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Experienced in analyzing and evaluating cost and pricing data for proposals and ongoing procurements. Experienced in determining if government contractors are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, accounting standards, pricing practices and current business methods. Subject matter expert for the Procuring or Administrative Contracting Officer when negotiating with the contractor. Experienced at assessing risk, including financial capability and adequacy of internal controls in policies and procedures. Experienced at direct and indirect cost analysis to ensure compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) allowability, allocability, and reasonableness. Experienced at substantiating and analyzing cost submissions to determine if they are accurate and writing convincing, clear, and concise reports documenting findings.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATES

CPA, since March 2018

DoD Financial Management (FM) Certification, Level 2

MBA, University of New Haven

BS, Accounting, Eastern Connecticut State University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SR. AUDITOR

DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY (DCAA)

- Regularly support and communicate with team members, technical specialists, the contractor, contract management officials, and other internal and external partners by leading entrance and exit conferences, keeping in regular contact with the Audit Liaison to obtain access to records, drafting findings to provide the contractor for comment, participating in regular team meetings to communicate and discuss findings, and having regular conversations with contracting officers to keep them current in our focus, testing, and findings.
- Lead auditor Material Management Accounting System (MMAS) business systems audit. Identified audit risks, analyzed databases, and reviewed contractor's operating system controls to determine reliance on the contractor's systems.
- Created a Power BI model for ongoing data analysis that Auditors can update by simply adding files to a folder and refreshing.
- Developed and presented Best Practice training for CPE credit to the office while serving as Acting Quality Assistant.
- Regularly develop and modify standard audit programs to align with the risk assessment, in compliance with agency policy and Federal regulations.
- Perform detailed testing and examination of accounting systems, cost representations, and management policies and procedures to assure compliance with Federal regulations, and GAGAS requirements.
- Prepare audit work papers, which are organized, indexed, referenced, and have adequate substantiating documents to support findings.
- Independently performed a Compensation Adjustment audit which was selected by Quality for review and passed with no exceptions.