# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STATE AUDITORS

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## **President's Message**

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. We, at CASA, keep your safety at the forefront of our minds as we make the decisions that impact the training we provide to our members.



We are currently implementing online training options due to the current environment. In addition, we are working with our training center, the Hilton Arden West, on social distancing plans so we can resume our popular inperson training in the future. Sadly, but for your safety, we made the difficult decision to cancel the breakfast meetings for this calendar year because we have concerns about providing a safe environment for our members.

As always, we are here to support you. Feel free to reach out as needed. In the meantime, stay safe and stay healthy!

Jennifer

#### **Contact Info**

Got questions?
Contact us via email at

CASAuditors@gmail.com

or call us at

(916) 633-1CPE (1273)

### Membership

Membership is open to all auditors, accountants, and state employees.

No membership fees!



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#### **CASA Team**

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### CASA Peer Review Program has Peer Reviewer Opportunities!

Would you like to be a member of a peer review team to gain valuable and relevant experiences?

CASA is currently seeking peer review volunteers for the 2021 Peer Review season to participate in peer reviews of various government agencies.

As a peer reviewer, you will gain valuable experience and great insight into the best practices of the auditing field. You will also learn practical

ideas about how to improve your audit organization's quality control practices.

Desirable volunteers will have at least 1 year of experience reviewing other working papers and or experience with the audit unit's quality monitoring process. Participation by Management and licensed professionals (CPA, CIA, etc.) is highly desired.

If you are interested in volunteering or having someone from your staff volunteer, please send an e-mail to CASA's Peer Review Coordinators at: mary.camacho@dof.ca.gov or lisa.negri@energy.ca.gov.





#### **ONLINE**

#### REPORT WRITING

Instructor: Robert Mainardi (Raven Global Training) Monday & Tuesday, August 3 & 4, 2020, 8:30am-12:00pm

Audit reports are often viewed as a necessary evil to both auditors and management alike. Communicating audit results is sometimes difficult, but it does not have to be painful. Imagine business management actually requesting an audit report because they see the report as a welcomed tool that assists them with meeting their business objectives. This course is designed to help auditors learn techniques to communicate risks, process deficiencies, and opportunities for improvement to management and other interested parties. You will learn the elements of an audit observation, including elements most useful in selling observations to management. Participants will learn how to apply the principles of effective report writing, including writing accurate, clear, complete, concise, timely, objective, and construction reports. The course teaches techniques to complete the audit reporting process timely and create audit reports that show management the value that auditors provide to an organization.

Who should attend: Calling all auditors who desire effective and meaningful audit reports that are concise and address the risks of the business; auditors desiring to expedite audit report delivery; and auditors who need to learn techniques to write clear, concise, effective and meaningful audit reports.

At the end of this program, attendees will be able to: identify, understand, and analyze your audience; communicate risks, process deficiencies, and opportunities for improvement effectively; and write effective audit reports.



#### **ARE YOU HIRING?**

CONTACT CASA AND WE WILL SHARE YOUR JOB POSTING WITH OUR MEMBERS BY:

- 1) EMAIL BLAST TO OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST
- 2) POST IN OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATE MANAGEMENT AUDITOR
WORKING TITLE: PROGRAM AUDITOR
EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**FINAL FILING DATE: 7/18/2020** 

The Employment Development Department (EDD) is seeking five (5) Associate Management Auditors to join the Audit and Evaluation Division. We are looking for five talented and motivated individuals who have excellent analytical, verbal, and written communication skills, in addition to strong interpersonal skills. Experience as an auditor being a project lead in providing guidance to an audit team, and the abilitity to use computer software applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and/or TeamMate are also desired. Because most of our work is performed either individually or in teams, applicants should like working with others and helping foster teamwork both as a member and as a leader. Finally, success in our office comes to those individuals who show initiative and are self-starters with a strong desire to be challenged to attain professional growth.

For more information, please visit www.calcareers.ca.gov

## DEPUTY AUDITOR CONTROLLER COUNTY OF SOLANO

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Solano County is looking for two individuals to lead a team of professional accountants and auditors. The Deputy Auditor Controller under general direction from the Assistant Auditor Controller, will plan, organize, and direct the operations of a division/divisions in the Auditor-Controller's Office in accounting and auditing. The Deputy Auditor Controller provides policy direction in accounting and auditing to departments, evaluates and ensures the reliability of financial reporting; analyzes and provides complex financial data; interprets laws, mandates, regulations and provides technical assistance and advice to the Board of County Supervisors, CAO, Federal, State, Local agencies and the public. The Auditor Controller has two Deputy Auditor Controller openings in the following divisions: Internal Audit and Accounting.

For more information, visit www.jobapscloud.com/Solano/

## SENIOR AUDITOR COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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Under general supervision, leads, plans, schedules and oversees the work of Auditors while performing the same and/or more difficult and sensitive County-wide audit and attest duties as those being led; ensures completion of tasks in accordance with established policies and procedures; communicates policies, procedures and job expectations; and provides training to staff.

For more information, please visit www.saccountyjobs.net