

## **Auditor Professional Development, Open Forum Discussion**

Do you have opinion about the future of the audit profession? Do you want your opinion to be heard by Audit Division Executive Committee?

Some say auditing is not a profession, that auditors are individuals from various technical expertises that have been minted with a certificate based upon limited training.

The Audit Division is looking for guidance of whether it should endorse and potentially sponsor the requirements for and the development of specific expectations for the formal training and development of auditors as do other professions such as engineers, accountants, or nurses.

The Audit Division sponsored a Focus Group to study this topic in the spring of 2009. A proposal was made by the Focus Group for the establishment of formal education requirements with corresponding certification recognitions in 2011.

Key points the Audit Division Executive Committee would like to explore include, is there even a problem with auditor competence that needs to be addressed, is auditing a profession, is the preparation and training of auditor adequately robust, does the performance of auditors meet its potential and does it meet business's needs.

Join this forum at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Audit Conference October 11-12, 2012 in Augusta, GA, facilitated by Audit Division Executive Board Members.

[Register for the conference and select session](#) **B9: Professional Development Certification Open Discussion.** A link to the Focus Group's report will be available shortly.

By the way, if you register by September 7, 2012 you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon.com gift card!