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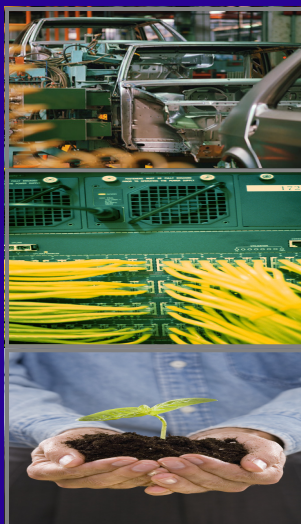
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Featured Client



BCD Travel is the world's third largest corporate travel management company making it one of the largest and fastest growing travel companies in today's market. BCD Travel is a privately held company of BCD Holdings N.V. that was founded in January of 2006. The BCD Travel global network spans more than 90 countries on six continents and has over 1,500 locations. They pride themselves on ensuring consistent service, balanced by the precision of local market knowledge, to meet the client's needs anywhere in the world.

By offering a single source to support the full spectrum of the business travel experience, BCD Travel delivers cost-effective results for your company and environmental, social and ethical protection for your local and global communities. With a vision to anticipate and act upon the evolving needs of customers and partners, responding to them with excellence in people, processes, and technologies; and a mission to simplify and streamline the business of travel, BCD Travel recognizes the value of a diverse client base. They combine service leadership with flexible technology, intelligent data analysis and strategic solutions to provide advantages to customers of all sizes, all around the globe.



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Technical Tip.... AS 9100C New Revision

The release of the new AS revision which is known as AS9100C has brought forth many questions. The International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) will be communicating aerospace client transition expectations of the new standard through the use of the OASIS (On-line Aerospace Supplier Information System) website where clarifications and decisions as well as published resolutions are publicly available. A start date for the new AS transition has yet to be set, therefore no organization should be certified to the updated AS 9100C standard at this time. Some of the key changes to the standard which will take place upon release are:

- Improved definition of certification requirements for multiple site organizations.
- Simplified audit day requirements for AQMS audits with a goal to reduce the variation in audit day calculations currently observed in the ICOP (Industry Controlled Other Party) process.
- Performance expectations for certification bodies and AQMS auditors.
- Supplemental oversight by Accreditation Bodies based on the CB activity.

To gain access to the OASIS database, register on their website: www.sae.org/oasis

Financial Report

Due to the current economic times, companies all over the United States are experiencing financial hardships. AQA is sensitive to this economic period and has developed measures to assist our current and potential customers during this dry spell so to speak. The decision has been made for the year of 2009 that AQA will not raise any of our fees. This will allow for a little financial breathing room, while still being able to maintain accreditation for your company. We are here to help assist in any way we can to make sure that companies are getting the credit they deserve without feeling that pinch on their pockets!



Did You Know?

AQA will be hosting our Annual Auditor Reception on April 24th & 25th, 2009. This is a great time to visit with colleagues and friends or to mingle and get to know new fellow auditors! There will also be an overview of auditor expectations which you won't want to miss out on. Should you have any questions regarding this reception please feel free to contact AQA Headquarters at (800)281-4384.



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There are two consistent goals in any travel program; To keep traveler service levels high and to keep costs low. BCD Travel supports this objective with experience and proven results in key process. Their comprehensive industry insight and strong, stable ownership allow them to guide clients through a rapidly changing and complex business landscape. BCD Travel helps give business travel a new perspective.

To learn more about BCD Travel and what they can do for you, check out their website!

www.BCDTRAVEL.com

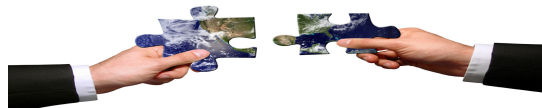


Food Safety: ISO 22000

ISO 22000 is a generic food safety management system standard. It defines universal food safety requirements which apply to all organizations involving food. This standard was created to protect the food supply from microbial, contamination, or chemical and physical hazards. Potential food hazards can include but are not limited to microorganisms, naturally present chemicals, chemicals produced by cooking, environmental contaminants, additives and pesticides.

Ensuring the safety of food is increasingly important in the world today, especially when newspapers are filled with editorials where it isn't uncommon to hear about flukes of people getting violently ill due to the lack of food safety. That being said, ISO 22000 describes in detail the handling, preparation, and storage of food in ways that help prevent food borne illness. It is not possible to one hundred percent guarantee that food will never be unsafe again; however it is possible with a food safety program to reduce any potential hazards from occurring.

Training ...We Can Help Put The Pieces Together



Come join us for public training courses geared to meet your needs. Flyers and registration forms will be sent out bi-weekly with the course details and requirements.

AQA 2009 PUBLIC TRAINING SCHEDULE

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
March	11	ISO 9001:2008 Updates and Overview	0.5	\$100	Atlanta, GA
	25-26	ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditor	2.0	\$595	Columbia, SC
	26	ISO 9001:2008 Updates and Overview	0.5	\$100	Toronto, ON
April	2	Problem Solving	0.5	\$100	Columbia, SC
	8-9	ISO Internal Auditor	2.0	\$595	Toronto, ON
	14-15	ISO Internal Auditor	2.0	\$595	Indianapolis, IN
	17	ISO 9001:2008 Updates and Overview	0.5	\$100	Toronto, ON
	TBD	ISO 9001:2008 Updates and Overview	0.5	\$100	Cincinnati, OH
May	5-6	ISO Internal Auditor	2.0	\$595	Columbia, SC
	19	ISO 9001:2008 Updates and Overview	0.5	\$100	Nashville, TN
	20-21	ISO/TS 16949 Internal Auditor	2.0	\$795	Columbia, SC

On site training is also available for all listed public courses. If this interests you, please contact Ansley Rhodes for a quote at arhodes@aqausa.com for more information or call **800-281-4384**.