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As former Ohio budget director, managing a budget of over $27 billion, Pari Sabety is a tested leader, continuously focused on adopting new technologies and approaches for organizations to excel.  In 2025, as a Fellow for the National Academy for Public Administration, she recently authored an authoritative field guide on strategies to finance, build and sustain IT systems for accounting and management in complex, publicly funded enterprises.   A CPA by background, Pari has 25 years of experience in IT systems for accounting, audit, and financial reporting and has led business transformation using multiple platforms (SAP, Workday and Peoplesoft) in the public sector throughout North America.

## Experience

### US Digital Response, Sr. Grants Advisor, July 2022 - March 2025

Provided practitioner expertise for grants tools designed for government users to discover, track and report on federal grants. Authored policy monograph on use of federal grant funding to sustain integrated data systems for the National Academy for Public Administration, available here.

### Accenture, North America Lead for Public Sector Finance, July 2012 - October 2022

North America Lead for Public Sector finance, leading and participating in engagements to implement accounting, grants management and ERP systems in Washington State, San Francisco, Illinois, Alberta, Georgia, California, Ohio and Ontario.  Her work in business transformation has helped state and provincial governments save billions of dollars in finance, payroll and procurement operations.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pari led Accenture's National Federal Stimulus Hub, advising multiple state stimulus PMO efforts in Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Minnesota and other states.  She spearheaded teams to coordinate state stimulus projects in Virginia and Michigan, helping those states to optimize utilization of Federal COVID-19 resources.

### Antioch University, Vice Chancellor and CFO, January 2010 - July 2012

Top-level responsibility for five locations of $88 million university with over 5,000 graduate students. Spearheaded overall financial performance—cash collections, debt management, financial aid, payables, creditors, bankers, long-term bonds, and other key aspects of financial leadership. Led finance component of 12 year accreditation process, resulting in successful re-accreditation, despite financial challenges.

**State of Ohio, Director, Office of Budget and Management, January 2006 - January 2010**

Served as Governor's key fiscal advisor to achieve steady fiscal control, cut costs $2 billion, and steer growth despite worst recession in 50 years. Implemented tight controls/cash management, as well as completing implementation of major ERP implementation across finance, payroll and supply chain.  Deployed an enterprise-wide shared services initiative that consolidated financial processing across 36 Cabinet-level agencies, lowering transaction costs by 66 percent and saving $120 million over the first five years (awarded National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) President's Award for Innovation, 2010).

**Brookings Institution, Metropolitan Policy Program, Fellow, September 2003-June 2006**

Launched the Urban Markets Initiative (UMI), a collaborative effort with Home Depot, Chase Bank, SAS and others to develop new information and analytic tools to drive investments in urban markets.  The initiative was recognized by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke for its pioneering work in exposing the role of information and predictive analytics in unleashing the full power of urban markets.

**Ohio Supercomputer Center, Ohio State University, Director, Technology Policy Group, June 1998-June 2003**

Founded a policy group focused on privacy issues and E-commerce.  Accelerated use of IT/E-commerce across manufacturing, healthcare, government, and others. Spurred interest in broadband issues for US competitiveness.

**Celeste&Sabety, Ltd., Partner, March 1991-June 1998**

Established consulting firm with former Governor Richard F. Celeste to develop and implement cutting-edge technology-based economic development strategies across 16 states and regional economies—New York (Long Island) to California.

**State of Ohio, Governor's Economic Development Policy Assistant, September 1983-January 1991**

Governor's liaison to 7 different government departments critical to business climate and job development for State of Ohio

**Arthur Andersen & Co., Experienced Audit Senior, September 1983-September 1987**

Audit senior in privately held business division, leading audit engagements in resources, distribution, retail, food and high tech manufacturing firms.

## Education and Certifications

- Fellow, National Academy for Public Administration
- MBA, Accounting, Rutgers University
- MSFS, Georgetown University
- BA, History, Bryn Mawr College

**Partial List of Publications (links provided where available)**

[A Field Guide for Financing Public Sector Integrated Data Systems](#).  National Academy for Public Administration, 2026.
[How can States Pay for Intelligent Back Office Platforms](#)
[Government Platforms, 1-2-3](#)
[Funding the Government Journey to the Cloud, Accenture, February 2019.](#)
[Assessing State's Readiness for Global Electronic Commerce, Price Waterhouse Coopers Studies in the Business of Government, 2002.](#)
[Using Information to Drive Change: New Ways to Move Urban Markets, Pari Sabety, Virginia Carlson, Brookings Institution, 2004.](#)
[Federal Statistics: Robust Information Tools for the Urban Investor](#), Andrew Reamer and Pari Sabety, Brookings Institution, October 2005
[Fulfilling the Promise: Seven Steps to Successful Community-based Information Strategies](#), Brookings Institution, May 2006.
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