



# Wake – Up Wednesday Coffee Chats

February 9, 2022

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Presented by: AGA Corporate Partner Defense Committee



## Defense Department Financial Leadership and John Short Discuss Critical Steps to Obtaining an Audit Opinion

Fill up your coffee cup and Wake-Up on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 8 am with **Debbi Thomas**, RMA Associates Audit Partner, leading a discussion between **Defense Department Financial Leadership** and **John Short**, EY Audit Partner, talking about:

- ✓ why DOD continues to be challenged to establish and maintain basic internal controls; and
- ✓ why doing so is fundamental to obtaining an audit opinion inside DoD, Civilian Federal Agencies and Commercial Firms.

DoD has spent years focused on addressing the importance of internal controls and still has not been able to create a successful internal control environment throughout the Department. A well-established internal control environment is one of the major factors which contributes to obtaining an audit opinion.

Hear stories of how basic internal controls are designed and implemented in both Civilian Federal agencies and Commercial firms. Understand how DoD could learn from those controls designed and implemented in Civilian Federal agencies and commercial firms to improve the internal control environment inside DoD. Hear how commercial accounting firms test internal controls in DoD Components.

### Panelist: John Short



Mr. Short has broad experience working with a diverse group of clients, including public sector and privately held companies. John serves as the head of EY's Federal audit practice on major agencies throughout the Federal government including the Department of Health and Human Service, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the Social Security Administration, United States Air Force, Department of the Navy, and the Department of Logistics Agency.



**Moderator: Debbi Thomas**

Ms. Thomas has over 30 years of Financial Management experience in various aspects of Federal government related to audits, audit readiness, and consulting services. She has been instrumental to Federal agencies in correcting their financial management deficiencies, specifically as they relate to their financial management practices. Debbi is currently the Partner-in-Charge of RMA Associates' audit, audit remediation, and accounting practice.

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