

ReliAscent's mission is to help small business government contractors with accounting and contract administration issues. To this end, ReliAscent offers services for these companies to help them set-up compliant systems and then, on an outsourced basis, even operate these systems. ReliAscent is also helping small business in a variety of other ways by volunteering time of ReliAscent employees. The following are examples of how ReliAscent is contributing to the betterment of the industry for all small businesses.

NDIA & SBTC Subcommittee on DCAA/DCMA Issues

The Small Business Technology Council ("SBTC" – www.sbtc.org) and the National Defense Industry Association ("NDIA" – www.ndia.org) Small Business Division formed a joint DCAA/DCMA Committee in the fall of 2013. This Committee is being chaired by one of ReliAscent's senior members, Russ Farmer.

This Joint Committee has been meeting quarterly with DCAA Headquarters personnel to identify, discuss and resolve broad based DCAA problems encountered by small businesses. The establishment of this important channel of communication has resulted in: a) DCAA participation in Small Business Conferences for both NDIA and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) National Conferences, b) Resolution of major issues with consultant costs in dated Incurred Cost Proposals, and c) current focus on establishing consistent cost treatment for allowable patent costs. Additional broad based issues are currently on the agenda. The goal of this Joint Committee is to reach resolution of each issue in a way that is in the best overall interest of the De-

partment of Defense, the American taxpayer and the nation's defense industrial base. If you have DCAA/DCMA issues that you believe impact the small business community as a whole please contact Russ (rfarmer@ReliAscent.com).

SBA's Office of Ombudsman, Regional Regulatory Fairness Board

Mike Anderson has been appointed to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Region VIII Regulatory Fairness Board by SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet. Regional Regulatory Fairness Boards in all 10 of SBA's regions represent the voice of small business on regulatory fairness issues. Each region's board is comprised of five small business owners /officers and serves as a resource and point of contact for small business owners who feel they have experienced excessive federal regulatory enforcement and compliance actions. SBA Region VIII includes Colorado, Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.

Regional Regulatory Fairness Board members advise the National Ombudsman and Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Enforcement Fairness, Brian Castro. The National Ombudsman and board members host regulatory fairness hearings within the region, nationally and outreach events nationwide where small business owners report concerns about burdensome federal regulations.

Each Regulatory Fairness (RegFair) Board shall meet at least annually to advise the Ombudsman on matters of concern to small businesses relating to the enforcement activities of agencies; report to the Ombudsman on substantiated instances of excessive enforcement actions of agencies against small business concerns including any findings or recommendations

of the Board as to agency enforcement policy or practice; and prior to publication, provide comment on the annual report of the Ombudsman to Congress.

If you have a concern that your business was not treated fairly by the Federal Government, please don't hesitate to contact Mike to see how the SBA might be of assistance to you.

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PTAC Free Seminars

ReliAscent is partnering with the Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) by providing a number of free seminars on various topics related to government contracting.

SBTC Subcommittee on NIH Issues

Grant Baesman has recently joined the Small Business Technology Council and volunteered on a committee handling issues with small business relative to the National Institutes of Health.

If you have a concern relative to the NIH and your relations with the NIH, please don't hesitate to reach out to Grant

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NCMA Active Participation

ReliAscent currently has at least 5 of our members that participate in the National Contract Management Association (www.ncmahq.org). Kristine Kalish and Jennifer Kellogg are taking an active roll in the local chapter of the NCMA.

NDIA Active Participation

ReliAscent continues to be active in the NDIA. Not only is Russ Farmer is active on the Subcommittee mentioned above but other team members are active in local chapter events.

Upcoming Webinar: Does QuickBooks Help You or Hurt You in a DCAA Audit?

ReliAscent is happy to announce the second webinar in our 2015 series on DCAA and FAR compliance, will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, from 11:00 – 12:00 PM (MST). The webinar's topic: "Does QuickBooks® Help You or Hurt You in a DCAA Audit," is critically important to contractors, as the majority of Small Business Government Contractors use QuickBooks® for their accounting system, yet it is not DCAA compliant out of the box. In particular, our discussion will focus on: what the DCAA requires for a compliant system, how that can be achieved with QuickBooks®, and how operating and maintaining a compliant QuickBooks® system becomes cumbersome and costly as a company grows.

Throughout the year, we will be

providing more webinars on topics such as Incurred Cost Proposals, Indirect Rates and Costs, and DCAA Audit Preparation, in addition to our webinars on compliant accounting systems for DoE, NSF and NAVY contractors, with our partner, Dawn-Breaker.

To sign up for this webinar, [click here now](#).

ReliAscent has over 200 years of collective experience related to dealing with government awards, DCAA Compliance and Government Accounting, and by sharing this information, we expect to create a better community and industry. Visit our website to learn about this and other upcoming webinars.

Important Industry Dates to Remember:

- **February 25** - DoD SBIR/STTR 2015.1/A Solicitations Close (note: date moved back one week from original date due to DoDSBIR.net website shutdown)
- **March 10** - ReliAscent Webinar: Does QuickBooks Help You or Hurt You in a DCAA Audit?
- **April 5** - HHS/NIH SBIR/STTR (non-AIDS related topics) Solicitations Close
- **April 24** - DoD SBIR/STTR 2015.2/B Releases Proposals
- **May 7** - HHS/NIH (AIDS related topics) Solicitations Close
- **June 24** - DoD SBIR/STTR 2015.2/B Solicitations Close

ReliAscent Is Expanding And Moving!

We would like to remind our clients and all Small Business Government Contractors, of our upcoming move to Westminster, CO. As our business expands and we consolidate our Denver and Boulder offices into a single location and one larger firm, we are happy to report that this move will not only help to facilitate the rollout of all of our new services, but will also allow us to better serve our clients. We are excited about the move and think this will translate immediately into more efficient operations and better service to our clients.

In the coming weeks, all clients will be receiving email reminders on the move, in addition to updated mutual service agreements, reflecting our new address change. Please be

sure to sign and return those MSA's at your earliest convenience.

As a reminder, our new main office will be located in the "Silo Building," at

**9035 Wadsworth Parkway
Suite 2275
Westminster, CO 80021**

ReliAscent is also pleased to announce the addition of two new team members.

Ariane Tighe is joining ReliAscent as an accountant. In addition to her engineering background, Ariane brings with her over 20 years experience in accounting and payroll. She has designed and implemented payroll & accounting systems for numerous clients and her attention to detail is sure to be an asset to the company.

Bridget Thomas is also joining ReliAscent. Bridget brings a strong background with over 15 years experience in not only accounting but also in payroll and office management responsibilities. We are excited to have her with the company.

If you have the opportunity, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and welcome Bridget and Ariane.

ReliAscent is excited about the future. Our client's success is our top priority. We value your business, and look forward to continuing our service and helping Small Business Government Contractors in 2015 and beyond.