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Job Openings:

Follow the link on each job opening for a complete description of the position:

- [IT Auditor – Raymond James Bank](#)

CIA Exam:



The CIA Exam is now Computer-Based and can be taken during designated testing periods. [Click here](#) to register and for additional information.

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Our Next Meeting: March 24, 2009



Our first breakfast meeting of the year is coming up on March 24, 2009 at the Centre Club. Our speaker will be Jim Larsen of Resources Global Professionals. His topic of discussion will be **Governance, Risk and Compliance in Today's Environment (GRC)**.

Jim will focus on defining GRC and highlighting its benefits, while examining the drivers for undertaking such an initiative and the pitfalls that can be encountered in its implementation.

Jim has extensive experience in business process redesign, multi-process risk assessment, strategic planning, the total quality process, and integrated system controls. The basis of his experience is his background as the Worldwide Audit Manager at Cargill, Inc., a position achieved as part of a 21 year career with Cargill.

Please RSVP by **March 20, 2009**. The cost will be \$35 for members. **Note that this event is not part of the IIA Prepaid Seminar Package.** The Centre Club is located at **123 S. Westshore Blvd., Tampa**. To get more information and for directions to the Centre Club, [please click here](#).

This meeting will qualify for 1 hour of Continuing Professional Education credit.

Supplement Your Income...

...and contribute to the profession by writing exam questions for The IIA's Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certification in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA), Certified Financial Services Auditor (CFSA), and Certified Government Audit Professional (CGAP) examinations.

For each accepted question, chapter members will receive:

- \$50 or three hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits.*
- 10 CAP credits awarded to your local chapter.

To complete an application or obtain additional information, visit The IIA's [Web site](#) or e-mail examwriter@theiia.org.

*Applicable to The IIA's certifications. (Item writing is included under the publications category for CPE, which allows a maximum of 50 hours to be earned in that category for each two-year period.)

University of South Florida CIA Exam Prep:



The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Florida West Coast Chapter and the University of South Florida have joined forces to offer a comprehensive instructor-led course based on The IIA's CIA Learning System. This course will expand your internal audit knowledge and prepare you for the **Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®)** exam.

Contact Elissa Henderson at 813-974-5773 or elissa@admin.usf.edu for more information

Classes begin April 30, 2009

Gleim Partnership:

As a part of our partnership with Gleim Publications, Kara Pretty visited our chapter at our most recent seminar to answer questions and make members aware of the materials Gleim offers. Gleim offers tools both for the purposes of preparing for the CIA exam as well as to meet Continuing Education requirements.



Remember, our **Chapter Discount Program** allows members to **save 20%** on Gleim's CIA exam review materials, as well as Online CPE courses. [Click Here](#) for more information. Also, you can still take advantage of Gleim's offer of a complimentary 4-hour CPE course by contacting Kara at kara.pretty@gleim.com.

Why Invest in the CIA Certification?

With many wrestling with the idea of attaining the CIA certification, it's important to know that the investment of your time and monetary resources is well worth it!

What can a CIA certification do for you?

First, passing the CIA exam will be a huge personal achievement. It is not easy to study after work and sit through an examination, but once finished, you will feel on top of the world. This positive attitude will be reflected in both your job and your home life. Once you've conquered the first part of the exam, your momentum will carry you through the remaining ones.

Second, it can open professional doors. What if you don't have any experience in internal auditing? Attaining a certification shows a willingness and determination to succeed to potential employers. With the high demand of auditors, employers may be willing to hire employees who have no experience if they have the proper educational training and certification. Passing the CIA exam is the best way to open doors to the auditing world.

Third, showing managers your commitment and drive can advance your current job. Being driven to master a certification, while balancing professional and personal responsibilities, will demonstrate to your supervisors the drive and determination that you possess, not to mention the new skills attained and refined. Even if your employer does not acknowledge your certification directly, they will notice your hard work and effort.