–Mar 2022 / Washington, DC

- Evaluated federal investments in AI and blockchain, developing analysis and recommendations concerning governance and accountability.
- Served as a GAO detailee to the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress; advanced recommendations with key stakeholders, monitored implementation and pursued follow-up action.

CAREEM / UBER

Senior Compliance Manager

Jan 2020–Jun 2020 / Dubai, UAE

- Advised on post-acquisition integration, competition requirements and antitrust reporting; coordinated regulatory follow-through across legal, privacy and operations teams in Gulf Cooperation Council markets.
- Conducted enterprise risk assessments and led conflicts-of-interest disclosures and investigations.

PROMONTORY FINANCIAL GROUP / IBM

Trust and Compliance Officer & Program Auditor

Aug 2017–Jun 2019 / Washington, DC

- Partnered with business leaders on audits and investigations involving financial integrity, data protection, anti-bribery and workplace conduct.
- Reported findings to the C-suite and strengthened post-acquisition independence, conflicts and vendor-risk controls, including government contacts and gifts and entertainment.
- Developed and delivered business conduct and anti-bribery training across U.S., Asian and Latin American markets.

U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Senior Program Analyst / Acquisition & Sourcing Management

Aug 2009–Aug 2017 / Washington, DC & Kabul, Afghanistan

- Led audits and investigations of multibillion-dollar acquisition programs; developed recommendations and followed agency responses, with published contributions on grants, contracting, Navy programs and overseas construction.
- Conducted oversight at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul in 2014; briefed senior agency and congressional leaders on acquisition accountability and national security programs.
- Earned agency awards for leadership and collaboration. Public contribution credits include State grants oversight, Kabul embassy construction and LCS acquisition assessments.

EDUCATION AND ADMISSION

Juris Doctor / Master of Arts, Law & Political Science

Syracuse University College of Law & Maxwell School
Editor-in-Chief, Human Rights Law Journal

BS, Politics & Government / summa cum laude

Illinois State University

New York State Bar / Admitted 2012 / Registration No. 5053566 / Active

PUBLIC WORK / VERIFIED INVENTORY / UPDATED NOVEMBER 11 2026

Public work and contribution record

Jacob Beier / Selected relevance and complete retained GAO inventory

A public record spanning grants oversight, major acquisitions, overseas operations, technology assessment and institutional modernization. The following selection includes 27 GAO publications with a named acknowledgment or program staff listing, alongside congressional and corporate materials.

THE MOST RELEVANT STARTING POINTS

Grants oversight

GAO-14-635: State Department implementation of grants policies. Relevant to risk analysis, monitoring and the difference between having a policy and operating it. Named key contributor.

Open publication and credit

Complex program accountability

GAO-15-410: Kabul embassy construction cost, schedule and facilities planning. Named key contributor.

Open publication and credit

Acquisition decision quality

GAO-16-356: Fundamental weaknesses in LCS and frigate acquisition strategies. Named key contributor.

Open publication and credit

Technology with practical limits

GAO-22-104625: Blockchain benefits, challenges and policy options. Named key contributor; printed page 50 / PDF page 57.

Open publication and credit

Institutional modernization

House Select Committee final report, H. Rept. 117-646. Acknowledges Jacob as a former GAO detailee; printed page 228 / PDF page 233.

Open publication and credit

OTHER PUBLIC MATERIALS AND ATTRIBUTION

The TriMark Code of Business Ethics and Conduct includes Jacob’s opening message identifying him as Chief Compliance Officer, printed page 2 / PDF page 3. Published commercial terms are organizational materials reflecting the contracting frameworks described in his career record; they are not individual bylines.

Code of Business Ethics and Conduct

Commercial frameworks: Sale / Purchase / Service / Rental / Design / Subcontracts

Entries identify published contribution credits. Congressional testimony listed below was delivered by the named GAO witnesses. PDF page references count the cover as page 1.

NAMED GAO CREDITS / ENTRIES 1–9 OF 27

Published contribution credits

GAO service reviewed: Aug 2009–Aug 2017 and Mar 2021–Mar 2022

01 GAO-10-351R Use of the Railroad Retirement Board Occupational Disability Program across the Rail Industry

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 3.

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02 GAO-10-812SP Highlights of a Forum: Actions That Could Increase Work Participation for Adults with Disabilities

Assistance on the day of the forum; not an analysis credit. Credit location: PDF page 48.

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03 GAO-11-233SP Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs

Primary staff for P-8A Poseidon. Credit location: PDF page 191.

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04 GAO-11-583 Department of Commerce: Office of Manufacturing and Services Could Better Measure and Communicate Its Contributions to Trade Policy

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 44.

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05 GAO-11-61R Defense Acquisitions: Additional Guidance Needed to Improve Visibility into the Structure and Management of Major Weapon System Subcontracts

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 8.

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06 GAO-11-89 Charter Schools: Education Could Do More to Assist Charter Schools with Applying for Discretionary Grants

Significant contributions. Credit location: PDF page 53.

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07 GAO-12-854R Contingency Contracting: Agency Actions to Address Recommendations by the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 34.

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08 GAO-12-983R Department of Defense’s Waiver of Competitive Prototyping Requirement for Enhanced Polar System Program

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 6.

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09 GAO-13-294SP Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs

Primary staff for E-2D Advanced Hawkeye. Credit location: PDF page 184.

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Published contribution credits

GAO service reviewed: Aug 2009–Aug 2017 and Mar 2021–Mar 2022

10 GAO-13-322 Defense Health Care: Department of Defense Needs a Strategic Approach to Contracting for Health Care Professionals

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 55.

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11 GAO-14-178 Federal Contracting: Commercial Item Test Program Beneficial, but Actions Needed to Mitigate Potential Risks

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 43.

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12 GAO-14-195 Defense Health Care: Acquisition Process for TRICARE's Third Generation of Managed Care Support Contracts

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 37.

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13 GAO-14-438R Afghanistan: Changes to Updated U.S. Civil-Military Strategic Framework Reflect Evolving U.S. Role

Other contributor acknowledgment. Credit location: PDF page 5.

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14 GAO-14-635 State Department: Implementation of Grants Policies Needs Better Oversight

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 48.

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15 GAO-14-661R Afghanistan: Kabul Embassy Construction Costs Have Increased and Schedules Have Been Extended

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 5.

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16 GAO-15-410 Afghanistan: Embassy Construction Cost and Schedule Have Increased, and Further Facilities Planning Is Needed

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 57.

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17 GAO-15-45 Overseas Military Construction: Observations on U.S. Contractor Preference

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 28.

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18 GAO-15-469 Defense Acquisition Process: Military Service Chiefs' Concerns Reflect Need to Better Define Requirements before Programs Start

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 32.

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19 GAO-16-329SP Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs

Primary staff for Littoral Combat Ship and LCS Mission Modules. Credit location: PDF page 205.

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20 GAO-16-356 Littoral Combat Ship: Need to Address Fundamental Weaknesses in LCS and Frigate Acquisition Strategies

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 61.

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21 GAO-17-262T Littoral Combat Ship and Frigate: Congress Faced with Critical Acquisition Decisions

Key contributions to testimony delivered by Paul L. Francis. Credit location: PDF page 18.

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22 GAO-17-279T Littoral Combat Ship and Frigate: Slowing Planned Frigate Acquisition Would Enable Better-Informed Decisions

Key contributions to testimony delivered by Michele Mackin. Credit location: PDF page 22.

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23 GAO-17-323 Littoral Combat Ship and Frigate: Delaying Planned Frigate Acquisition Would Enable Better-Informed Decisions

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 33.

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24 GAO-17-333SP Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs

Primary staff for Littoral Combat Ship and LCS Mission Modules. Credit location: PDF page 207.

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25 GAO-18-158 Columbia Class Submarine: Immature Technologies Present Risks to Achieving Cost, Schedule, and Performance Goals

Key contributions; published December 2017, after August 2017 departure. Credit location: PDF page 63.

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26 GAO-18-360SP Weapon Systems Annual Assessment: Knowledge Gaps Pose Risks to Sustaining Recent Positive Trends

Primary staff for Littoral Combat Ship; published April 2018, after departure. Credit location: PDF page 202.

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27 GAO-22-104625 Blockchain: Emerging Technology Offers Benefits for Some Applications but Faces Challenges

Key contributions. Credit location: PDF page 57.

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