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Those of you who know Nick also know that for many years he taught courses for Federal Publications Seminars (FedPubs). Notably, he not only taught various courses (including the Masters Institute in Government Contract Accounting), but also coordinated and managed the course content for the very popular "Government Contract Accounting" course, which is a two-day immersion into cost accounting, proposal pricing, and regulatory compliance. Nick has also taught for Public Contracting Institute, UCLA Extension, and other government contracting related institutions.

For those interested, Nick has accepted an offer to join the staff of Government Contracts Training Institute, Inc. (GCTII) to instruct the course "Accounting System Compliance for Federal Contractors". The two-day course will be held in downtown San Diego, May 20-21, 2015. A link to the seminar description is provided <u>here</u>. "The seminar will not only cover the detailed DFARS accounting system criteria and DCAA's audit approach, it will also cover compliance methodologies and tools".

Nick's first-hand experience with DCAA audits of contractor accounting systems is nearly unparalleled. He has provided advice and assistance to contractors of all sizes, in diverse industries, in dealing with DCAA accounting system reviews and in turning-around adverse findings. He participated in the very first "pilot project" accounting system review performed by DCAA under the new audit approach. He has organized internal review teams to map practices to DFARS business system adequacy criteria to proactively assure compliance. He continues to work business system adequacy issues to this day. There are few practitioners who have as much experience with business system adequacy—including accounting system adequacy—as Nick does.

The cost of the two-day course is \$1,095, with a discount being offered (for two or more registrants from the same entity who register at the same time). A link to the registration page is provided <u>here</u>.

So here's the deal. There are more than 800 articles on this blog, almost all of which were written personally by Nick Sanders. If you think that breadth and depth of understanding might lead to a good transfer of knowledge, you may want to check out GCTII and the upcoming course, and see if you can put your backside into a sunny San Diego seat.

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If you like what you read in this blog—the sarcasm, the humor, the pointed calling out of Those In Charge for their lack of accountability, you might also like Nick's approach to teaching, which includes all of that stuff and more. If you've disagreed with what you've read in this blog and wanted to bring your counter-arguments to the table, you might want to avail yourself of this opportunity. Nick does not teach as much as he used to (or as much as he would wish to). Accordingly, this is going to be one of the few opportunities in 2015 to engage with Nick face-to-face (or *mano a mano*, if you will).

On behalf of Apogee Consulting, Inc. and Government Contracts Training Institute, Inc., we very much hope to see you there.