CAE Corner
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What qualifications does a CAE need?

"I often feel like the CAE needs to be a jack of all trades. However, I think some of the most important qualifications would be: strong ethical principles, leadership skills and being able to lead by example, excellent communication skills both internally and externally, and critical thinking and strategic planning skills especially when planning for internal audit longer term goals."

How large is your audit shop?

"I work as the Chief Audit Executive for the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). Audit lives within the DES Office of the Inspector General. Our audit shop employs 22 individuals, but some of those auditors fulfill a strict compliance function. We can always use more internal auditors!"

What standards do you use?

"Our Office follows two sets of standards. The internal auditors follow Yellow Book. The compliance auditors follow standards for inspections and evaluations published by the Association of Inspector's General."