Please join us for lunch and an informative presentation, and earn 1 CPE.

**Topic:** From Average to Awesome  
**Speaker:** Don Mullinax, Regional Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Western Region  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
**Time:** 11:30 am registration; 12:00 pm lunch and introductions; 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm speaker  
**Cost:** IIA members: $35 (non-members $40, retirees $30; students & unemployed active members free). The Chapter encourages members to bring guests. If you bring a non-member to our meeting, we will pay for their 1st lunch.

**RSVP & Info:** Please RSVP by Monday, October 12, 2015, with your meal preference (Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian) to Kathryn Andrus at kandrus@ducommun.com or (310) 513-7254. Additional information – Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019.

*Meals are ordered based on your RSVP. No RSVP = no meal. No-show RSVP’s without notice will be responsible for meal cost reserved.*

**Location:** Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway  
19800 South Vermont Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90502  
(310) 781-9100

**Driving Directions:** Our meeting place is near the intersection of I-405 and I-110. Parking is free at the Holiday Inn.  
- If you are coming north on I-405, take the Main St exit, then go south (left) to Del Amo Blvd and west (right) to Vermont Ave. At Vermont, turn north (right) to the hotel, about one block.  
- If you are coming south on I-110 take the 190th St./405 exit and go west (right) to Vermont, then south (left) about 2 blocks to the hotel.  
- If you are coming south on I-405, take the Vermont Ave. exit and go south on Vermont about 2 blocks to the hotel.

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Greetings!  
We enjoyed a very interesting seminar conducted by Brian Lopez and Zach Snickles of Grant Thornton, who discussed fraud and provided very interesting statistics on who commits fraud. The seminar was well-attended as fraud is a topic that draws a lot of attention and curiosity from members in virtually every industry.

I have some exciting news to share with you. Ms. Maunda Land, College and University Relations Manager from the Institute of Internal Auditors, HQ in Florida is scheduled to come to our lunchtime seminar on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 and shall be presenting an award to the chapter for its outstanding achievement in organizing a very successful student night in April 2015. This award is given only to the very best in certain categories and recognizes the teamwork and effort that went into putting on an event of this quality and size. It would be greatly appreciated if you make a special effort to come to this event and be part of the celebration to honor our chapter. Please encourage and bring your colleagues as well as this is a red letter day in the history of the chapter.

Our membership survey is scheduled to go out to members soon. Its purpose is to get a sense of what members want from their chapter and I encourage you all to submit your responses. The survey will be sent to you electronically and you can respond electronically also. The survey will take 5-10 minutes of your time and we appreciate the investment you will be making to make our chapter more responsive to your needs.

Please note that we are now planning to meet every third Wednesday of the month for our lunchtime meetings.
seminars at the Gateway Holiday Inn, Torrance. Our next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 and we have Donald Mullinax, Western Region Director from the Defense Contract Audit Agency speaking on “From Average to Awesome”, i.e. how we can become stellar internal auditors and add value to the organizations where we work. Mr. Mullinax’s busy schedule required us to hold the seminar on the second Wednesday of the month instead of the third. This is an exception. Mr. Mullinax is a very sought after speaker nationally and has a reputation of giving very informative presentations and has many years of varied experience in the defense industry that will be useful and informative for most auditors, regardless of industry. He is intending to show video presentations to reinforce key auditing concepts. Please see our Beach Cities Chapter website for more information.

We look forward to your support and participation in the events we are planning and would appreciate hearing from you if you have any concerns, ideas and suggestions.

Thank you.
Sher Shah, President, IIA-Beach Cities Chapter

OCTOBER LUNCH SPEAKER’S BIOGRAPHY AND TOPIC

Don Mullinax, Regional Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Western Region

Mr. Don Mullinax is the Regional Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency’s Western Region where he leads 900 employees in conducting contract audits and investigative support services of approximately 3,000 contractors located in the nine Western States, including Alaska and Hawaii, the Far East, and the South Pacific.

Mr. Mullinax has over three decades of experience leading and conducting contract, forensic, and performance audits; fraud and misconduct investigations; and anti-fraud consulting engagements across a variety of industries, including aviation, construction, consumer goods, defense, education government, health care, and retail. He has held a number of executive positions in both the private and public sectors, including a Shareholder at Forensic/Strategic Solutions, PC; a Principal at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP; Inspector General of the Los Angeles Unified School District; Chief Investigator of the U.S. Senate’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and Associate Director with the U.S. Army Audit Agency.

Mr. Mullinax graduated from Georgia College & State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration (Accounting). He also earned a Master’s degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University. Mr. Mullinax has a number of professional certifications, including Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Government Financial Manager, and Certified Government Auditing Professional.

Mr. Mullinax has received numerous awards and recognitions for performance excellence throughout his career, including the Federal Executive Board’s Leadership Award, a U.S. Senate Outstanding Service Award, and Appreciation Awards from the Inspectors General of the U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Topic details:

From Average to Awesome

Too many people simply go through the motions every day. The demands of life cause them to make convenient choices rather than sincere ones. How is it that some people are successful, while others – who are more talented – are just average? Regardless of what you do professionally or personally, this presentation will talk you through lessons, keys, anecdotes, experiences, ideas, and practical steps you can take to get the most out of any situation. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn what could be holding you back from being awesome at work and at home.
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- **Supervisor, Internal Audit/Sox Compliance**, Motorcar Parts of America, Inc. (Torrance, CA) www.motorcarparts.com and/or email mbrown@motorcarparts.com

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- **Audit Senior**, Ducommun, Inc. (Carson, CA) www.ducommun.com and/or email at jjimenez@ducommun.com

CALENDAR CORNER

- **October 14, 2015**: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway – Don Mullinax, Regional Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency, Western Region – “From Average to Awesome”
- **December 2015**: No lunch meeting
- **January 20, 2016**: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway -TBD
- **February 17, 2016**: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway -TBD
- **March 23, 2016**: All-Day Seminar
- **April 20, 2016**: Student Night
- **May 18, 2016**: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway -TBD

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