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ATTENTION RICHMOND AREA ORGANIZATIONS:

ASQ Section 1104 is looking for,

small to midsize organizations in the process of implementing any of the following international standards, regulatory or accreditation requirements

- ISO 9001 QMS Registration or Compliance
- ISO 9001, 14001 & OHSAS 18001 Integrated QMS
- ISO 13485, ISO 15378, ISO 17025, ISO 22000
- HACCP, FDA CGMP's or JCAHO Based Accreditation
- Registration, Compliance or Accreditation to other management system standards

The Richmond Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) has established the AUDIT RESOURCE NETWORK (ARN) as a means to help local organizations successfully achieve their registration, compliance or accreditation goals. Our mission is to:

- A. Provide local organizations with a low cost resource to conduct professional audits of their formal quality management systems (QMS). Audits can be directed at:
 1. Identifying the gap between the organization's current QMS and the formal standard regulatory or accreditation requirements (ISO 9001, FDA CGMP's, HACCP, etc.) being implemented (GAP Analysis Audit).
 2. Ensuring the organization is ready for a registration audit to a specific standard, regulatory or accreditation requirement (Pre-Assessment Audit).
 3. Ensuring the organization has established and implemented a QMS that complies with a specific QMS standard, regulatory or accreditation requirement (Compliance Audit).
 4. Verifying the organization's QMS is maintained and continues to meet the requirements of a specific QMS standard, regulatory or accreditation requirement (Internal Audit).
- B. Provide qualified ASQ Section 1104 members the opportunity to:
 1. Utilize and broaden the scope of their quality and auditing education and experience.
 2. Obtain and maintain certification to IRCA* and RAB/QSA* professional quality management system auditor certification programs.



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*Note: IRCA and RAB/QSA are international organizations that qualify and certify auditors to conduct audits against the ISO 9001 and other management system standards. These are the same credentials ISO 9001 Registration Auditors are required to have. Please note, that ARN cannot grant ISO registration or accreditation status to any organization.

Every ARN audit team is lead by an ARN Lead Auditor that is a certified IRCA* or RAB/QSA* QMS Lead Auditor. Every ARN Auditor is qualified based on the education, training, experience and other requirements defined in *ISO 19001, Guidelines for quality and/or environmental management system auditing*.

Our ARN Auditors have a wide range of experience with local organizations in manufacturing, service, government, non-profit, healthcare, analytical laboratory, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, packaging, engineering and many other industries.

Consulting firms normally charge between \$1,000.00 and \$2,500.00 per day and per auditor to perform a pre-assessment or compliance audit. ARN does not charge any direct fee for performing an audit at your facility. However, we ask organizations audited to cover nominal administrative costs and expenses associated with an audit. Further details can be obtained from our ARN Chairperson. Contact information is listed below.

Benefits to organizations that utilize ARN audit services;

1. ARN auditors are quality professionals with extensive experience in manufacturing and service organizations. Many of them work for firms that are registered to ISO 9001 and other international standards, regulatory and accreditation standards. Organizations can benefit from the wealth of “best practices” knowledge our auditors have to offer.
2. An ARN audit exposes employees to audits conducted by outside personnel using the same professional auditing techniques they will experience during an ISO 9001 registration or other accreditation audit.
3. ARN provides an independent, methodical, objective and confidential examination of the organizations quality management system.
4. We provide a low cost resource for organizations that have utilized their own personnel to bring the operation into compliance with international and national standards, regulatory and accreditation requirements.
5. ARN Auditors are subject to a Code of Conduct designed to ensure confidentiality and prevent conflicts of interest.

For additional information on how ARN can help your organization, please contact Terry Burns, the ARN Chairperson at taburns@juno.com or call 804-337-4492