Florida Institute of CPAs has new leadership

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Beryl H. "Berri" Davis (MBA ’71) is the new president of a statewide association of more than 18,400 certified public accountants.

Davis is director of the Office of Audit Services and Management Support for the city of Orlando. She is the Institute's 79th president and the first CPA in government to lead, a release said.

Davis' theme for the year is based on creating value for members, a release said. Her primary goals are to ensure apt deployment of institute resources so operations and delivery of services provide the best value to members, a release said.

She also will focus on professional development needs of a membership with varied areas of expertise; an increase in diversity at the organization's leadership level; and identify ways in which the FICPA can collaborate with groups such as the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation to help CPAs who are employed by or volunteer to assist not-for-profit organizations.

Davis became a CPA in 1973 and has a bachelor's degree in economics from Emory University and an MBA in accounting from the University of Florida. She is a past president of the more than 2,000-member Florida Government Finance Officers Association, the release said.

The FICPA's membership exists in 4,400 offices throughout Florida, the organization said.