



## Yolanda W. Martin, MBA, CPA

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Yolanda Martin, a 40+ year federal government employee, began her career as an intern auditor with Internal Revenue Service.

She is grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to work in a variety of positions, including auditor, financial accountant, real property accountant, internal review specialist, financial reporting specialist, contracting officer representative, and management analyst. She is a graduate of the federal government's *Executive Potential Program*.

Yolanda enjoys working with and encouraging youth. She volunteered with *Girls of Virtue*, a non-profit that mentored young girls and encouraged them to grow into respectable, graceful, and educated young ladies. Yolanda's first experience with the Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) was as the head camp counselor at the University of Texas at Austin (2000).

Listening to various music genres, traveling (nationally and internationally), exercising, cooking, swimming, and sewing are some things Yolanda enjoys doing.

Using her love of sewing and helping others, Yolanda volunteers with the *Lifeline Chaplaincy* ministry, where she assists with hospital bedside-visiting and sewing with the *Soft-Touch* pillow ministry that makes pillows to give to hospital patients.

*"Education, Information, Legislation"*, is Yolanda's motto as a lobbyist and patient advocate for the passage of the *Lymphedema Treatment Act*. Yolanda has traveled to Washington DC, numerous times, to meet with political representatives.

Yolanda grew up in Fort Worth where she loves to go visit with her parents who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, last year. Her parents, very competitive dominoes and Scrabble players have memorized the 2-letter Scrabble dictionary and show no mercy when they play games with Yolanda.

A *Beta Alpha Psi* accounting scholarship recipient, Yolanda received a BBA in Accounting (cum laude honors) and an MBA in Business Management, from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Yolanda has also received the Competent Toastmasters designation.