

**HANK STEININGER, CPA**

**Chairman and CEO**

**H.J. Steininger PLLC**

Hank Steininger is the CEO of a newly created public accounting and professional services firm based in Palm Beach, Florida. The company provides advisory, accounting and auditing services to both public and private sector clients. Mr. Steininger is Chairman of Merlino Holdings and Enterprises, and serves as a Senior Advisor to Grant Thornton, LLP. He also serves on several Industry Association boards and committees.

Mr. Steininger is the former Managing Partner of the Global Public Sector business at Grant Thornton. In this role he was responsible for the planning, coordination and execution of Grant Thornton's government business worldwide. He was Chairman of the Grant Thornton International Public Sector Committee comprised of global member firms. As a senior partner, he was also a member of the U.S. Firm's Operating Committee which oversees and manages national and regional businesses.

Previously, he held the position of Chief Operating Officer for Grant Thornton in the United States. He was responsible for all Firm operations, including strategy development, business service lines (audit, tax and consulting), and geographic practices in 60 offices around the country. He established a portfolio and line of business approach to structuring the Firm's business operations, and led the sale of the Enterprise Solutions Division to Hitachi. He consolidated functional areas such as IT, HR, Finance and Purchasing on a Shared Services basis, supported by a national technology infrastructure. He has also served as a member of the U.S. Partnership Board.

Mr. Steininger was the Managing Partner for the Washington, DC area offices. The clients served in this practice included technology, financial services, real estate, not-for-profit and government organizations. He also led the Firm's initiatives and programs in Government Contracting.

Prior to joining Grant Thornton, he was a Partner with Ernst Young (Arthur Young), having served in leadership positions in government industry specialization, management consulting and information technology. He was also an Executive Vice President for ICF, a large environmental and engineering consulting firm, and led its information technology subsidiary.

Mr. Steininger was elected Chairman Emeritus for the Technology Association of America (TechAmerica). He is a member of TechAmerica's Executive Committee and Board of Directors, as well as the Public Sector

Board that oversees the association's initiatives in the Government market.. He previously served as Chairman of the Board for TechAmerica and the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA). He also established the charter and chaired the ITAA Audit Committee. He has received the prestigious Frederick Terman Award from the TechAmerica Foundation in recognition of his Technology Industry leadership role.

Mr. Steininger is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). He is currently the Chairman of the Corporate Partners Advisory Group, the industry division of AGA. He has received the Andy Barr Award for his private sector leadership in the government financial management community. He was selected for the Robert King Award in recognition of his lifetime contributions to AGA.

He is a Trustee of the Washington, DC based Federal City Council, the major trade group involved in developing the nation's capital city business strategy and related initiatives. He is also a member of the Economic Club of Washington, DC.

Mr. Steininger has a BS degree in Accounting from King's College and an MBA from George Washington University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Florida and Virginia. He is also a Certified Management Consultant, a Certified Information Technology Professional, and a Certified Government Financial Manager.

Professional memberships include the American Institute of CPA's (AICPA), the Greater Washington Society of CPA's, Institute of Management Consultants, the Institute for the Certification of Computer Professionals, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and AGA.