Greetings Dallas Chapter! We started out September with our first meeting of the 2012/2013 fiscal year at the Doubletree Hilton near the Galleria and it was a success. I hope that you have marked your calendar for our next meeting on October 4th at Cityplace Tower. The theme is “Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity” and we have an interesting set of topics and speakers for you.

Danny Shaw, Southeast Practice Leader of Experis IT Risk Advisory Services will serve as both the pre and lunch meeting speaker. In the morning, he will be talking about risks associated with using third party service providers for your business continuity plan (BCP). The topic is titled “Managing Third Party Risks”. As part of the lunch meeting, Danny’s topic is “Business Continuity Planning - Business Resiliency” where he will be covering the importance of a BCP, how to develop a plan and what technologies you should be evaluating when architecting or implementing a BCP.

Our post-luncheon meeting will feature Tracy Carter, Information Assurance Security Officer at Raytheon. Her topic is “Are You Prepared for an IT Disaster?” and will provide tips on how to recover from a major outage along with guidance on how to perform a threat and business risk assessment to assist in the development of your disaster recovery plan.

Frank Caliri, VP of Internal Audit at Dean Foods Company, will serve as our CAE spotlight speaker during the lunch meeting and will provide insight into the best practices, organizational structure and types of audits performed by an internal audit department within the food and beverage industry.

In addition to our regular meeting, the month of October will be one of the most exciting times in our chapter’s history. On October 29th, our chapter will be hosting our largest one day conference. I’m happy to report that we had a very positive response to our first discounted registration period that ended August 31st. If you want to save a lot of money for customized training and access to 7 different tracks and 28 concurrent sessions, then you need to register by September 30th. The cost is only $300 for members; $400 for non-members. Don’t miss out on this historical event! Go to http://dallasiia.org/super/ for more details.

Sincerely,

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